



BLEASBY PARISH COUNCIL

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MINUTES of the meeting held on Monday 11 July 2022 at 7.30 pm, in Bleasby Village Hall

PRESENT; Cllrs M Coombs (In the Chair), S Roscoe, R Wallin, S Andersen, N Winn, J Dunseath (delayed)

IN ATTENDANCE: Cllr R Blaney (NSDC), Cllr S Saddington (NCC), Lynda Ogilvie, Locum Clerk

2 Members of the public

Chair welcomed participants and opened the meeting at 7.30 pm.

1. Apologies

Cllr McCormick send apologies, which were accepted.

2. Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest

3. Approval of Minutes of the meeting held on 13 June 2022

The Minutes of the meeting held on 13 June 2022 were approved as a correct record and signed by Chair.

4. Public Participation

The potholes which had been reported to NCC have now been repaired.

There was some vandalism committed at the Station, and was reported quickly to the police resulting in the culprits being apprehended. The damage has been repaired.

Engagement with the school to display children's art work at the school is ongoing.

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

District Councillor Roger Blaney informed members that Robert Jenrick MP had organised a meeting with Network Rail to discuss the proposal that interactive signs be installed at the stations, and he and Cllr Sue Saddington will be attending.

Cllr Blaney also advised members that there is a possibility that the RAF Red Arrows team may operate from Syerston for a period of time as they relocate to RAF Waddington.

Cllr Blaney also reported that there is a current proposal to install a battery electricity storage system (BESS) at Staythorpe to capture green energy which can then be used as required. There is some local concern about the siting and size of this battery.

Cllr Saddington advised the Council that it would not be possible to provide an additional interactive speed sign because the recent traffic survey had not shown that there was any speeding problem in the village which would trigger this provision. Likewise installing kerbstones near the footpath towards Thurgarton. However, Cllr Saddington will consider including this in her requests for specific projects next year, or alternatively it may be possible for the parish council to apply for an LIS grant for this work.

Chair asked about the bus stop at Gibsmere which needs maintenance, Cllr Saddington confirmed that NCC would need to be contacted to get this done.

6. Finance

a. To approve payments as listed on payment schedule

This was approved.

b. To approve and sign amendments to the Bank Mandate to remove former Clerk and to appoint three councillors as additional signatories

Cllrs Coombs, Winn and McCormick will be added as signatories. This was then approved and signed

(Cllr Dunseath arrived at the meeting at this point)

7. Planning –

a) To consider and comment on the following planning applications:

i) 22/01274/LDC Hazelford Weir/Lock

Members raised the following points on this application:

- It is not clear from the application where the substation will be located
- Concern was expressed about the effect on wildlife when work is undertaken
Locum Clerk will inform the planning department of these comments.

b) Any other planning matters, including decisions

There were no further planning matters for consideration.

8. Update Railway Station Adoption Group

This had been dealt with during item 4 on the Agenda

9. Land and Assets

a. Glebe Field

No matters to report, other than that the new trees are being watered regularly. It was noted that a new bridge has been installed at the back of the Church, and NCC has been thanked for undertaking this work promptly and efficiently.

b. Jubilee Ponds

Members approved the purchase of 10 tons of stone gravel at an approximate cost of £350+VAT.

c. Ferry End

No matters to report.

10. Notice Board at Glebe Field

A key safe has now been attached to the notice board, and members were provided with the code. Another key safe will be obtained for the notice board on the Glebe Field, and consideration will be given to putting one on the electricity cabin.

11. Management of drainage channels

a. Management of High Cross grips

Discussion is taking place with a member of NCC, and the matter is ongoing.

b. Gypsy Lane dyke repairs

Two quotes for this work have been obtained, and members approved the one submitted by Beau Maison Kitchens Limited at £898.50 + VAT

It was requested that when the repair is completed, a letter should be sent to IDB asking that their workforce take care to ensure it is not damaged again.

12. Community School:

a. Gate unlocking –update of locking arrangements

This matter is still to be resolved, but an approach has been made by a person who has indicated that they may be able/willing to help.

- b. Liability update on out of hours school grounds access
No update available yet.

13. Village Projects - To discuss and decide on next steps

- a. Orchard Close

Members agreed the purchase of two barrel-type plastic planters, which will meet the requirements set by VIA. This will be actioned by Locum Clerk.

- b. Gypsy Lane

It was agreed that VIA should be invited to offer a solution to the problem, as they will not approve a fence.

14. Green Spaces Working Group Update

- a. Grasshoppers update

A successful working party was held. It was reported that the strimmer does not work and cannot be repaired, but will not be replaced for the time being.

- c. Review proposed Green Spaces Management Plan

Cllr Dunseath presented the Green Spaces Management Plan, which had been circulated. Cllr Coombs proposed, seconded by Cllr Winn, that this plan be adopted as a policy document – all members voted in favour.

Cllr Dunseath was thanked for her work on this plan, and Locum Clerk was asked to thank the other resident who also contributed greatly to its development.

- d. Review of Risk Assessments

These are in the process of being written.

15. Review of Health and Safety Procedures

Still to be completed

16. Glebe Field Play Area Working Group Update

It has been confirmed that the gate is required to be available for IDB to access dyke so must remain in place.

No response yet on the archaeology requirements.

17. To consider purchase and installation of Christmas lights etc

Members approved the purchase of Christmas lights up to a value of £750

18. Events Group Update

Arrangements for the Bike Fest are in hand – road closure has been approved, and a risk assessment undertaken. However, in view of the extremely hot weather predicted for the day, consideration will be given to postponing the event.

Cllr Roscoe hopes that a 'Last Night of the Proms' event can be arranged, and members agreed financial support for this event up to a limit of £600

Cllr Roscoe proposed, seconded by Cllr Andersen, that four gazebos be purchased at a cost of £125 each.

19. Correspondence

There was no correspondence

20. Update on request for financial assistance to cost of mowing the grass at St Mary's Church.

A meeting with the Church wardens is still to be arranged.

21. Staffing Matters

- a. Recruitment of Clerk

Closing date for applications is 16 July. To date, there have been two people making enquiries.

22. Agenda items for next meeting

Members asked to forward any to Clerk in time for next meeting

23. Date of next meeting – 12 September 2022

There being no further business, Chair thanked everyone for attending, and closed the meeting at 10.00 pm.

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