



**MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING OF  
BLIDWORTH PARISH COUNCIL**  
**held at Blidworth Library, New Lane, Blidworth, Notts, NG21 0PW**  
**on Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> January 2026 commencing at 7.00pm**

Present: Councillors: C Dear (Vice Chair), E Litchfield, K Marlow, J Harvey, A Devine, W Bates  
Apologies: T Duffy, T Smith, A Sykes  
Clerk: C Brettell  
Members of the Public: 3

Abbreviations: NCC – Nottinghamshire County Council  
NSDC – Newark and Sherwood District Council

The Vice Chair made it clear that this meeting was not a public meeting as advertised by a resident but a meeting held in public.  
The Vice Chair asked if anyone was recording. A resident placed his recording device in the middle of the meeting room table.

**Action by**

**26/98 To Elect a Chair and if necessary, a Vice Chair**

A confidential ballot took place and it was **resolved** to appoint Cllr Dear as Chair, and Cllr Litchfield as Vice Chair.

**26/99 To receive - Declaration of interests both pecuniary and non-pecuniary and applications for dispensation on items listed on the agenda**

*Under Section 106 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992, if any local Parish Councillor is more than 2 months in arrears with their Council tax they must declare an interest and refrain from voting.*

No Councillors present declared that they were in arrears with their Council Tax.

The following Declarations were made:

Agenda items 26/107 – All Councillors.

As these pecuniary interests relate to the setting of the precept under the Local Government Finance Act 1992 and in accordance with the Code of Conduct, all Councillors remained in the meeting and were able to vote on these matters.

**26/100 To receive - Apologies for absence given to the Clerk**

Apologies were received and noted from Cllrs T Duffy, A Sykes and T Smith (Planning meeting at NSDC).

**26/101 To receive and approve – Minutes of the meeting held on the 20<sup>th</sup> November 2025 (Appendix 1) and the minutes of the HR and Employment Committee on the 19<sup>th</sup> December 2025 (Appendix 2)**

It was **resolved** that the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on the 20<sup>th</sup> November 2025, and the minutes of the HR and Employment Committee on the 19<sup>th</sup> December 2025 be

accepted as a true and accurate record and were signed by the Chair.

**26/102 To note – updates on matters arising from the minutes if not already on the Agenda**  
(no decisions can be made)  
All updates had been emailed out to Councillors.

**26/103 To determine which items of the agenda, if any, should be taken with the public excluded. If the Council decided to exclude the public the item will be moved to 26/113 and a resolution passed in order to discuss the item.**  
None

**26/104 To receive Representations (no more than 5 minutes)**

104.1 Public Participation

A resident enquired about the notice boards and was disappointed at how he had been responded to at the last Parish Council meeting, but was pleased it was on the agenda for discussion.

He further enquired if residents will be included in the process of the section 106 money for the village, to which the Council responded as yes.

Cllr Bates responded that members of the community are able to apply for the section 106 money directly with NSDC. The resident would like the siting of a community green house to be considered.

A resident wanted to know why residents are not able to contribute to the setting of the precept and why there had been no consultation.

A response was given that it is for the elected representatives to set the precept as they know what is needed for the running of the Parish Council.

103.2 Report from District Council Representatives on Matters of a direct relevance to Blidworth Parishioners

Although invited District Cllr Thompson was not in attendance.

Cllr Smith was at the NSDC Planning meeting tonight and has sent a message to inform members that the proposed development at Land to the North of 14 Cottage Close, Blidworth (25/00785/FUL) had been refused.

103.3 Report from County Council Representative on Matters of a direct relevance to Blidworth Parishioners

Cllr Ward updated on his main concerns:

Pot holes – Reform were looking into JCB equipment with a view to this being a solution for pot hole repairs.

Suggestions were requested for users of the old telephone box on Mansfield Road – could this be turned into a defibrillator station.

Cllr Ward enquired if any of the Section 106 money could be used towards help for the church Clock.

Cllr Ward also talked about the speeding and parking issues and had requested that to be looked at by the relevant authorities.

Community Speed Watch was also talked about. The Clerk to look into this again with a view to its feasibility and cost and bring back to a future meeting. Cllr Ward to possibly offer up some funding for this.

The Clerk to meet with Cllr Ward to update/discuss on these issues.

**Cllr Ward/Clerk**

103.4 Police Report

The Police were not in attendance, and no report had been sent in.

103.5 Report from other Community Groups on matters relevant to the Blidworth Community  
None

**26/105 To Discuss/Update on Highway Issues in the Village** (if not already covered in District and County Council reports)  
Heywood Oaks to be resurfaced - confirmation received from NCC.

**26/106 Financial Matters**

To receive and approve accounts and financial information:

106.1 Analysis of Payments – November and December 2025 (Appendix 3)

106.2 Analysis of Receipts – November and December 2025 (Appendix 4)

106.3 Bank Reconciliation Statement as at 30<sup>th</sup> November and 31<sup>st</sup> December 2025 (Appendix 5)

106.4 To authorise the schedule of payments for December 25 (retrospectively) and January 2026 (Appendix 6)

It was **resolved** to accept and approve the financial information as per items 106.1 – 106.3 that had been submitted to members and to authorise the schedule of payments (106.4) for December £6329.17 and January £6132.40.

106.5 To agree – Parish Council grant applications received up to 31<sup>st</sup> December 2025 (Appendix 7)

Both applications were reviewed. It was requested that the Clerk obtain further information regarding the football club grant application, to bring back to the next meeting. **Clerk**

It was **resolved** to approve the grant of £200 to Blidworth Art Club

**26/107 To agree – Precept for the Financial year 2026/27 including:**

107.1 To note – Forest Folk Allotment annual payment increase in line with inflation  
The RPI figure for December was noted at 3.5% approx + 0.5% (£721.05)

107.2 To note – Salary increases for 2026/27 in line with NJC Payscale  
Noted

107.3 To consider future projects/expenses for the year 2026/27 and agree the proposed budget (Appendix 8)

Cllr Litchfield presented the budget, which had been circulated to all Parish Councillors.

It was agreed to ring fence £600 towards centenary commemorative items for Blidworth Oaks School to be discussed and agreed at the next meeting. **Clerk**

107.4 To agree – The precept request from Newark and Sherwood District Council for the year 2026/27

In accordance with Council Tax (Demand Notices) (England) Regulations 2011 Blidworth Parish Council **resolved** to inform Newark and Sherwood District Council that the precept request for 2026/27 is £113448.

A ten minute comfort break was held.  
Meeting resumed at 8.10pm

## 26/108 Planning Applications

To receive, and where appropriate comment on the following applications, including any applications received since the agenda was published:

<b>Proposal:</b>	First floor and two storey side extension with render to part of existing
<b>Site Address:</b>	28 Mansfield Road Blidworth NG21 0RA
<b>Planning Application Ref:</b>	25/02066/HOUSE

It was **resolved** to respond stating 'no comments' regarding this application.

## Planning Decisions and Appeals

The following Planning decisions/Appeals have been made:

*For the full list of conditions please see the Newark and Sherwood District Council Planning Portal*

### Town and Country Planning act 1990 - Appeal Under Section 78

Site address: 1 White Lion Yard Main Street Blidworth NG21 0QD  
Description of development: Change of use of the land to domestic use and proposed detached garage with room over.  
Application reference: 25/01080/HOUSE  
Appeal reference: 6001288

#### Town and Country Planning Act 1990

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

<b>Application for:</b>	Full Planning Permission
<b>Application No:</b>	25/01510/FUL
<b>Applicant:</b>	Mr Matthew Arnold
<b>Agent:</b>	
<b>Proposal:</b>	Change of use to vehicle repair shop and cars sales. (Retrospective)
<b>Site Address:</b>	M A Motor Company Ltd The Coach House Dale Lane Blidworth NG21 0PU

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

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

<b>Application for:</b>	Planning Permission
<b>Application No:</b>	25/01666/HOUSE
<b>Applicant:</b>	Mr Leo Howlett
<b>Agent:</b>	Mr Gary Quibell
<b>Proposal:</b>	Proposed Single Storey Extension To Front Elevation
<b>Site Address:</b>	53 Appleton Road Blidworth NG21 0SG

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

<b>Application for:</b>	Full Planning Permission
<b>Application No:</b>	25/01106/FUL
<b>Applicant:</b>	Mr I Guilor
<b>Agent:</b>	AIM Architecture - Mr Jim Nye
<b>Proposal:</b>	Creation of a new 2nd vehicular access to the site
<b>Site Address:</b>	Desman Engineering Ltd Burma Road Blidworth NG21 0RT

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**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 USE OR DEVELOPMENT (PROPOSED)**

The lawful works:

**Certificate of Lawfulness for proposed replacement of the roof of whole property with materials of a similar style and appearance as the existing roofing.**

SECOND SCHEDULE (the land)

The property/land known as:

**1 Kirks Croft Blidworth NG21 0QU**

This Certificate relates to application reference: **25/01649/LDCP.**

All noted

## 26/109 Business

109.1 To update – Assertion 10 requirements (Appendix 9)

The Clerk updated members regarding the information circulated regarding the Assertion 10 requirements.

It was **resolved** to have a .gov website at a cost of £25 per year for the domain. **Clerk**

109.2 To agree – work to ‘Indian Bean’ tree at the Blidworth War Memorial, following the approval of Planning Permission

The Clerk updated members with the 3 quotations she had received for the work (2m crown reduction).

It was **resolved** to go ahead with the works from Forest Farm Trees at a cost of £280 +VAT

109.3 To update – arrangements for Sherwood Forest Day in February

Cllrs Marlow, Dear and Litchfield had been to the moot day.

It was agreed for the events Working party to continue with the arrangements for a small event on Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> February including a flag raising, walking the Robin Hood Trail and a plaque unveiling and refreshments at Tesco corner.

The flag and plaque to be purchased by the Clerk in conjunction with the Chair up to a spend of £150.

It was noted that the sign ‘Welcomes careful drivers’ on the Village entry signs be changed to reflect ‘the heart of Sherwood Forest’ or something similar. The Clerk to obtain costs for this. **Clerk**

109.4 To update – Relocation of noticeboard

The Clerk updated members that she had supplied VIA with the necessary plans and asked for costs. A section 115 licence would need to be applied for. On initial consultation, the notice board would cause visibility issues in the 2 positions suggested.

A further suggestion was made for a new notice board to be located near Tesco.

The Clerk was meeting with VIA on Monday for a site visit, and would update and bring back to a future meeting, along with associated costs. **Clerk**

109.5 To update – bollards outside Voltz and planters

No update – to be deferred to a future meeting

109.6 To agree – Formation of a Working Party for centenary events

This was no longer needed. Cllr Harvey to make contact with school to see what has been planned in relation to commemorative gifts.

109.7 To discuss - Tidying up of workshop

It was discussed to talk to Paul if he thought this would be helpful and if so, arrange for a suitable day in the week.

109.8 To agree – Christmas event on Mansfield Road and application for a road closure

It was **resolved** to look into an outdoor event and a possible road closure along Mansfield Road. The Events working Party to look into this including costings and bring back to a future meeting.

**26/110 Updates from working party leads**

- 110.1 Events – To start planning the summer gala. The Clerk to manage stall bookings
- 110.2 Village Planting – To be discussed further
- 110.3 Parks and Open Spaces – Meeting to be arranged to look at parks. The tree outside the old co-op needs reinstating  
The Clerk to ask VIA/Cllr Ward. The MP had offered 2 oak trees, possible planting at the Bull Piece
- 110.4 Finance

**26/111 To note – Correspondence received**

All relevant correspondence sent out via email

**26/112 To note – The date of the next Parish Council Meeting – 19<sup>th</sup> February 2026**

10 minute comfort break was held and recording equipment removed by resident.

**26/113 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 9.12pm

Signed as a true record: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_