



**MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING OF
BLIDWORTH PARISH COUNCIL**
held at Blidworth Library, New Lane, Blidworth, Notts, NG21 0PW
on Thursday 4th June 2026 commencing at 7.00pm

This was the meeting to be held on 21st May 2026, but could not go ahead due to disruption by residents.
The meeting was closed down and this was rescheduled for the 4th June.
A new summons and papers were served.

Present: Councillors: C Dear, E Litchfield, K Marlow, T Smith,
T Duffy, A Sykes, S Niedojadlo, A Devine

Apologies: W Bates,
Clerk: C Brettell
Members of the Public: 4

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

The Chair asked if anyone was recording. A resident confirmed he was recording and set up an audio recorder, and a video recorder which had been set up on a tripod in the appropriate place for recording devices.

Action by

- 26/01 To elect a Chair for the ensuing year.** Chair to sign declaration of acceptance of office.
It was **resolved** to elect Cllr Smith as Chair, who duly signed the declaration of acceptance of Office.
Cllr Smith expressed his thanks to Cllr Dear for his past time as Chair.
Cllr Smith then addressed Councillors and the public stating that rules and procedures would be followed and respect required for those present at the meeting, This would ensure that the Parish Council could transact business and work effectively for the village.
- 26/02 To elect a Vice Chair for the ensuing year.** Vice Chair to sign declaration of acceptance of office
It was **resolved** to elect Cllr T Duffy as Vice Chair, who duly signed the declaration of acceptance of Office.
- 26/03 To receive - Declaration of interests both pecuniary and non-pecuniary and applications for dispensation on items listed on the agenda**
Cllr Marlow declared a non-pecuniary interest in 26/18.3
Cllr Marlow asked why a declaration or interests form was being circulated. The Clerk confirmed that this was something that the Parish Council did prior to covid and it had been suggested by a Parish Councillor to reinstate. Cllr Marlow did not complete this declaration.

- 26/04 To receive - Apologies for absence given to the Clerk**
Apologies were received and noted from Cllr Bates
- 26/05** 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 26/18 and a resolution passed in order to discuss the item.
None
- 26/06 To receive and approve – Minutes of the meetings held on 16th April 2026 (Appendix 1), the minutes of the HR meeting held on the 23rd April (Appendix 2) and the minutes of the Vexatious and Habitual Complaints Committee held on the 23rd April 2026 (Appendix 3)**

Cllr Marlow pointed out that the recording (by her partner) did not show that the Chair had asked the resident to leave in the meeting held on the 16th April 2026. It was agreed to remove the sentence '*The Chair*' asked the resident.....from the first paragraph of the meeting minutes, and to replace with '*the resident was asked to leave and the meeting was suspended*'

It was **resolved** that the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on the 16th April 2026, the minutes of the HR meeting held on the 23rd April and the minutes of the Vexatious and Habitual Complaints Committee held on the 23rd April 2026 be accepted as a true and accurate record, and were signed by the Chair.

- 26/07 To note – updates on matters arising from the minutes if not already on the Agenda**
(no decisions can be made)
None
- 26/08 To agree – Working parties, Committees and appointment of Representatives, including Terms of Reference (Appendix 4)**
It was **resolved** to agree the following Working parties, Committees and appointment of Representatives, including Terms of Reference:

Working Party	Members
Events - Working Party Remit: To arrange Community events for the Parish Council	Lead – Cllr Marlow Cllr Dear Cllr Litchfield Cllr Sykes Cllr Duffy
Parks and Open Spaces – Working Party (including footpaths, Conservation Allotments, Workshop, and Emergency Action Group) Remit: To explore and look into matters relating to the Parks and Open Spaces within the village and provide recommendations to full Council	Lead - Cllr Bates Cllr Duffy Cllr Marlow Cllr Dear Cllr Sykes Cllr Devine Cllr Niedojadlo

Finance – Working Party Remit: To look into the Parish finances and provide recommendations to the Parish Council	Lead – Cllr Bates Cllr Dear Cllr Litchfield
Planning – Working Party Remit: To look at Planning Applications and make recommendations to the Parish Council before any decisions are made	Lead - Cllr Duffy Cllr Devine Cllr Niedojadlo
Committees	Members
HR and Employment Committee – Refer to Terms of reference	Cllr Smith Cllr Duffy Cllr Dear Cllr Devine
Legal Matters Committee – Refer to Terms of Reference (formed 20th November minute Ref.26/92.11)	Cllr Bates Cllr Devine Cllr Litchfield
Vexatious and Habitual Complaints Committee - Refer to Terms of Reference	All Parish Councillors unless friends or relatives of the person raising the complaint

26/09 To agree – Meeting dates and times, Parish Events and Councillor Surgeries for the upcoming year 2026/27 (Appendix 5)

It was **resolved** to agree the following Meeting dates and times, Parish Events and Councillor Surgeries for the upcoming year 2026/27:

Parish Council Meetings are held at Blidworth Library, New Lane, Blidworth, Notts, NG21 0PW commencing at 7pm

Thursday 18th June 26
Thursday 16th July 26
No Meeting in August
Thursday 17th September 26
Thursday 15th October 26
Thursday 19th November 26
December Meeting to be arranged if required
Thursday 21st January 27
Thursday 18th February 27
Thursday 18th March 27
Thursday 15th April 27
Annual Parish Meeting – Saturday 17th April 27

Meeting Agendas will be available on the council website, prior to the meeting and also on the Parish Council Facebook Page.

Parish Council Events 2026

Newark Community First Aid Course – Tuesday 23rd June – Blidworth Welfare

Summer Gala – Sunday 19th July – Blidworth Welfare

Remembrance – Sunday 8th November – Blidworth War Memorial

Christmas Light Switch on Event – Saturday 21st November – Blidworth Miners Welfare

Pensioners Christmas Party – Tuesday 1st December at the Blidworth Miners Welfare

Parish Councillor Surgery Sessions

We welcome engagement from residents and run monthly Parish Councillor Surgery sessions so that you can come along, meet your Parish Councillors and have a chat.

The next sessions (all 10am – 12noon) at Blidworth Library are as follows:

Saturday 13th June 2026

Saturday 11th July

Saturday 12th September

Further dates to be confirmed.

The Chair paused the meeting and asked a resident if he was holding a recording device in his hand filming the meeting (camera aimed at the Clerk). He refused to stop recording and was asked to place the device along with his other recording devices in the recording area. After several attempts by the Chair to ask him to do so, he eventually did this.

26/10 To receive Representations (no more than 5 minutes)

10.1 Public Participation (matters relevant and on the agenda)

A resident discussed the recording of meetings and quoted various legislation, and asked for an explanation of why the meeting was cancelled on the 21st May. The Chair responded. The resident then left the meeting.

A further resident queried the recording of meetings as they had been to see the Monitoring Officer. He asked why the meeting had been recorded in November by the Chair. Cllr Duffy responded to say that the recording had been at the request of his wife (a then Parish Councillor) as she was taking notes in the Clerks absence. The resident further questioned that NSDC had no specific area for recording devices, which was confirmed to be incorrect. The resident then used expletives at Cllr Duffy. The Chair, said this would not be tolerated and he was asked to leave. This behaviour was evidenced by multiple pieces of recording equipment being used by a resident.

A resident enquired about the need for more bins on Sherwood Park and on Belle Vue Lane, CCTV at Sherwood Park, re-siting of the Parish Notice board, the allotments and available section 106 money, and the possibility of live streaming the meetings for those not unable to attend.

The Chair provided a brief response, and the Clerk to respond via email.

Clerk

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

Cllr Smith noted the Planning application for 120 new homes in Rainworth. This was being looked at NSDC Planning meeting today.

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

Cllr Ward was not in attendance.

10.4 Police Report

No Police were in attendance and had sent in a report.

They had carried out a day of action where they have had the 4x4, quad bike and another marked vehicle doing proactive patrols for the off-road bike nuisance, although none were seen. They are planning another few of these days in the next few months where they patrol the areas in and around Blidworth. They have arrested a shop lifter on Saturday who was frequenting Tesco Blidworth. He received an 8 week custodial sentence - an assault was included in his sentencing.

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

26/11 To discuss/update on Highway Issues in the Village (if not already covered in District and County Council reports)

The Clerk had had a meeting with VIA regarding issues raised in the village;
The Planter to replace the missing bollards in front of Voltz is to be delivered next week.
Other issues discussed included overhanging trees, overgrown borders and shrubbed areas around the village.

There had also been issues with vehicle parking on grass verges along Dale Lane – A letter drop had been carried out to ask to not park between 9am -3pm to allow grass cutting to take place.

Cllr Dear informed Councillors that there was to be a road closure near the War Memorial, the Clerk had not received confirmation of this.

It was also noted that a resident had witnessed the Village sign being taken by the local scrap man, despite assurance from the NCHA builders and VIA (highways). The Clerk is looking into this and awaiting confirmation.

Clerk

26/12 Financial Matters

12.1 To approve - Internal Audit (Appendix 6)

It was **resolved** to approve the Internal Audit

12.2 To agree – Inventory/Asset Register as at 31st March 2026 (Appendix 7)

It was **resolved** to agree the Inventory/Asset Register as at 31st March 2026

12.3 To consider, approve and sign the Annual Governance Statement – Section 1 (Appendix 8)

The Chair read through the statements and these were agreed by the Parish Council. It was then **resolved** to approve and sign the Annual Governance Statement – section 1

12.4 To consider, approve and sign the Accounting Statement – Section 2 (Appendix 9)

It was **resolved** to approve and sign the Accounting Statement – Section 2

To receive and approve accounts and financial information:

12.5 Analysis of Payments – April 2026 (Appendix 10)

12.6 Analysis of Receipts – April 2026 (Appendix 11)

12.7 Bank Reconciliation Statement as at 30th April 2026 (Appendix 12)

12.8 To note – Ear Marked reserves

12.9 To authorise schedule of payments for May (Appendix 13)

It was **resolved** to accept and approve the financial information as per items 12.5 – 12.9 that had been submitted to members including the schedule of payments (retrospectively) to a total of £6823.06

The Chair checked and signed the bank statements with the bank reconciliation statement.

26/13 Business

13.1 To re-affirm – Blidworth Parish Council adopted Code of Conduct and that all Parish Councillors are bound by this (Appendix 14)

It was **resolved** to re-affirm the Code of Conduct. A sheet was circulated for all Parish Councillors to sign.

13.2 To adopt – Updated Standing Order 2026 (Appendix 15)

It was **resolved** to adopt the revised Standing Orders

13.3 To agree – Publication of the Parish Council agenda on the Parish Facebook page

It was **resolved** to publish the Parish Council Agendas on the Parish Council Facebook page

13.4 To update – Blidworth War Memorial and damage by Western Power
The Clerk updated Councillors regarding the War Memorial. The Groundsman had been in contact with the Manager and work was supposed to have started last Monday. The Groundsman has had a site meeting with National Grid this morning and the work should be completed by early next week.

13.5 To update – commemorative Art project for village centenary
Cllr Niedojadlo updated Councillors on the commemorative Art project, this included a future workshop with Art Club and Blidworth Oaks School, and possibly the mighty creatives. Ideas were:

- series of decorated plaques either on the brick wall, wheels or in the flower bed featuring school values, key events in the villages last hundred years.
- A presentation from the historical society to the children as part of the workshop.
- Planting of a tree (possibly an Oak – to signify the next 100 years)

- Some form of decorated wooden sculpture (Big 100, Bench, etc) which men in sheds might be able to help with.

This to be brought back to a future meeting

13.6 To agree – signing of Lengthsman agreement for 2026/27 (emailed out 12th May)
It was **resolved** to sign the Lengthsman Agreement for 26/27, duly signed by the Chair

13.7 To update – BT phone box on Mansfield Road
The Clerk provided an update that the BT phone box would be removed, hopefully within the next few months.

13.8 To update – meeting and actions regarding off road bikes in the village
Cllr Devine and Niedojadlo provided an update regarding the meeting held with Forestry England on the 27th May, several measures had been discussed to deter the bikes and these were being looked at further. There was also a conversation regarding taking on the entrance path and land for car parking.
Residents were again encouraged to contact the police with any issues

13.9 To agree – purchase of new Hedge Cutter
The Clerk had circulated 4 prices from the Groundsman for a Stihl 24” Hedge cutter.

It was **resolved** to purchase one at a cost of £350 max

13.10 To discuss – Fencing at Dale Lane Allotment site
The Clerk had received an email from the Forest Folk allotment committee regarding the fencing onto Dale Lane. It was agreed for the Clerk to obtain costs and bring back to a future meeting.

26/14 Updates from working party leads:

- 14.1 Events – the Summer Festival was discussed. A meeting to be held to finalise details
- 14.2 Parks and Open Spaces – Bike issues already covered
- 14.3 Finance - None
- 14.5 Section 106 – None

26/15 Planning Applications

To receive, and where appropriate comment on the following applications:

Proposal:	Single storey side extension and creation of first floor in existing roof with alterations and new dormer windows, balcony and external alterations including new windows, render and cladding.
Site Address:	The Ranch Fishpool Road Blidworth NG21 0QP
Planning Application Ref:	26/00204/HOUSE

It was **resolved** to respond stating ‘No Objections’ to this application

It was **resolved** to add the following applications to the agenda for consideration:

Proposal:	Secure Dog Walking Field, Gateway, Parking Area and Welfare Caravan.
Site Address:	Field Reference Number 3968 Cross Lane Blidworth
Planning Application Ref:	26/00472/FUL

It was **resolved** to respond stating 'No Objections' to this application

Proposal:	Conversion of single brick garage into annexe.
Site Address:	Corner Cottage Top Road Blidworth NG21 0NR
Planning Application Ref:	26/00750/HOUSE

It was **resolved** to respond stating 'No Objections' to this application

Planning Decisions

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

The Town and Country Planning (Permission in Principle) (Amendment) Order 2017

Application for:	Permission in Principle
Application No:	26/00191/PIP
Applicant:	Messrs S, K And K Bola
Agent:	IBA Planning Ltd - Mr Nick Baseley
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

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

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:	26/00119/HOUSE
Applicant:	Dr Shirley Dowsett
Agent:	
Proposal:	Proposed render to the whole house
Site Address:	Blidworth Farm Lodge Main Street Blidworth NG21 0QH

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)

Application for:	Planning Permission
Application No:	26/00253/HOUSE
Applicant:	Wayne Mitchell
Agent:	Glen Cannell
Proposal:	Re-build existing flat roof garden room and erection of a new detached flat roof office building.
Site Address:	46 Meadow Road Blidworth NG21 0PS

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

Confirmation of compliance with Section 1.1 (Affordable Housing Scheme) of the S106 Agreement attached to a planning permission 22/01459/FULM

Proposal: Request for confirmation of Discharge of Section 106 obligation relating to Affordable Housing Scheme (Section 1.1 Page 27) attached to planning permission 22/01459/FULM; Development for 62 dwellings on grazing land, south of Dale Lane, Blidworth.

Site Address: Land South Of Dale Lane, Blidworth, NG21 0SU

Re: Application for Non Material Amendment to a Planning Application

Proposal: Application for a non-material amendment to planning permission 22/01459/FULM to amend the approved plans

Address: Land South Of Dale Lane Blidworth NG21 0SU

Prior approval applications under The Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development)(England) Order 2015, Part 16

Application for:	Prior Approval - Part 16
Application No:	26/00348/TELPA
Applicant:	CornerStone
Agent:	Mr Ryan Milligan
Proposal:	Application for determination if prior approval required for proposed replacement of existing 15.00m Swann monopole with proposed 20.00m Phase 4.5 monopole under Schedule 2 Part 16 of the GDPO.
Site Address:	Telecommunications Mast O2 9795 Burma Road Blidworth

Newark and Sherwood District Council as Local Planning Authority in pursuance of their powers under the above Act and order, hereby determine that **Prior Approval Required and Granted**

All noted

26/16 To note – Correspondence received
All relevant correspondence sent out via email
To note - Sherwood Forest Day - Saturday 27th June at Calverton Village Hall

26/17 To note – The date of the next Parish Council Meeting – 18th June 2026 at Blidworth Library and any items for inclusion on the agenda

A 10 minute comfort break was held.

26/18 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 9.29pm

Signed as a true record: _____ Date: _____