

BLEASBY PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of Bleasby Parish Council

Monday 13th November 2023 at 7.30 pm, in Bleasby Village Hall

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

In Attendance: Denise Bryant, Clerk, and 11 members of the public

Chair's Welcome

The chair welcomed everyone and opened the meeting at 7.30pm

1. Apologies

Cllr Saddington apologised due to other commitments.

Cllr Melton apologised due to illness.

2. Declarations of Interest

Cllr Coombs declared an interest in planning application 23/00115/FULM.

3. Minutes of the meeting held on 9th October 2023

These were accepted as a Correct Record and signed by the Chair.

4. Public Participation

Bleasby FAG (Flood Action Group) reported that lots of volunteers had been working all week. Feedback post the flood was reviewed the following week with flood volunteers and local residents presenting their views. 4 key areas were identified that PC would be asked to address with the relevant authorities. FAG are producing a report that will contain details and action points. This to be presented at the next meeting.

A member of the public expressed concern about flooding and pump issues. Severn Trent's lack of response was noted. The council were asked to assist and liaise with Cllrs Saddington and Melton.

A member of the public requested a multi-agency (NCC, NSDC, EA, Severn Trent and IDB) meeting as the last meeting had made several improvements. Asked the Council to arrange another multi-agency meeting as there was a need for further flood alleviation measures.

A member of the public thanked the Council for providing the resilience store which was useful. Cllr Coombs acknowledged the thanks but stressed the need for resilience within each household.

A member of the public asked about the culverts as they need to be cleaned by NCC. Cllr Saddington to be notified.

It was decided that ownership of all local waterways need to be identified and each waterway cleared. Cllr Wallin to progress.

A member of the public asked if the Council could procure 20 more poppies for next year. This was agreed and poppies would be procured when they were available.

5. District/County Council Reports

As the County and District councillors were not present, no reports were heard.

6. Finance

a. To approve payments as listed on payment schedule if any.

All payments were approved.

b. To receive and approve bank reconciliation and bank statement.

The bank statement and reconciliation were received, approved, and signed.

c. Progress of Unity Bank Application for additional signatories

Letters were still be awaited from Unity. Cllr Morgan agreed to phone Unity to progress and report back to the next meeting.

d. To arrange preliminary budget review leading to precept review for coming year
Cllr Andersen undertook to review the draft budget.

e. Any other matters appertaining to finance.

The clerk's pay increase had been agreed by the Unions and therefore needed to be approved by the Council. This was approved unanimously.

7. Co-option of Rebecca Lax

Due to a change in circumstances, this is not possible.

8. Planning

a. 23/01695/FUL Change of use to Annexe, Little Rudsey Farm, High Cross
Councillors unanimously voted to object due to the change of use would adversely impact the area and cause an increase in traffic. They also expressed concern about water pressure.

b. 23/01741/S73M Application for variation of condition 2 (approved plans) to reposition a section of boundary fence to retain existing wildlife area attached to planning permission 22/02253/FULM.

Councillors unanimously voted to support this application.

c. 23/00115/FULM Change of use of land to equestrian and erection of new stable building (part retrospective)

Cllr Coombs left the room as he had declared an interest.

The remaining councillors unanimously voted to support this application.

d. Any other matters appertaining to planning including decisions.

The Council considered the amended application for The Acre 23/01578/FUL. The Council wished to confirm that they felt there was no difference between the amendments to the applications and wished to draw attention to the fact that the property is in flood zone 2 and there are insufficient flood mitigations.

e. Any other items notified to Bleasby Parish Council prior to this meeting and requiring submission of comments before the following scheduled Parish Council meeting.

There were no other items.

9. Correspondence

a. Southwell Rotary offer of Defib Training for village (Harold Huxtable)

The council is waiting of dates to be confirmed for the training. The council also noted that the defibrillator batteries and pads had been inspected by Cllr Coombs and were in good order.

b. Increased circulation of Bleasby News.

It was voted unanimously that the print run should be increased to 365.

10. Update on matters from previous meetings

a. Grip improvements and horse signs on High Cross

The council had received a quotation for Ulyett to clear the grips. This was accepted unanimously by the councillors. The Clerk to notify Ulyett and liaise with Peter Cast, Cllr Coombs and Via.

b. Interactive speed sign.

Cllr Roscoe to liaise with Via and ensure the sign is moved.

c. Notice board at Goverton.

Cllr Coombs renovating the original noticeboard.

d. Speedwatch at Bleasby, speed survey at Bleasby

Cllr Morgan to procure guns etc to set up Speedwatch. Council voted approval of the expenditure unanimously. Email use by Councillors to be done later.

e. Village Survey on village-entrance signs

The council agreed to source to village entrance signs. Cllr Morgan agreed to submit a LIS application for match funding. Clerk to send potential supplier details to Cllr Coombs.

f. Lengthsman in Bleasby

Cllr Coombs and Jo Dunseath met with GreenOak Gardening Services to agree Lengthsman duties and therefore enable a quote to be produced. Quote is currently being produced and is awaited.

g. Village Electricity generation on the weir – a village project

Deferred to next meeting due to Cllr Melton not being present.

h. Xmas Tree and light switch on with Christmas trees.

The Light Switch on is scheduled for 9th December at 5.30pm. Small Christmas stalls will be in the church and mulled wine and mince pies will be served. Cllr Coombs reported that the 25' Christmas tree would cost £624 including delivery. The council voted unanimously to approve this expenditure.

11. Bleasby Proposed Cycle Route

Cllr Roscoe met with Fiskerton cum Morton councillors and Notts CC/Via and presented the proposed cycle map. The objective is to make it safer for cycle riders and horses. A further meeting is to be scheduled with the NCC Rights of Way team.

12. Flood Action Report

The draft report was presented in the public representation section.

13. Land and Assets

- a. Jubilee Ponds – nothing further to report.
- b. Glebe Field – nothing further to report
- c. Ferry End - nothing further to report.

14. Village Projects Update

- a. Gypsy Lane progress- painting project deferred due to rain.

15. Green Spaces Working Group Update

- a. Grasshoppers update – all recent activities had been rained off and so nothing was reported.

16. Agenda items for next meeting

No further items were noted.

17. Date of next meeting – 11th December 2023.

There being no further business, the Chair thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting at 21.41 pm.

***I declare that the above is a true account of the meeting held on 13th November 2023
(approved at PC Meeting held on 11th December 2023)***

Signed

Date

Chair

Bleasby Parish Council

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