

BLEASBY PARISH COUNCIL**MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD MONDAY 14th JANUARY 2019 7.30pm
IN BLEASBY VILLAGE HALL**

MEMBERS PRESENT	MEMBERS PRESENT	MEMBERS ABSENT
Cllr. P. Cast	Cllr. C. Foster	
Cllr. M. Coombs	Cllr. C. Gent	
Cllr. A. Dunning	Cllr. S. Andersen	

Also present eight members of the public.

In attendance: NCC Cllr S. Saddington & Locum Clerk, Lynn Holland

Chair, Cllr P Cast, apologised to the meeting for omitting in error an agenda item on the village hall car park. However it was pointed out that it had been agreed to delay a possible LIS application for grant funding until 2020.

BPC 19-693 Apologies – acceptance and approval.

All Councillors were present.

BPC 19-694 Questions and petitions from the public

- The Chair welcomed a relatively new Bleasby resident who had only been in village for a few months.
- A member of the public expressed thanks for the previous minutes being available quickly following the meeting.
- Poor recycling in general, and especially that of plastics, was identified and it was felt both NCC & N&SDC should improve the services they offer re ability to recycle certain items. It was agreed that the Parish Council would write to both the principal authorities requesting that more be done towards recycling.
- The Chair explained that the omission of Village Hall carpark item from the agenda was because, following on from the recent questionnaire being completed, there was to be a meeting of the Steering Group to consider the results and then a working group of the Parish Council would meet to consider the implications of the results prior to setting the precept for 2019/2020. An extension to the deadline for submitting the precept to N&SDC had been agreed thus the precept would be approved at the February Council meeting.

BPC 19-695 Reports from County & District Councillors.**Cllr. S. Saddington NCC –**

- Special appreciation was given for the input of Bleasby School re the NCC Christmas Activities. Its success has been deemed the best “switch on” with the children initially singing carols outside and the spearheading the countdown for switching the lights on. Then they were invited into Chairman’s Office where even more carols were sung and

each child was presented with a “goody bag” sponsored by Veolia. A good time was had by all.

- Highways England were improving safety and slip roads at 3 main Newark roundabouts until July 2019. This was more about safety improvements rather than traffic management.
- Long term improvements required £260million from the Government before Highways England could improve the Newark Road/A1 etc.
- Farndon – planning application for a new hotel which would also contribute to traffic chaos.
- LIS Grant Improvement Scheme – there may be changes due to amount of savings which have to be made; this also applies to Members’ divisional fund going forward. At the moment Cllr Saddington had some funding still available and would ensure it was distributed fairly, noting Bleasby required new signage, be it public footpath signs or otherwise.
- Recycling – Cllr Saddington suggested the PC contacted Cllr Jackson at N&SDC who was lead on recycling.

Cllr. R Blaney N&SDC

- Not in attendance owing to recent operation.

BPC 19-696 Declaration of Interests

Nothing to declare.

BPC 19-697 Agenda items determined as Private & Confidential

Approved agenda item 19/702 second item re “future role of Parish Clerk etc.” to be considered under Confidential .

BPC 19-698 Presentation and approval of minutes of the meeting held on 10th December 2018.

Minutes of meeting held 10th December 2018 approved & signed. (noting Cllr. S.Andersen was absent from the meeting and therefore did not vote.)

BPC 19-699 Matters arising from the minutes not included in this agenda

- There was a query re people living permanently on board boats regarding which the enquirer had been advised to redirect the observation to N&SDC, as would the Parish Council.
- The purchase of two additional 10 metre Christmas lights confirmed but yet to be purchased.

BPC 19-700 Land & Assets:

- **Jubilee Ponds** – there was a working group to undertake various tree works in Centenary Wood. Cllr. AD was awaiting feedback re use of equipment.

- **Ferry End** – This was now officially owned by the Parish Council right down to the water's edge. Re trees – contractors may be required due to the nature of the work; the information board requires repairing and notices need to be removed.
- **Lengthsman Scheme** – to consider progress on tendering process for Lengthsman and contractor programme. Agreed mowing regime should be in place by March (possibly contactor initially with a view for further consideration re ongoing tender process).
- **Council contractor's scheme of works for January** – 2 people were meeting up to discuss this and would update PC afterwards.

BPC 19-701 Update from Support Groups.

- **Neighbourhood Watch Group** – Updates from Insp. H. Sutton were deemed to be first class and all were in support of them.
- **Flood Action Group** – next meeting Tuesday. NCC would hopefully be attending a follow-on meeting & giving their support to initiatives and ideas presented by the group.
- **Countryside and Footpaths Group** – more walk leaders were required. Next walk scheduled for 20th January 2019 starting from Thurgarton Village Hall.
- **Events Group** – feedback deemed Christmas activities were marvellous and generated more volunteers, which was a good sign of public engagement.

BPC 19-702 To confirm necessary administrative arrangements arising from the resignation of the Clerk to Parish Council.

The Chair thanked Cllr. C. Gent for producing the financial statements.

Approved the following:

- **Cllr C Gent to manage ongoing finance**
- **Cllr. S Andersen to be the Responsible Financial Officer (RFO)**
- **L. Holland to attend meetings & produce minutes.**
- **Cllr. P Cast to be the Communications Officer.**

2nd item "To consider any future role of a Parish Clerk & subsequent course of action" to be moved to Private & Confidential.

BPC 19-703 Finance:

- a) Receive payments and receipts report for December and breakdown of total receipts for the year to date.**
- b) Receive bank reconciliation for December.**
- c) To receive payments/receipt over budget report.**
- d) To consider approval of back-dated payment for peppercorn rent of flood-store site.**
- e) To consider approval of payment for Parish Plan Consultation & Christmas event expenses.**
- f) To approve additional payments if any.**
- g) To approve & sign payment schedule for January.**

- h) To sign cheques for approved payments.
- i) To approve change of correspondence address for Unity Bank to Cllr. P.Cast and update of authority levels for Cllr. P.Cast to allow triple signatories and to sign bank summary of charges.

Approved the following:

- Bank balance £17,349.24 - December Income £11.66; Expenditure £972.43
- Approved payments £972.43
- Additional payments £293.35 (noting NALC payment to be made April 2019 as it was subscriptions from 1st April 2019).
- Cheques duly signed.
- Item re peppercorn rent not approved but agreed to have a meeting to negotiate the matter due to fact the payment requested was £10 per month backdated to 2015.
- Parish Plan & Christmas event expenses as per additional payments list.
- Items re Unity Bank approved in full.

BPC 19-704 Update on Parish Plan on-line questionnaire.

Steering Group to meet to consider responses. Whilst generally low response in numbers there was a good response from those who actually attended consultation sessions.

BPC 19-705 Planning

No planning applications to consider.

N & S D C decisions

Planning Ref.	Address	Details	N & S D C decision
18/02021/FUL	Barns adjacent Picknill Play Gibsmere	Demolition of modern steel farm buildings etc.	Permission granted
18/02003/FUL	Pear Tree House	Rear ground floor	Permission granted
18/01963/FUL	22 Manor Close	Removal of single storey garage to form new living etc.	Permission granted
18/01439/CPRIOR	Bonds Farm Gypsy Lane	COU agricultural to one dwelling etc.	Permission granted

BPC 19-706 To consider NALC election timetable. Noted.

BPC 19-707 To consider officially joining East Midlands Train Station Adoption Project.

Member of public interested in joining scheme. **Approved Parish Council support in principle but membership not to be in name of Parish Council but that of the individual.**

BPC 19-708 Update on considerations re Parish Website.

Resident welcomed at beginning of meeting would assist with developing website.

Approved & resident thanked for offer.

BPC 19-709 Correspondence received:

- VIA – Great North Road temporary closure on A46 roundabout
- Notts Police & Crime Commissioner Newsletter.
- Newsletter from MP, R. Jenrick
- Updates from Inspector Heather Sutton
- National Flood Forum Bulletin
- VIA Interactive speed sign to be installed January 2019.

BPC 19-710 Item for next month's agenda:

Presentation by F4RN Representatives.

PRECEPT 2019/2020

BPC 19-711 Date of Next Meeting

11th February 2019

Meeting ended 10.15pm

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PRIVATE & CONFIDENTIAL MATTERS DISCUSSED AT BLEASBY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

14th January 2019

19-702 "To consider any future role of a Parish Clerk & subsequent course of action"

Working Group to consider this matter & report back to next full Council meeting.