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Bleasby Parish Council Meeting

Monday 9th November 2026 at 7.30 pm, in Bleasby Village Hall

Present: *Cllr Coombs (in the chair), Cllrs Wallin, Winn, Andersen, Corey and Morgan, Cllr Melton (NSDC), Cllr Saddington (NCC, the clerk and 1 member of the public*

MINUTES

1. **Chair's Welcome**
The Chair welcomed everyone, and the meeting commenced at 7.30pm

2. **Apologies `**
Apologies were received from Cllr Gray.

3. **Declarations of Interest**
None were declared.

4. **Minutes of the meeting held on 12th October 2026**
The minutes of the meeting on 12th October were agreed and voted unanimously.
Signed by the Chair

5. **Public Participation**
A member of the public suggested the Clerk corrects the Parish Council address on Bleasby News as it is incorrect.
A member of the public discussed the circa £12,000 cost incurred by the Village Hall Committee as their contribution to the recent works to the village hall car park. Other amounts were covered by grants etc. It was reported that recent attempts to crowd-fund Village Hall repairs from within the village had been poorly supported. The member of the public therefore brought it to the Parish Council's attention that, for the Village Hall to remain a village community amenity, the Parish Council may have to contribute to the operating costs etc. This was even more relevant given the Parish Council own the Village Hall. It was proposed by Cllr Morgan that this be put on the Parish Council agenda for the December meeting. The Council asked the Clerk to invite members of the Village Hall Committee to attend the December meeting to assist the Parish Council by providing them with background information on the Village Hall running costs and current finances etc.

6. **District/County Council Reports**
Cllr Melton reported that the Government has paused Local Government Reform. This means that elections will be held next for NSDC councillors next year. There will potentially be an election in 2028 for shadow councillors for any unitary authority. The Government are now re-opening deliberations on the shape of a proposed unitary authority within Nottinghamshire.

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Cllr Melton reported that the Neighbourhood Plan funding was to be ratified by NSDC Full Council in December. The funding will be capped at £4,000.
Cllr Melton reported on the first Planning Committee meeting he had attended under the new rules. The Committee have now a far more curtailed agenda as far fewer planning applications are now applicable for Planning Committee consideration.

Cllr Saddington reported that she had had a meeting with the NCC Highways Director and had mentioned the state of various roads in the area. She specifically mentioned the state of the road from Rolleston to Bleasby and the ruts in the road at Gibsmere. She could not commit when they would be repaired, however.
Cllr Saddington committed to make donations towards the cost of a new replacement village bench and the Bleasby Christmas celebrations.

7. Finance

a. To approve payments as listed on payment schedule if any.

The payment schedule was approved by all and signed by the Chair.

b. To receive and approve bank reconciliation

The bank reconciliation was approved and signed by the Chair

c. Preliminary budget review and consideration of 27/28 precept

Cllr Andersen reported that he had considered the budget reports provided by the Clerk and had proposed a draft precept amount. Ths included additional costs for the potential development of a Neighbourhood Plan and the maintenance work required on the aircraft memorial. Proposed costs for the upkeep of the village hall were to be added to this budget, and the revised budget would be circulated to the councillors for their consideration prior to the budget and precept's approval in the December meeting.

d. Consider spend-to-date and plans for expenditure for the remainder of the current budget year.

Cllr Andersen asked that the Councillors consider any additional expenditure for this year that may be required again next year and that they be sent to Cllr Andersen for inclusion in the budget and precept for next year.

e. Bleasby News discussion.

As part of the budget consideration, the printing costs incurred by Bleasby News were considered. There is now a substantial shortall between the advertising revenue and printing costs. This was discussed at length and as a result Cllr Mogan agreed to head up a project to look at alternative sources funding Bleasby News costs.

f. Any other matters appertaining to finance.

There were no other matters.

8. Planning

a. There are no planning applications to be considered.

b. Any other matters appertaining to planning to include decisions.

There were no other matters.

c. Any other items notified to Bleasby Parish Council prior to this meeting and requiring submission of comments before the following scheduled Parish Council meeting.

There were no other items

9. Correspondence

a. Email from Fairway, Goverton re willow tree

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It was unfortunately felt that this was not a Parish Council issue, but the Council wished to be helpful. Cllr Corey agreed to draft an email containing useful information that the Clerk would send to the couple who had contacted the Council.

b. Email from Notts Local nature Recovery Strategy re funding for nature projects
After deliberation it was decided to defer any applications for funding from the scheme until next year.

10. Update on matters from previous meetings.

a. Update on Telecommunications Mast

Cllr Andersen reported that he has sent the PCC letter to NSDC and therefore there would be no more action until the telecoms company respond. The Councill agreed to remove this item from future agenda.

b. Speedwatch at Bleasby

Cllr Morgan reported that Speedwatch Training has been organised for Saturday 21st November. A minimum of five residents plan to attend with more to confirm. Cllr Coombs thanked Cllr Morgan for his efforts in organising the Speedwatch initiative.

c. Jubilee Ponds

Cllr Coombs reported that the Meadow has been seeded with yellow rattle. The next step for the Meadow is for the creeping Willow to be dug out and removed. This will be done by Asa Bartlett using his heavy machinery. Cllr Coombs reported that the ponds were looking well-tended and wished to thank Asa and the Fishing Syndicate team for their continued efforts.

d. Tree planting project

Cllr Andersen reported that the three flowering cherry trees have been delivered and were very healthy large specimens. They need to be moved to Orchard Close. Cllr Andersen was looking for assistance in planting them. Various councillors and villagers had volunteered and so Friday 13th pm was proposed and agreed to be the tree planting session.

e. Neighbourhood plan

i. Update post meeting with Matthew Tubb, NSDC

Cllr Corey updated the Council on his recent meeting with Matthew Tubb of Newark and Sherwood District Council (NSDC), following circulation of a briefing note to Councillors.

Mr Tubb advised that changes to national planning policy had increased NSDC's annual housing requirement from 454 to approximately 700 new homes, with locations to be determined through the emerging Local Plan. He explained that Bleasby may receive a housing allocation regardless of whether a Neighbourhood Plan is developed. However, preparing a Neighbourhood Plan would give the community greater influence over the location of future housing and help protect valued green spaces and other important local areas. Mr Tubb confirmed his willingness to attend community consultations to explain the process and implications for Bleasby. The Neighbourhood Plan process would involve consultation with residents, landowners and other stakeholders, followed by independent examination and a local referendum. If approved, the Plan would become part of the statutory development plan alongside NSDC's Local Plan.

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Cllr Coombs proposed that Bleasby Parish Council proceed with developing a Neighbourhood Plan, seconded by Cllr Corey.

The Council resolved to proceed, with five Councillors voting in favour and one against. Cllr Andersen opposed the proposal, citing insufficient information at this stage.

ii. Next steps for Neighbourhood Plan

Cllr Corey to outline the development and consultation process in *Bleasby News* and on the Parish Council website.

Cllr Corey to initiate the formal neighbourhood area designation and commence development of the Plan, with support from NSDC.

f. Quiet Lanes and ABC Update

No update

g. Defib and First Responder local provision

This was postponed due to the absence of Cllr Gray.

h. Christmas Tree Lights Switch-on, 12th December.

The time of 5.30pm is proposed. Lights are to be erected on the morning of 5th December.

11. Flooding in Bleasby

a. Flood Action Group Report

No report received.

12. Land and Assets

a. Benches at Gypsy Lane and Gibsmere Crossroads

Cllr Coombs is replacing the bench at Gibsmere Crossroads. Assistance has been offered by Cllr Corey and Derek McGrath. The bench at Gypsy Lane is in the Fiskerton parish but is used by Bleasby villagers. Funds for the replacement of the Gypsy Lane bench were being requested from Cllr Saddington. Cllr Coombs proposed that a simple oak bench would be suitable. This was seconded by Cllr Morgan. The Council voted unanimously to accept this proposal.

12. Agenda items for next meeting

Village Hall funding for future sustainability of an important village amenity.

13. Date of next meeting – 14th December 2026

There being no further business, the Chair thanked everyone for attending and the meeting was closed at 21.56.

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