

BLEASBY PARISH COUNCIL



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MINUTES of Bleasby Parish Council Meeting

Monday 14 November 2022 at 7.30 pm, in Bleasby Village Hall

Present: Cllrs Coombs (In the Chair), Roscoe, Dunseath, Winn, McCormick, Andersen and Wallin

In Attendance: Lynda Ogilvie, Locum Clerk, Cllr S Saddington (NCC), Cllr R Blaney (NSDC) and two members of the public

Chair welcomed everyone and opened the meeting at 7.30 pm.

As Cllr Roscoe had to leave early some Agenda items were taken out of order, but the Minutes have been kept to the original Agenda. Cllr Roscoe left the meeting at 7.40 pm

1. Apologies

There were no apologies, as all Councillors were present.

2. Declarations of Interest

There were no Declarations of Interest

3. Minutes of the Meeting held on 10 October 2022

These were approved as a Correct Record and signed.

4. Public Participation

Matters raised included the lack of support in organising events. There is no obvious solution to this, it comes down to the enthusiasm of residents and this tends to go in 'waves'.

The problem of the grips on High Cross, which have now become overgrown again, was raised. Also, the need for interactive speed signs in Bleasby. Cllr Saddington said she would put these forward for action.

5. District/County Council Reports

Cllr Blaney mentioned that the district council is offering a free oak tree to each parish, and hoped that Bleasby will receive one.

The application for a LDC at The Anchorage had been refused. The applicant may now apply for full planning permission

Cllr Blaney will be arranging a meeting with Network Rail which Robert Jenrick MP will attend. Representatives from local villages will be invited, and he will confirm the date in due course.

Cllr Saddington referred to an email she had sent regarding maternity services in the County and asks that this be circulated as widely as possible.

The footpath from the village hall is in a very poor state and requires repair. Cllr Saddington will investigate options.

Cllr Saddington will be holding a musical evening in North Muskham village hall on 25 February and hopes that this will be supported.

6. Finance

a. To approve payments as listed on payment schedule

Unanimously approved.

b. Preliminary budget review, and consideration of Precept for the year commencing 1 April 2023.

The draft was briefly reviewed and a few ideas discussed. Councillors ask to give thought to plans for 2023/24 budget year and table their views either at the next meeting or to the clerk in the interim.

c. Consider spend year to date and plans for expenditure for the remainder of the current budget year.

It was noted that several items of maintenance already approved had not yet been carried out and invoiced. NCC will be invoiced for its contribution to maintenance costs under the Lengthsman Scheme.

d. Any other matters appertaining to finance.

It was noted that all VAT paid to date in the current year of £460.18 had been claimed from and repaid by HMRC.

7. Planning

There were no planning applications for consideration

8. Correspondence

Email had been received regarding the poor state of the footpath leading from near the Village Hall. This was raised with Cllr Saddington, who will investigate options.

9. Village website – update on replacement administrator(s)

No progress has been made so far on finding a replacement for the retiring administrator.

10. Notice board at Goverton – update

Cllr Andersen had spoken to several residents at Goverton and the consensus is that a notice board should be sited near the seat. Cllr Coombs to follow up.

11. Update on Station Adoption Scheme

No report available.

12. Land and Assets

a. Jubilee Ponds

A 'No Swimming' sign has been purchased and will be installed.

Gravel – Cllr Coombs will arrange delivery

b. Glebe Field

Nothing to report

c. Ferry End

Ulyetts to be asked to quote for removing the willow adjacent to the river

13. Village Projects Update

a. Gypsy Lane

Cllr Coombs proposed, second by Cllr Andersen that VIA be approached re installing kerbing in front of the pub to protect the dyke and verge. Locum Clerk to action

b) Orchard Close

Members discussed planting cherry trees in the new planters. Southwell Garden Centre has indicated that they should be able to source something suitable, but it was noted that the space available in the planters is very limited and this factor must be taken into consideration. Members approved giving Cllr Roscoe authority to source suitable trees for the planters.

14. Green Spaces Working Group Update

a. Grasshoppers update

Group continues to meet every 3rd Saturday, and on other occasions as necessary.

15, Christmas lights switch on - confirmation of the date, and arrangements

The Christmas tree should be delivered on 4 December, and the proposed date for switching on the lights was agreed as 10 December. It was approved that Cllr Roscoe will

proceed with engaging with 'Live and Local' to arrange entertainment, but if this is not possible Carols will be sung round the tree instead.

16. Commemoration of life of HM Queen Elizabeth II – consideration of new tree

The purchase of a wild service tree was approved, to be sited near the entrance of the Jubilee Ponds. Cllr Dunseath will action.

17. Purchase of new bunting

Options were presented, and members agreed the purchase of 100 metres of rectangular, waterproof and tearproof, bunting at a cost of approximately £100+VAT. Locum Clerk to action

18. Consideration of the future of Bleasby News, and village communications

This is an ongoing matter, and future editors have not yet been identified.

19. Glebe Field Play Area Working Group Update

There are a number of difficulties with this, including the need for a planning permission, archaeological considerations, the actual design and funding. In addition, several of the original group of people who proposed this project are no longer involved, including the officer at Notts City Council who was leading the initiative, including seeking funding. No decision was taken as to the future of this project.

20. Agenda items for next meeting

To be with the Locum Clerk at least 7 days prior to the meeting.

21. Date of next meeting – 12 December, 2022

There being no further business, Chair thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting at 9.40 pm.