



BLEASBY PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of Bleasby Parish Council

Monday 13 March 2023 at 7.30 pm, in Bleasby Village Hall

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

In Attendance: Denise Bryant, Clerk, Cllr R Blaney (NSDC), Cllr S Saddington (NCC) arrived at 20.45 and two members of the public

Chair's Welcome

Chair welcomed everyone and opened the meeting at 7.30

1. Apologies

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllrs Dunseath and McCormick
Cllr Andersen and Cllr Saddington apologised as they would be late

2. Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

3. Minutes of the meeting held on 13 February 2023

These were accepted as a correct record and signed.

4. Public Participation

A member of the public asked about progress on grips. Cllr Coombes responded that this would be covered later in the meeting.

5. District/County Council Reports

Cllr Blaney reported that NSDC had declared a 1.94% increase in council tax, but this accounted for only 8% of the tax levy so the total increase would be higher.

Cllr Blaney also reported that the Acre development and the Tree works were being closely monitored. The Parish Council is keen to ensure that this remained a focus given its impact on the Bleasby parish conservation area.

Brown bins collection was discussed. Only one collection took place in February. The Council requested a second collection in February going forwards. Cllr Blaney will raise this.

Cllr Saddington (arrived at 20.45 pm)

Cllr Saddington reported NCC are progressing the pothole repairs but highlighted that it was challenging.

Cllr Saddington also reported that the installation of the interactive sign in Gibsmere was being considered.

Cllr Saddington reported that the Council had received correspondence stating that EMR had agreed to put an electric sign at Castle Station in Newark. Cllr Saddington asked that similar signs in the villages be considered in the future.

Cllr Saddington confirmed that NCC are donating £200 to the Coronation celebrations in Bleasby.

Cllr Andersen asked about initiatives to stop litter being thrown out of cars. Cllr Saddington suggested that BPC have a litter pick on the volunteering day.

Cllr Coombes asked about the footpath to North Farm, as whilst some of it has been repaired to a good standard, it is not fully complete. Clerk to liaise with Cllr Saddington who will communicate with the Highways Department.

The Avenue of trees still needs to be resolved. Clerk to progress with the VIA.

6. Finance

a. To approve payments as listed on payment schedule

The payment list, as circulated, was approved.

b. Any other matters appertaining to finance

None

7. Planning –

a. 23/00277/HOUSE

Archways, Borrow Bread Lane. Replace window with bi-folds and brick up existing kitchen door and attached side windows.

No objection raised.

b. 22/02253/FULM

Bleasby C of E School, Station Road, Bleasby. Proposed new boundary fence

BPC wish to support but wish to raise an issue in that it is vital that the Dykes can be serviced by the IDB. The positioning of the fence needs to facilitate that and BPC would like to ask that IDB are consulted.

c. Any other matters appertaining to planning

Additional planning item. The application for the field shelter and menage at East Hall, Main Street has been amended. Closing date is 23rd March. Cllr Coombes to circulate this to fellow councillors for comment which will be communicated to NSDC.

8. Correspondence, if any

No Correspondence received.

9. Conservation area – Attendance of NSDC Conservation Officer

Conservation officer to attend in April meeting if possible. Clerk to liaise.

10. To Approve wording on new notice board at School in connection with access to children out of hours

Cllr Roscoe presented a draft of the sign. Cllr Roscoe to confirm this with the headmistress and the BSA. Cllr Roscoe to progress and source quotes. Bleasby PC will approve the quote and fund.

11. Update on matters from previous meetings

a) Grips on High Cross

Cllr Coombes' engineer can produce the drawing but the engineer is not certified to do the works as it needs a drainage engineering specialist. Cllr Coombes to identify a specialist drainage engineer. Parish Council to continue to chase VIA to see if they can assist with specialist engineers.

A site meeting will be held with an engineer from VIA to progress this.

b) Interactive speed sign

Cllr Saddington progressing this.

Suggestion to have a Speeding Action Group. Suggested agenda item for future meeting is to ask the Speedwatch team from Thurgarton to come and address the council.

c) Notice board at Goverton

Clerk contacted Via to see if they had any issues with proposed siting. Clerk to chase. Cllr Coombes would wish to be present when VIA visit the site. The landowner will be emailed to say we are progressing it.

d) Tree to commemorate life of HM Queen Elizabeth II
A wild service tree has now been planted at Jubilee ponds. Plaque to be sourced later.

The Council will also consider additional plaques to commemorate villagers who have added value to the village.

12. Update on projects/events to mark Coronation

Road closure forms completed. The Parish Council should now approach people who will be affected by the road closure to gain their agreement. This will be done through house-to-house visits as signatures are needed and this must be done by 1st April. Cllrs Roscoe and Winn are to be supplied with the forms and they will progress.

A letter will be sent to all households whose drives are impacted to inform them of precise arrangements and timings and contact details for emergencies.

Cllr Coombes informed the Council that on 28th April, AJ Beckett are setting up the Sky dish and the projector for the Coronation screening in the Church. A hog roast has been organised.

A Coronation Flag will be procured.

13. Land and Assets

a. Jubilee Ponds

An Easter Trail at the Jubilee ponds has been organised and agreed by the Parish Council.

b. Glebe Field

Cllr Anderson has given information to the Bleasby resident regarding the potential play area.

c. Ferry End

Benches – composite bench design to be confirmed and subsequently 2 benches will be ordered.

Crack willows at Ferry End. 2 contractors have assessed the trees in question and have sent in quotes. Further quotes are being sourced.

d. Maintenance programme for coming year – to consider and approve quote from Ulyetts

The current quote will be clarified.

14. Village Projects Update

a. Gypsy Lane – to consider options following email from VIA

Clerk has chased VIA. Via don't believe installing kerb stones are a viable solution. The Council decided that a site meeting should be held to clarify potential solutions.

15. Green Spaces Working Group Update

a. Grasshoppers update

The tree to commemorate the life of The Queen has been planted. Activities are ongoing including work on Jubilee Pond and Ferry End.

16. Village Website – update on replacement administrator(s)

To be discussed next month.

17 Agenda items for next meeting

Thurgarton Speedwatch group visit

Further items to be sent to the Clerk for the next meeting

18. Date of next meeting –17 April 2023

Annual Parish Meeting to be held on 26th April.

There being no further business. Chair thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting at 21.30 pm.