

# BLEASBY PARISH COUNCIL



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## Minutes of Bleasby Parish Council

Monday 9 October 2023 at 7.30 pm, in Bleasby Village Hall

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

Cllr Sue Saddington arrived at 19.54pm

**In Attendance:** Denise Bryant, Clerk, and 0 members of the public

### Chair's Welcome

The chair welcomed everyone and opened the meeting at 7.30pm

#### 1. Apologies

To receive apologies for absence and approve reasons.  
Cllr Melton apologised due to holidays.

#### 2. Declarations of Interest

To receive disclosures of pecuniary and non-pecuniary interests pursuant to section 31 Localism Act 2011 from councillors on matters considered at this meeting.  
No declarations were received.

#### 3. Minutes of the meeting held on 11<sup>th</sup> September 2023

These were accepted as a Correct Record and signed.

#### 4. Public Participation

Members of the public to ask questions or make observations to the Council.

No members of the public present

#### 5. To receive reports from Nottinghamshire County Councillor and Newark and Sherwood District Councillor

Cllr Saddington reported that she is chasing a response from Network Rail regarding the ongoing issue with the barriers.

Cllr Saddington informed the council of the pre-consultation from Newark Hospital. Cllr Saddington is the Chair of the Health Scrutiny committee. The Chair and Vice-chair of the committee visited Newark Hospital and were shown the new operating theatre and associated rooms. This will increase the hospital's capacity by 2,500 operations per annum. Two additional rooms have been made into mini operating theatres.

The issue is the ongoing closure of the Urgent Treatment Centre at night. Temporary permission was granted for the hospital's opening hours being 9.00am -21.30pm. Cllr Saddington informed the council that the Newark A&E unit had closed due to lack of staff and equipment, and the fact that on average only 2 people per night using the service. The closure was originally temporary, but the hospital has requested that this be continued and therefore this is the requirement for the consultation. Cllr Saddington is to attend each of the public

consultations, and she urges people to attend the public consultations so they can learn more of the situation and voice their opinions.

**Future meetings are:**

Thursday 12 October 2023, 11am – 12 noon, North Muskham Community Centre, Nelson Lane, Newark, NG23 6HL. This is a face-to-face meeting.

The second online event is taking place on Saturday 14 October 2023 from 10am – 11.30am via Microsoft Teams. Here is a [link](#) to attend the event.

Cllr Saddington left at 20.23pm

**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

The clerk reported that the application had now been signed by all necessary councillors and had been submitted to Unity. Cllr Coombs, Cllr Winn and Cllr Morgan should now expect letters to their homes within the next 10 days.

d. Any other matters appertaining to finance.

The council noted receipt of precept of £9,341.50 and bank interest of £80.45.

**7. Planning**

a. 23/01578/FUL Erection of 1 dwelling at The Acre, Main Street, Bleasby NG14 7GH  
The Council debated this and notes that they were in receipt of email objections from members of the public. Practicality, location, visual amenity were all negative views. The council voted unanimously to object. The council have prepared a report detailing their objections which is to be sent with the Council's objection.

b. Any other matters appertaining to planning including decisions.

23/01695/FUL Change of use of storage/offices to Annexe at Little Rudsey Farm, High Cross Goverton. Consultation request received on 6<sup>th</sup> October and therefore not on this meeting's agenda. Response required by 27<sup>th</sup> October. The Council are to ask for an extension allowing this to be fully discussed at the November meeting.

**8. Correspondence**

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

The Council decided to organise training courtesy of Southwell Rotary and have contacted them to ascertain dates available. To be discussed at the November meeting.

**9. Update on matters from previous meetings**

a. Grip improvements and horse signs on High Cross

Ulyett Landscapes are being approached to provide a quotation for the clearing of the grips on High Cross. Following the completion of this work, further communication with NCC Highways will take place to formulate a more long-term solution.

b. Interactive speed sign

Cllr Roscoe to liase with Will Atkinson at VIA EM to get the sign moved.

It was reported to the Council that the barrier on high Cross has been painted yellow.

The clerk to contact NCC highways to ascertain why this has happened.

c. Notice board at Goverton

The S115 license has been approved by Notts CC and was then duly signed by the Chair and Vice-Chair of the Council enabling the noticeboard to be erected as detailed in the license.

d. Speedwatch at Bleasby, speed survey at Bleasby

PC Richard Dunn met with Cllr Morgan. All locations have been identified and approved. Cllr Morgan to send out emails requesting volunteers (minimum of 10 required). The next step will be to procure the necessary equipment.

Cllr Morgans also discussed parking at the school near railway. PC Dunn to view the situation on a school day.

e. Email use by Councillors – Clerk update

The quotation for £110 for the acquisition of the official Bleasby-pc.gov.uk for 2 years and the per annum charge of £49.99 for email hosting was unanimously approved. Clerk to order. Cllr Morgan to assist with set up.

f. Village Survey on village-entrance signs

The survey had 78 respondents. All the results have been collated into a summary report. Cllr Coombs to send Clerk the survey results which will be sent out via the village website to inform the village of the results of the survey.

Actions arising from the survey will be discussed at next meeting to which parishioners will be invited.

g. Mowing regime in Bleasby (parishioner concern)

The clerk reported that there had been 11 cuts of Glebe Field over the summer.

It was decided to increase the amount of maintenance of the general village environment. Clerk to organise a meeting with a contractor with Michael Coombs to discuss a formal Lengthsman arrangement.

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

Cllr Coombs explained the background to the project. This to be discussed with Cllr Melton upon his return at the November meeting.

## **10. Bleasby Proposed Cycle Route**

Meeting to be arranged with Cllr Roscoe, the Clerk, VIA EM and Cllr Saddington.

The bridge over the dyke near the railway bridge needs to be replaced. Cllr Saddington to be informed by Cllr Morgan.

## **11. Openreach Ultrafast Broadband**

Cllr Roscoe to contact Openreach regarding the Bleasby residents who cannot register for their voucher.

## **12. Land and Assets**

a. Jubilee Ponds

Busy and really well used. However, nothing to report.

b. Glebe Field

Christmas Tree Light up day and event for stall holders. Date proposed is 9<sup>th</sup> December for Christmas tree light switch on and Christmas Fair in the Village Hall. Tree to be installed a few days before. Cllr Coombs to organise.

c. Ferry End

Nothing to report. Future project could be to screen the car park with a tight hedge. Hawthorn or Blackthorn. Cllr Melton to be approached at the next meeting.

### **13. Village Projects Update**

a. Gypsy Lane progress.

Paint has been bought by Cllr Morgan. Volunteers needed to paint the fence. Cllr Morgan to organise. Before painting, all posts need to be brushed down to remove green mould etc.

### **14. Green Spaces Working Group Update**

Grasshopper volunteers cleared the area around the carved bench on Jubilee Ponds during the Sept meet up in preparation for the Nature event.

Oct 7th -Bleasby Nature Day organised by Grasshoppers and BPC was a big success.

- Families from the parish came together to help build a giant bug hotel at Jubilee Ponds
- Participants constructed around 40 bird boxes from pre-prepared templates along with several mini-bug hotels to take home to their own gardens. All wood was donated by Cllr Coombs who made all the bird box pre-prepared templates.
- A team of birding experts helped introduce visitors to the ornithology of Jubilee Ponds
- A bat walk was organised during the evening and at least 6 different species of bats were detected at Jubilee Ponds and the field behind St Marys.

The event proved to be very popular and there were many requests for more events of this sort. Bleasby Grasshoppers would like Bleasby Parish Council to consider engaging a contractor who could help with the routine grass/hedge cutting around the ponds so that the volunteers can focus on specific conservation and restorative projects as well as enabling us to provide more 'nature' themed events that would benefit the community.

Quotations to be sourced to achieve the above.

### **15. Agenda items for next meeting**

Co-option of Rebecca Lax

### **16. Date of next meeting – 13th November 2023.**

There being no further business, the Chair thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting at 21.46 pm.

***I declare that the above is a true account of the meeting held on 9<sup>th</sup> October 2023 (approved at PC Meeting held on 13<sup>th</sup> November 2023)***

***Signed***

***Date***

***Chair***

***Bleasby Parish Council***

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