



**MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING OF
BLIDWORTH PARISH COUNCIL
held at Blidworth Library, New Lane, Blidworth, Notts, NG21 0PW
on Thursday 19th February 2026 commencing at 7.00pm**

Present: Councillors: C Dear (Chair), E Litchfield, K Marlow, A Devine, W Bates
T Duffy

Apologies: A Sykes, T Smith, J Harvey

Clerk: C Brettell

Members of the Public: 2

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

The Vice Chair asked if anyone was recording. A resident placed his recording device on the stool marked 'Recording Devices'.

Action by

26/118 To receive - Declaration of interests both pecuniary and non-pecuniary and applications for dispensation on items listed on the agenda
Cllr Litchfield – declared that as Director and trustee of Blidworth Welfare, he would refrain from any involvement with the section 106 working party 26/128.5

26/119 To receive - Apologies for absence given to the Clerk
Apologies were received and noted from Cllrs A Sykes, T Smith and J Harvey

26/120 To receive and approve – Minutes of the meeting held on the 15th January 2026 (Appendix 1) and the minutes of the Extraordinary meeting held on the 29th January 2026 (Appendix 2)

It was **resolved** that the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on the 15th January 2026, and the minutes of the Extraordinary meeting held on the 29th January 2026 be accepted as a true and accurate record and were signed by the Chair.

26/121 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.

26/122 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 26/131 and a resolution passed in order to discuss the item.
None

26/123 To receive Representations (no more than 5 minutes)
123.1 Public Participation
None

123.2 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 had sent his apologies, due to illness.

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

Cllr Ward had sent his apologies and was looking into the issues raised at the last Parish Council meeting and by residents.

He had met with VIA and the pot hole Inspector, last Friday and he was bringing up the issues with pot holes on Haywood Oaks, which had been far from satisfactory considering how bad it is.

123.4 Police Report

The Police were not in attendance, as they were not on shift. They had sent in a brief report:

Maisie is no longer the 'Beat Manager' for the area — Mike Weston is now the new 'Beat Manager'. There hasn't been much happening in Blidworth recently, other than shop thefts at Tesco.

103.5 Report from other Community Groups on matters relevant to the Blidworth Community Cllr Duffy reported of the success of the food/hygiene bank at Southwell.

26/124 To Discuss/Update on Highway Issues in the Village (if not already covered in District and County Council reports)

Usual pot holes – residents encouraged to report on the 'MyNotts' app

26/125 Financial Matters

To receive and approve accounts and financial information:

125.1 Analysis of Payments – January 2026 (Appendix 3)

125.2 Analysis of Receipts – January 2026 (Appendix 4)

125.3 Bank Reconciliation Statement as at 31st January 2026 (Appendix 5)

125.4 To authorise the schedule of payments for February 2026 (Appendix 6)

It was **resolved** to accept and approve the financial information as per items 125.1 – 125.3 that had been submitted to members and to authorise the schedule of payments (125.4) for February - £19552.48

125.5 To revisit and agree as appropriate – Parish Council grant application received (emailed out 10th February)

It was **resolved** to agree a Parish Grant of £200 to Mansfield Magpies who play at Blidworth, on the Welfare ground

Cllr Bates joined the meeting remotely at 7.15pm and did not vote on any matters.

125.6 To discuss and agree - support to Blidworth Oaks School for commemorative pin badges

Discussion took place regarding the suggestion of commemorative bin badges and it was agreed to look into other options for something to mark the 100th anniversary. Parish Councillors to come up with ideas for the next meeting.

26/126 Planning Applications

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

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

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

Proposal:	Proposed render to the whole house
Site Address:	Blidworth Farm Lodge Main Street Blidworth NG21 0QH
Planning Application Ref:	26/00119/HOUSE

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

Proposal:	Application for permission in principle for proposed residential development of a minimum of 4 dwellings and a maximum of 6 dwellings
Site Address:	Field Reference Number 7509 Dale Lane Blidworth
Planning Application Ref:	26/00191/PIP

It was **resolved** to respond stating 'the Parish Council **strongly object** to the application. This is on the grounds of flooding issues already raised, site access and sustainability. Building work has already begun on Dale Lane, and more properties are not in keeping with the village character.

It was agreed to add this planning item to the agenda:

Proposal:	The provision of a pond and associated drainage works.
Site Address:	Land To The Rear Of Boggs Cottages Lindhurst Lane Lindhurst
Planning Application Ref:	24/01181/FUL

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

Application for:	Full Planning Permission
Application No:	25/00785/FUL
Applicant:	Mr Lee Evans
Agent:	
Proposal:	Proposed Development of Nine detached dwellings along with associated Garages, Access Road and Landscaping.
Site Address:	Land To The North Of 14 Cottage Close Blidworth NG21 0QE

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

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

Application for:	Planning Permission
Application No:	25/02066/HOUSE
Applicant:	Mr G Lock
Agent:	Ellis Riley & Son Ltd - Mr Stephen Riley
Proposal:	First floor and two storey side extension with render to part of existing
Site Address:	28 Mansfield Road Blidworth NG21 0RA

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

Notification under Regulation 5 of The Electronic Communications Code (Conditions and Restrictions) Regulations 2003 (as amended)

Proposal:	Notification of the intention to install above ground cabinet to house electronic equipment..
Site Address:	Telecommunications Cabinet Burma Road Blidworth
Applicant:	Virgin Media Limited
Application Reference:	26/00050/TELNOT

We acknowledge receipt of your notification of intention to install the above electronic communications apparatus which was registered on 12th January 2026. Newark and Sherwood District Council as Local Planning Authority does not wish to recommend any conditions in relation to the installation of the development in this instance.

All noted

26/127 Business

127.1 To consider - applications received for co-option to the council's two vacancies (Appendix 7) **Please treat this information as confidential**

It was **resolved** to co-opt both candidates as Parish Councillors:

Mr S Niedojadlo and Mr P Johnson.

Mr Niedojadlo signed the acceptance of Office, and took at seat and the meeting table. The Clerk provided a copy of the agenda and paperwork.

Mr Johnson was not at the meeting but would complete the paperwork in due course.

A 5 minute comfort break was held 7.50pm

127.2 To discuss and agree – Community Speed Watch scheme

It was agreed for Councillors to look into this further and bring back to the next meeting with full costings. The Clerk to look for any grant funding available. **Clerk/Councillors**

127.3 To agree – Agricultural Insurance for Toro Mower and Polaris vehicle (emailed out 12th February 2025)

It was **resolved** to go ahead with the Insurance Policy from Gallagher at a cost of £464.70

127.4 To consider and agree – First Aid course provided by Newark Community First Aid for residents, including a suitable venue (emailed out 9th February 2025)

It was **resolved** to take up the offer of free First Aid Training for Newark Community First Aid and to arrange for a date in May or June.

Cllr Litchfield offered Blidworth Welfare as a venue

The Clerk to liaise and provide options for Councillors. **Clerk**

127.5 To update – arrangements for Sherwood Forest Day on Saturday 21st February

The Clerk updated that the flag raising could not take place as the War Memorial was unsuitable for a gathering due to essential electricity work by Western Power.

The plaque had been installed on the planter and the area around Tesco had been cleaned and tidied ready for the event. The Clerk to contact R Townsley to explain about the change of plan – all to now meet at Tesco corner for the unveiling of the plaque at 10.30am

127.6 To update – Relocation of noticeboard including potential costs and consultation with residents (Appendix 8)

Quotations for a new notice board were discussed with prices (supply only) between £900 up to £ 5700 + VAT. A Company to install this would need to be sought.

It was agreed to bring this back at the end of the year with full costings, which could be considered in next years budget. In the meantime, a consultation with residents to be arranged to see if they think they would like an additional notice board within a range of costs. Cllr Devine to look at engaging with residents over the coming months.

127.7 To discuss – new signage for Village signs (Appendix 8)

New signage for the village signs was discussed, which were extremely costly. Various options were discussed. Councillors to speak to MP Michelle Welsh who had offered to pay for these.

127.8 To update – bollards outside Voltz and relocation of planters

The Clerk had been unable to speak to VIA for an update. It was agreed that a practical solution would be to move 2 of the library planters onto Mansfield Road. The Clerk to chase up. Cllr Bates offered to assist with the moving of the planters, when required, before the summer planting commences. The necessary licence paperwork would need to be completed for this.

127.9 GDPR training for Parish Councillors

The Clerk updated Councillors of the training modules circulated and asked for confirmation from Councillors when this had been done.

127.10 To discuss and agree any actions - Park inspections (emailed out 3rd February 2026)

The Parks Working party to look into these in more detail and report back to Full Council.

127.11 To update - Blidworth War Memorial

The Clerk confirmed that the Parish Council had received confirmation that the War Memorial land was now in the possession of Blidworth Parish Council. The Clerk further updated that she had spoken to Western Power and was working with them to ensure the War memorial cobbles and grass are reinstated.

127.12 To agree – Inclusion in Lengthsman scheme for 26/27

It was **resolved** to be included in the Lengthsman scheme for 26/27

127.13 To agree – NALC membership for 26/27

Cllr Dear declared an interest and refrained from any discussion

Councillors discussed the cost of membership that had increased 9% on last year's fee. It was agreed to look into this further and compare with other options available to the Parish Council, and bring back to the next meeting.

127.14 To discuss – Arrangements for the Annual Parish Gathering

Councillors were in agreement to go ahead with this. A provisional date had been agreed of Saturday 18th April 26 – 10am at Blidworth Welfare, if possible. Cllr Litchfield to ask if this was possible. The Clerk then to invite local groups and circulate a flier. **Cllr Litchfield/Clerk**

127.15 To agree – Purchase of replacement dog waste bins and agreement with NSDC for emptying in 26/27 (Appendix 9)

The Clerk went through the agreement with Councillors, and the need for two bins to be emptied twice weekly (0051 and 0321). The bin at Tipping's Wood had been removed from this agreement as it is on NCC land.

It was **resolved** to approve the Dog Waste emptying schedule for 26/27 with the changes made as discussed.

It was further **resolved** to purchase 2 replacement dog bins from NSDC at a cost of £300 installed, to replace those that are damaged, as advised by NSDC operatives.

The Clerk discussed with Councillors the amount of dog fouling and litter that had been reported by residents. She had requested attendance from the Dog Warden, and for more

signage on Mansfield Road and Dale Lane. It was agreed to publicise that regular waste bins can be used for disposing of bagged dog waste.

127.16 To agree – Cllr Devine to join the HR and Employment Committee
It was **resolved** for Cllr Devine to join the HR and Employment Committee

127.17 To update – Parish Council website and Email accounts
The Clerk referred to the email circulated to all Councillors on the 10th February. New email account details were circulated in person to all Councillors present. Those that were not present would have them emailed individually. These accounts would now be used moving forward, and would be published on the Parish Council website.
The Parish website with the new .gov domain is now live.

Cllr Bates joined the meeting in person

127.18 To agree – formation of a Vexatious and Habitual Complaints Committee
as agreed at the extraordinary meeting on the 29th January (Appendix 10)

It was **resolved** to form a 'Vexatious and Habitual Complaints Committee' Terms of reference as circulated. All Parish Councillors would be members and would remove themselves should the committee be addressing any complaint from a resident that is a personal relative or friend.

Cllr Devine offered to be Chair of this committee – this would be agreed at the first meeting.

The time had reached 9.20pm – Standing Orders were suspended to continue with the meeting

26/128 Updates from working party leads

128.1 Events - The Summer Gala was discussed. The Clerk had put together an application form to be sent out to anyone enquiring about stalls

128.2 Village Planting

128.3 Parks and Open Spaces – A meeting to be arranged

128.4 Finance – Nothing to report

128.5 To set up a working party for section 106 projects – It was agreed to set up a working Party consisting of Cllr's Devine, Bates, Dear, Niedojadlo and Duffy. A meeting to be arranged for a Thursday evening at Blidworth Library and residents to be invited.

26/129 To note – Correspondence received

All relevant correspondence sent out via email

26/130 To note – The date of the next Parish Council Meeting – 19th March 2026

26/131 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 9.38pm

Signed as a true record: _____ Date: _____