



**MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING OF
BLIDWORTH PARISH COUNCIL
held at Blidworth Library, New Lane, Blidworth, Notts, NG21 0PW
on Thursday 20th June 2024 commencing at 7.30pm**

Present: Councillors: K Marlow, K Hickenbottom, C Walsh,
C Dear, W Bates, G Fisher, H Catling, T Duffy

Apologies: E Litchfield, C Williams, T Smith

Clerk: C Brettell

Members of the Public: 2

Abbreviations: NCC – Nottinghamshire County Council

NSDC – Newark and Sherwood District Council

In the absence of Cllr Litchfield, Cllr Walsh (Vice-Chair) chaired the meeting
The Chair asked if anyone was recording the meeting to make themselves known.
It was noted that no one was recording.

Action by

24/20 To receive - Declaration of interests both pecuniary and non-pecuniary and applications for dispensation on items listed on the agenda

None

24/21 To receive - Apologies for absence given to the Clerk

Apologies were received and noted from Cllrs Litchfield, Williams and Smith

24/22 To determine which items of the agenda, if any, should be taken with the public excluded. If the Council decides to exclude the public the item will be moved to 24/33 and a resolution passed in order to discuss the item.

None

24/23 To receive and approve – Minutes of the meeting held on the 16th May 2024 (Appendix 1)

It was **resolved** that the minutes of the meeting held on the 16th May 2024 be accepted as a true and accurate record.

24/24 To note – updates on matters arising from the minutes if not already on the Agenda (no decisions can be made) and to update on the Actions and Decisions log (Appendix 2)
Matters arising included

24/25 To receive Representations (no more than 5 minutes)

25.1 Public Participation

A resident discussed the parking issues on Sherwood Avenue with residents drives being blocked and obstructions for buses driving through. The Chair confirmed that this was on the agenda for discussion.

25.2 Reports from District and County Council Representatives on Matters of a direct relevance to Blidworth Parishioners
No updates

25.3 Police Report
None

24/26 To Discuss/Update on Highway Issues in the Village (if not already covered in District and County Council reports)

The Clerk provided an update that she had reported the difficulties with buses on Sherwood Avenue due to parked cars. It was suggested that this be advertised on the Parish Council Facebook page to encourage sensible parking.

No update had been received from VIA regarding the request for measures to reduce speeding on Warsop Lane and Haywood Oaks Lane. The Clerk to chase this. **Clerk**

The issue of overgrown shrubbery on Dale Lane was also discussed. This was currently a hot topic with residents, as it is impairing visibility making it dangerous for vehicles and pedestrians. The Clerk to liaise with Cllr T Smith and Ben Stacey at NSDC to arrange a meeting. It was suggested that if the outcome was not realistic, the Parish Council would consider carrying out this work and recharge NSDC. **Cllr T Smith/NSDC/Clerk**

24/27 Financial Matters

To receive and approve accounts and financial information:

27.1 Analysis of Payments – May 2024 (Appendix 3)

27.2 Analysis of Receipts – May 2024 (Appendix 4)

27.3 Bank Reconciliation Statement as at 31st May 2024 (Appendix 5)

27.4 To Authorise schedule of payments for June (Appendix 6)

The Chair checked the bank reconciliation figures with the bank statements.

It was **resolved** to accept and approve the financial information as per items 27.1 – 27.3 that had been submitted to members and to authorise the schedule of payments for June (27.4) including 2 additional payments of expenses £219.38 and BandS Chains £157.92

24/28 Business

28.1 To update – village trail and information board (use of grant funding)

The Clerk provided an update and a presentation had been made earlier in the evening from Paul Fillingham, showing the trail in its full glory.

There is an aim for a launch event for the trail in August, which will be confirmed in the next few weeks. The Clerk to liaise with the Library to ask permission and to arrange.

The Clerk reported that she had spoken to the funders at Miner2Major and they had agreed to extend the funding until the project has been completed, but the Clerk would need to keep them updated. **Clerk**

28.2 To agree – Artwork and design for the lectern for the village trail (to follow)

It was **resolved** to proceed with the artwork for the trail interpretation provided by Paul Fillingham and the Clerk to order this as soon as possible. **Clerk**

28.3 To discuss - Marriott Lane Park improvements

It was resolved for Cllr Walsh to put together a questionnaire linked to a QR code, so that this could be circulated to residents to see what they would like to see at the park and playing field. Cllr Marlow suggested some after school meetings at the park to meet and talk to people using the Park.
Cllr Walsh/Cllr Marlow

28.4 To note - VIA agreement for grass cutting

The Clerk had still been unable to arrange a meeting with NCC despite frequent chasing. Until a further meeting had been arranged a conclusion could not be reached and payment agreed.
Clerk/Cllr T Smith

28.5 To agree – date and location of Christmas Light Switch on event

It was **resolved** to hold the Christmas Light Switch on Event on Saturday 23rd November at Blidworth Library.

28.6 To discuss and agree as necessary - Parish Groundsman to carry out (one-off) work for Blidworth Miners Welfare FC

It was **resolved** not to carry out this work.

28.7 To discuss and agree as necessary – Marriott Lane Wall

Cllr Catling updated members regarding the findings from land registry and the situation with the wall. It was agreed for the Clerk to get quotations for the repairs, with the stone already present, although no liability had been confirmed.

The Clerk confirmed that the wall was just within the Conservation area, and that she was looking into if Planning Permission was required for this work.
Clerk/Cllr Catling

28.8 To accept – Financial Risk Assessment (Appendix 7)

It was **resolved** to accept the Financial Risk Assessment.

28.9 To discuss and agree as necessary– Facebook and engaging with residents
Cllr Marlow brought to members attention that there was not enough interaction to the Parish Council Facebook Page.

It was **resolved** to have a monthly focus on each Parish Councillor, starting with Cllr Bates in July.

Cllr Dr Fisher to set some questions and circulate to Parish Councillors
Cllr Dr Fisher

28.10 To discuss purchase of hedgehog signage and grant funding from NCC

Cllr Fisher provided an update regarding the signage, 'The Big Hedgehog map' had been used to produce a record of statistics. Signage had been sourced and Cllr T Smith had agreed to fund this through his divisional fund.
Clerk/Cllr T Smith

It was **resolved** to go ahead with this as there was no direct cost to the Parish Council.

28.11 To agree – offer of painting by resident and areas identified for work to be carried out

The Clerk updated members of the offer of help that had been circulated to Parish Councillors. It was agreed to express the Parish Councils gratitude and ask for more information regarding insurance and materials.
Clerk

28.12 To agree – The start of a Village Wish list and ideas for a questionnaire.
(To start circulation at Summer Gala)

It was **resolved** to work this along with agenda item 24/28.3 (To discuss - Marriott Lane Park improvements) Cllr Walsh and Cllr Catling to work on this and adapt a QR code.

28.13 To discuss – Benches at Sherwood Park

The Chair updated members regarding the benches at Sherwood Park, one of which had been vandalised and uplifted. Several Councillors agreed to go out check these benches and report back at the next Parish Council.

The Clerk had contacted NSDC to discuss moving these to an alternative location should the vandalism continue. NSDC had given verbal permission to do so and would discuss with the legal team to make changes to the agreement to the section 106 payment.

Permission was given to the Clerk to act as necessary should these benches need removal or work to be made secure. **Clerk**

28.14 To discuss and agree as necessary – Email received from resident regarding parking issues on Sherwood Avenue (Appendix 8)

The Chair updated members that the Park is our responsibility and we should be helping the situation, and encouraging safe parking.

Cllr Dear brought to members attention that access was needed by the Emergency Services, particularly as there had been several fires in the woods adjacent to the site. He agreed to make contact with them to discuss any access issues. **Cllr Dear**

It was **resolved** to move forward at looking into forming a car park at the top of Sherwood Park. Cllrs Bates and Catling to look into this with the Forestry Commission.

Cllrs Catling/Bates

24/29 Updates from working party leads:

- 29.1 Comms/Marketing/Events – Cllr Marlow updated members regarding the activities and programme for the summer gala
- 29.2 Village Planting – The Clerk updated that the Cutts family had expressed their thanks for the Cutts Memorial Planter and Tony Smith (a resident in the village) had offered help with the planting and supply of plants. He is to be included in any future WP meetings.
- 29.3 Parks and Open Spaces – Cllr Catling to be added to this Working Party, as a benefit to the agenda items she is looking into.
- 29.4 Finance – No update

24/30 Planning Applications

To receive, and where appropriate comment planning applications received:

None received

Planning Decisions

The following Planning decisions have been made (full details emailed out to Councillors):

TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING ACT 1990 (as amended)
SECTION 192
(as amended by Section 10 of the Planning and Compensation Act 1991)

TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING (DEVELOPMENT MANAGEMENT PROCEDURE) (ENGLAND)
(ORDER) 2015 Article 39

CERTIFICATE OF LAWFUL DEVELOPMENT OR DEVELOPMENT (PROPOSED)

The lawful development:

Certificate of lawfulness for proposed internal alterations to ground floor, installation of bi-fold door to rear elevation and enlarged landing window to side elevation

SECOND SCHEDULE (the land)

The property/land known as:

15 Hilton Park Blidworth NG21 0PQ

Town and Country Planning Act 1990
The Town and Country Planning (Development Management Procedure) (England)
Order 2015 (as amended)

Application for:	Full Planning Permission
Application No:	24/00388/FUL
Applicant:	Mr Timothy Bower
Agent:	
Proposal:	Proposed lowering of kerb
Site Address:	7 Haywood Oaks Lane Blidworth NG21 0TP

Newark and Sherwood District Council as Local Planning Authority in pursuance of their powers under the said legislation **Grant Full Planning Permission** for the development described in the above

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SECTION 192
(as amended by Section 10 of the Planning and Compensation Act 1991)

TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING (DEVELOPMENT MANAGEMENT PROCEDURE) (ENGLAND)
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CERTIFICATE OF LAWFUL USE OR DEVELOPMENT (PROPOSED)

The lawful use and operational development of the property/land for:

Certificate of Lawfulness for the existing use of premises as a fitness and boxing club, and the installation of an internal mezzanine floor

SECOND SCHEDULE (the land)

The property/land known as:

Unit 2 Boundary Court Gilbert Way Blidworth

This Certificate relates to application reference: **24/00628/LDCE**.

All noted

24/31 To note – Correspondence received
All relevant correspondence sent out via email

24/32 To note – The date of the next Parish Council Meeting – 18th July 2024 at Blidworth Library
To note – Parish Councillor surgery dates and locations (Appendix 9)
It was agreed to have the following Parish Councillor surgery sessions:

All are still 10am till 12pm

Saturday 29th June - St Andrews Mission Hall, The Crescent

Saturday 27th July - Library or if weather allows outside the Library/post office/chip Shop

Saturday 28th September - Library

Saturday 26th October - St Andrews Mission Hall, The Crescent

Saturday 23rd November to run along side the Christmas Light Switch on Event

The Clerk to list these on Facebook, and on the notice boards

Clerk

24/33 Exclusion of Public (Confidential Items)

In accordance with Public Bodies (admission to meetings) Act 1960 section 1(2) the Council exclude the public and press from the meeting by reason of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted.

Meeting closed at 8.52pm