

BLEASBY PARISH COUNCIL

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Meeting of Bleasby Parish Council held remotely by zoom on Monday 8th March 2021 at 7.30 pm

Present Cllrs; S Andersen, M Coombs, A McCormick, J Dunseath, N Winn, S Roscoe, R Walin

Also in attendance NCC Cllr S Saddington, Clerk K Green and 2 members of the public

MINUTES

BPC 2021-038 Receive and accept apologies for absence- none

BPC 2021-039 Declaration of Members' Interests in Agenda Items- none

BPC 2021-040 Receive Questions from the Public a resident asked that is there an update for the ivy on the tree and the hedge? Chair spoken to resident and awaits response. **Chair to obtain quote for works.** £600 has been allocated for the hedge work and the resident owner of the hedge knows it's ready to be done, we await the owner doing the work. No update on VIA runoff works on Main street. **Chair to write to resident**

BPC 2021-041 Receive reports from Nottinghamshire County Councillor and Newark and Sherwood District Councillor NCC Cllr Saddington told the meeting the network rail meeting went ahead, Chair Thanked Cllr Saddington for setting up the Parish meeting. Network Rail have not responded to the Chair since the meeting. Network rail said there were only 6 incidents registered with them as they only know when the trains are inconvenienced. **Please every time the barriers go wrong make a note and pass to the Chair, Clerk or Cllr Saddington to make a log of incidents. Note to go in Bleasby News**

There is funding for a feasibility study for Kelham Bridge bypass

Await Highways officers to deal with run off issue on Main Street. Cllr Saddington will chase

Cllr Saddington stated that for footpaths to be made into a Bridleways/Cycleways **Clerk should write to Neil Lewis and Joanne Horton and Gary wood at NCC rights of way for advice regarding Quiet lanes, allowing cyclists to have right of way. Council will put together a plan for April's meeting for Clerk to send**

BPC 2021-042 Approve Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 8th February 2021

Proposal to approve the Minutes

Proposed Cllr Andersen Seconded Cllr Winn

All Agreed

BPC 2021-043 Receive Payment and Receipts report and consider the approval of any further additional payments to be made and add to the schedule. Sign any cheques required for payment

Approve Payments- GiffGaff Phone credit £6

Clerks Wages £ 264.78

Eon Electricity £14.53

Bank Card charges £3

NSDC Dog bins £187.20

NSDC Dog bin Goverton £62.40

HMRC PAYE £264.80

Proposal to approve the payments

Proposed Cllr Andersen Seconded Cllr Wallin

All Agreed

BPC 2021-044 Approve Actual v Budget and Bank Reconciliation

Proposal to approve the documents

Proposed Cllr Andersen Seconded Cllr McCormick

All Agreed

BPC 2021-045 Planning Applications none to date

Planning Application Decisions none to date

Tree works – 21/00432/TWCA Lake View Borrow Bread Lane crown Eucalyptus Noted

BPC 2021-046 Village Plan Projects, Orchard Close and Gypsy Lane

- a) **Update from VIA and the County Council on meeting on site-** there has been a meeting on site and had a positive meeting
- b) **Update Orchard Close project- Council representatives agreed with NCC officer to look at the suggested plan Council has put forward. Cllr Roscoe will send a layout.**
- c) **Update Gypsy Lane project- Council representatives agreed with NCC Officer to have post and rail as is in situ. Officer will work out works required for the highway regulations for June 2021**

Council will produce a questionnaire for residents on the proposals

BPC 2021-047 Land and Assets

- a) **Jubilee Ponds nature engagement focus group** – the group told the meeting that they have met and come up with a lot of ideas. The first 4 ideas to begin with is: produce maps with different trails around the site, install a bench, 6 packs consisting of one pair of binoculars and field guides available for residents to borrow from around the village to be returned after use. Wild Bleasby Facebook page to inform the village what is happening in nature around the ponds and other areas

Proposal to move the spare bench to Jubilee ponds

Proposed Cllr Dunseath Seconded Cllr Andersen

All Agreed

Proposal to buy 6 kits for £300

Proposed Cllr Dunseath Seconded Cllr Coombs

All Agreed

- b) **Jubilee Ponds Covid19 restrictions for out of area fishermen**
- c) **NSDC Dog orders Questionnaire- Cllr Andersen to complete the questionnaire on behalf of the Council and email Council to ensure everyone is happy with the answers.**
Council waits for replies to request for residents thoughts on dogs on Jubilee Ponds
- d) **Cycle route- no updates. Council will speak to landowners. Council to look into a quiet lane scheme**
- e) **Key access to wooden notice board- Cllr Coombs is in the process of putting a new lock on the board.**

BPC 2021-048 Tree working group

- a) **Update from Via regarding siting of trees-** Council representatives spoke the NCC about siting of trees towards Gibsmere. **Officer will do some preliminary studies**
Garden Centre suggest Autumn for planting trees. Their quote for a Rootball is £200 per tree or bear root for £100 per tree for a 12ft tree. Council require 6 on Bleasby hill, 6 on the avenue of trees and 2 on Orchard Close (which are LIS funded). Hedgerow trees from 11.99 or sticks for £50. Chair has 50 free trees from NSDC that can be used within hedgerows
- b) **Agree tree plan and costing at the exit of Bleasby and on High Cross- defer**

BPC 2021-049 Greenspaces working group

Council agreed to the formation of a Greenspaces working group to create a 5 year rolling plan for Greenspaces including engaging with residents made up of Cllrs: Dunseath, Roscoe, Coombs, Winn and volunteers

Proposed Cllr Dunseath Seconded Cllr Andersen

All Agreed

BPC 2021-050 Glebe field Play area working group update

1. Update on External Support
 - LC confirmed nothing to report for this meeting, but will provide an update at next month's meeting on whether the Parish Council and this Group seek external support in terms of advice and potential increased funding. Action. LC to give update at the next meeting.
2. Funding
 - SA confirmed no fixed budget has yet to be set for the Play Area, although did point out that the PC has some deposit account funds that could be committed. On-going revenue maintenance costs would also need to be factored in. **Action. SA raise at the next PC meeting.**
 - Additional funding sources were considered.
 - o Family names on play area items etc. For a family contribution of, say, £25, could raise a good contribution.
 - o Sponsorship of different play items. Action Group members asked to consider who could sponsor.
 - o Seek grants for the initiative. See 1. above.
 - o Parish Events – events such as the coming Applefest could contribute. Action. SA raise at the next PC meeting.
3. Scope of the Play Area
 - Agreed the play area to be to the left of the gate entrance to Glebe Field from Gypsy Lane.
 - The area to the left is split into two for the proposed play area.
 - o The far left, where there are a number of trees. A number of the trees are not in good condition and a review of their viability probably needed. **Action SA to find out access requirements through the adjoining gate into the church grounds and to seek advice on the tree's viability.**
 - o The near left – a larger area already comprises some play equipment and bench.
 - o **Action SA to obtain covenant of the purchase of Glebe Field, to check any restrictions on use of the areas above.**
 - Age groups probably for under 10s, although not firmly agreed.
 - The Play Area initiative will aim to compliment the improvement plans for Gypsy Lane.
 - Access to the play area was considered. Whether church car park or Waggon could be approached for use by people going to park to avoid further congestion on Gypsy Lane. This can be linked to the Local Improvement Scheme aims.
 - The Play Area should be to scale and in keeping.
4. Engagement and Consultation
 - The group acknowledged that engagement and communication with Parishioners is critical, to listen to what play area would meet needs and to listen to any concerns.
 - An article will be included in the Spring Edition of the Bleasby News. Action LC to write an article to update the Parish, outlining the broad aims and seeking feedback.
 - The article will also be shown on the Noticeboard, asking for feedback.
 - Agreed need to understand the access requirements of the Inland Drainage Board. Action. Jo Dunseath to give an update for the next meeting.
5. Play Area Options
 - Use of local materials for some of the items was discussed and agreed.
 - A number of items were looked and assessed, identifying potential ones to adopt. Of the pictures discussed I the following were favoured – 1, 2, 4, 5, 8, 10 (perhaps round edge), 11, 12, some kind of mound/hobbit hole preferably with a slide which could point towards orchard so not visible and climbing wall like 26, 23 (could be combined with 5).
 - A draft artist impression to be produced. Action SR to provide for the next meeting.
 - Any moveable objects such as log stalls should be kept to a minimum. Wood yard may be able to assist with these.
6. Date and time of next meeting.
 - Zoom meeting Thursday 4th March 6.30pm. Action SA to send out Zoom meeting request.

Clerk to contact NSDC for pre-planning advice for the Play equipment

BPC 2021 -051 Meeting with Network rail- minutes

Cllr Saddington welcomed attendees and introduced representatives from Network Rail.

Vita Zaporozcenko welcomed attendees on behalf of Network Rail and started the presentation with background information. Nick Taylor explained how Manually Controlled Barriers with Obstacle Detection operate.

Rachel Lowe opened the floor to questions.

Q&A (questions fielded by Chris Smith, Nick Taylor and Rachel Lowe):

- John Robinson asked about the time taken to respond to faults and frequency of inspection;

- Stephen Andersen asked about a failure at Bleasby which lasted over two days. He expressed a particular concern that the member of response staff on the crossing had come from Stoke on Trent;
- Ian Harrison asked about the suitability of contingency arrangements and if they are joined up and suggested a “dry exercise”. This to be arranged through John Robinson and the LRF;
- Tim Harries spoke about the data of recurring faults and the connections between the crossings where more than one crossing is affected by a fault at the same time;
- Robert Lancaster asked about why barriers get “stuck up” Fiskerton and whether there had been any accidents on these crossings. He also asked about a possible education campaign and whether the specification and quality of barriers is fit for purpose;
- Roger Blaney stated that anecdotes locally indicate that there are more faults happening than appear in the data Network Rail has. He also asked about trains at Fiskerton affecting Rolleston crossing;
- Sue Saddington stated she wasn’t sure the parish councillors would be satisfied by this meeting as they hadn’t had guarantees there would be no further faults in the future;

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- Stephen Andersen spoke about the feeling of remoteness in the community when the crossings fail and asked about why we have both Radar and lidar systems on crossings;
 - Sgt Matthew Ward stated that, in general, the police had noticed an improvement and they were getting informed when a failure happened;
 - Robert Lancaster asked about how we communicate with the community and offered to help spread the education message;
 - Andrew Hind talked about the inconvenience caused by the level crossing in Newark;
 - John Cobley raised a number of issues about Staythorpe and said that they had contacted Network Rail with no response. Details to be provided to Vita to enable follow up;
- Sue Saddington closed the meeting reminding parishes to collate “logs” of when crossings fail – or are perceived to fail – to enable investigation and follow up by Network Rail.

Actions:

- VZ to follow up with John Cobley about the various issues raised about Staythorpe;
- VZ to follow up with John Robinson and Ian Harrison regarding interface with the Local Resilience Forum and setting up an emergency exercise;
- VZ to follow up with Stephen Andersen about why response on the day Bleasby level crossing failed came from Stoke on Trent and if this is likely to happen again;
- VZ to follow up with Robert Lancaster about communication materials available to use in the Community

BPC 2021-052 Events Group

- Options for planting of a Christmas Tree** already agreed
- Moneys for events group**
- Bleasby in Bloom and Open Gardens-** will take place as a virtual event
- Additional planters to those being provided for the entrance to Orchard Close-** put at noticeboards, station etc where residents who don’t have a frontage may like to look adopt for a 3 month period
 - Proposal to buy planters for a maximum of £300 Clerk to liaise with events group re purchase**
 - Proposed Cllr Andersen Seconded Cllr Roscoe**
 - All Agreed**
- Compost for school Junior Grow Club-** request for Council to provide funds for School junior grow club Chair has lots of compost if would like
- Plant stall event on the Glebe Field-** virtual sale, residents can make donations Date for April meeting
- Post Covid19 Party event-** ongoing
- Easter Trail event-** ongoing
- Website flyers & posters-** may require some printed material in future

BPC 2021-053 Proposed funding for hanging baskets at Waggon and Horses council discussed

- Proposal to support the hanging baskets at the Waggon and Horses by donating (under S137) £100 to the venue Clerk to contact Landlord with donation**
- Proposed Cllr Andersen Seconded Cllr McCormick**
- All Agreed**

BPC 2021-053 Bleasby Parish Council Mission Statement- Council discussed and agreed to look into the proposal and re-evaluate at the April meeting

BPC 2021-054 Groups reports- Chair and Clerk look into list of groups

BPC 2021-055 Items for the next meeting- TOR for Greenspaces working group, list of working groups, best procedure to remove beech whips

Date of Next Meeting – Monday 12th April 2021

Thank you to Geoff Lester for making the shelves for the telephone box

Thank you to Cllr Coombs for his hard work around the village restoring and renewing council property

Meeting ends at 9.35 pm

I declare that the above is a true record of the meeting

Stephan Andersen.

**Signed
Chair
Bleasby Parish council**

Date 26-3-21