



**MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING OF
BLIDWORTH PARISH COUNCIL
held at Blidworth Library, New Lane, Blidworth, Notts, NG21 0PW
on Thursday 18th June 2026 commencing at 7.00pm**

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

Apologies: W Bates, P Johnson, A Sykes

Clerk: C Brettell

Members of the Public: 8 inc. Cllr R Ward (NCC)

Abbreviations: NCC – Nottinghamshire County Council

NSDC – Newark and Sherwood District Council

The Chair expressed the sadness of the announcement that the famous Major Oak in Sherwood Forest had died.

He further reminded Councillors and the public of the procedural actions to be followed at Parish Council meetings.

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

Action by

26/19 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 26/32.2 she did not complete the Declarations of Interest list circulated.

26/20 To receive - Apologies for absence given to the Clerk

Apologies were received and noted from Cllr Bates. Cllr Johnson and Cllr Sykes

26/21 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 26/32 and a resolution passed in order to discuss the item.
None

A further resident placed their recording equipment on the meeting table and was asked to remove it and place it in the designated place. This was then placed on the heater and the Chair asked again that it be placed in the designated place, which it then was after much commotion.

26/22 To receive and approve – Minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council held on 4th June April 2026 (Appendix 1),

Cllr Marlow asked for amendments to be made on the minutes, which were not actioned.

It was **resolved** that the minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council held on the 4th

June 2026 be accepted as a true and accurate record, and were signed by the Chair.

26/23 To note – updates on matters arising from the minutes if not already on the Agenda
(no decisions can be made)
None

26/24 To receive Representations (no more than 5 minutes)

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

Although invited Cllr Thompson was not in attendance and had not sent in a report.

Cllr Smith noted the changes taking place at NSDC and structure of the Council. Cllr Smith had resigned from the Planning committee so he will be able to comment on Planning Applications.

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

Cllr Ward discussed that the new LCF grant was now in place, and community groups could be encouraged to apply. Also a residents fund was available, for emergency support for residents in financial difficulty.

Cllr Dear thanked Cllr Ward for the upcoming resurfacing project on Heywood Oaks Lane.

24.4 Police Report

No Police were in attendance and had not sent in a report.

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

24.1 Public Participation (matters relevant and on the agenda)

A resident read out of a statement reading from the minutes of the 16th April 2026, and asked whether the Councils Policies override Government legislation.

The Chair responded to say that the Parish Council adheres to its policies.

26/25 To discuss/update on Highway Issues in the Village (if not already covered in District and County Council reports)

The Clerk updated that the Planter on Mansfield Road (in front of Voltz) had been delivered and the Groundsman had planted this up – this was still leaving a small gap for vehicles.

The Clerk had received confirmation from VIA that the builders working on the Dale Lane housing development had the Village sign for safe keeping.

Weed spraying around the village had been carried on the 22nd May by VIA.

The initial resident removed their recording device from the allocated area and proceeded to hold it. They were asked to return it to the designated area, to which they eventually complied.

26/26 Financial Matters

To receive and approve accounts and financial information:

26.1 Analysis of Payments – May 2026 (Appendix 2)

26.2 Analysis of Receipts – May 2026 (Appendix 3)

26.3 Bank Reconciliation Statement as at 31st May 2026 (Appendix 4)

26.4 To authorise schedule of payments for June (Appendix 5)

It was **resolved** to accept and approve the financial information as per items 26.1 – 26.4 that had been submitted to members including the schedule of payments to a total of £6105.88 including the additional payment of £47.76 to Nottinghamshire Fire Safety Ltd

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

26/27 Business

27.1 To update – Blidworth War Memorial and damage by Western Power/National Grid
The Clerk updated that the work to the grass had been completed but the steps had not been completed and requested that Councillors have a look to see if they feel it is satisfactory.

27.2 To update – commemorative Art project for village centenary
Cllr Niedojadlo updated regarding the project, which was moving along and was working with school to bring this together, including exploring grant options.

27.3 To agree – Expenditure for Summer Festival 2026 and any final arrangements

It was agreed that only those stall holders that had pre booked with completed paperwork and had sent in current Public Liability Insurance will be allowed to have a stall on the day.

It was **resolved** to agree the following costs:

Reptilian Encounters - £80
Sherwood Outlaws - up to £200

27.4 To agree – Arrangements, date and time for Pensioners Christmas Party
The date was confirmed as Tuesday 1st December 2026. This was to be deferred to the next Parish Council meeting, when further items had been looked into.

27.5 To agree – actions to prevent issues from off road bikes in the village
Cllrs Niedojadlo and Devine provided an update regarding the actions agreed with Forestry England. The Clerk had requested a price to lay concrete to increase the height level at the Stile at the top of Sherwood Park.

27.6 To update – Parish Council vacancy and notification from NSDC
The Clerk updated that she had received confirmation that no election had been called, and the Parish Council are free to co-opt. The Clerk would advertise this with a closing date a week before the September meeting. **Clerk**

27.7 To discuss – Live streaming of Parish Council meetings and the associated cost
Cllr Devine updated that it is possible to live stream via zoom etc. and would bring some costs back to a future meeting. **Cllr Devine**

26/28 Updates from working party leads:

- 28.1 Events – covered above
- 28.2 Parks and Open Spaces – covered above
- 28.3 Finance - None
- 28.4 Section 106

26/29 Planning Applications

To receive, and where appropriate comment on the following applications, including any that have been received since the agenda was issued:

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

Town and Country Planning Act 1990 Appeal Under Section 78

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

The Clerk read out the Parish Councils response sent in February to object.
It was **resolved** to look at this further and respond at the next Parish Council meeting.

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

The Clerk read out the Parish Councils response sent in February to the original application, which was to respond stating 'no comments'.

It was **resolved** to respond again stating 'No comments' to this application.

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 USE OR DEVELOPMENT (PROPOSED)

The lawful use of the property/land for:

Certificate of Lawfulness for proposed use of the annexe as a short term holiday let for no more than 90 days in a calendar year and in accordance with details submitted.

SECOND SCHEDULE (the land)

The property/land known as:

Hill Top Farm Main Street Blidworth NG21 0QL

This Certificate relates to application reference: **26/00627/LDCP**.

Also added : emailed out 15th June

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:	25/01563/FUL
Applicant:	Mr I Guilor
Agent:	Mr Jim Nye
Proposal:	Extension to workshop, ancillary lean-to store, staff mess facilities and associated canopies.
Site Address:	Desman Engineering Ltd Burma Road Blidworth NG21 0RT

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

All noted

26/30 To note – Correspondence received

All relevant correspondence sent out via email

The First Aid Course on offer by Newark Community First Aid for Tuesday 23rd June was to cancelled due to the lack of interest.

26/31 To note – The date of the next Parish Council Meeting – 16th July 2026 at Blidworth Library and any items for inclusion on the agenda – Parish Councillors to let the Clerk know.

8pm - A 10 minute comfort break was held. Cllr Duffy left the meeting.

26/32 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 9.06pm

Signed as a true record: _____ Date: _____