

BLEASBY PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Meeting of Bleasby Parish Council held at Bleasby Village Hall, Gypsy Lane, Bleasby on Monday 14 October 2019 at 7.30 pm

Present: Cllrs: P Cast (in the Chair), S Andersen, N Winn, S Roscoe, M Coombs, R Wallin

In Attendance: NCC Cllr S Saddington, NSDC R Blaney (*late*), Locum Clerk Lynda Ogilvie and 10 members of the public

Chair's welcome

Chair thanked all those who had been involved in recent events in the village, including the Apple Fest, dog show, bike event, and the WI table top sale. All were very successful, but could not have happened without significant planning and support from many people.

Chair reported that the PC Clerk was unwell and unable to attend the meeting. He thanked Lynda Ogilvie for stepping in to take the minutes.

BPC 19-189 To receive and accept apologies for absence

There were no apologies for absence.

BPC 19-190 Declaration of Members' Interests in Agenda items

There were none.

BPC 19-191 To Receive Questions from the Public

A landowner asked why he had not been consulted about a request to re-open a footpath across his land. Chair explained the background to this, and said that the County Council is the authority which will be responsible for contacting landowners. Cllr Saddington confirmed this, and said that Neil Lewis is the relevant officer at NCC.

BPC 19-192 To Receive reports from Nottinghamshire County Councillor and Newark and Sherwood District Councillor

(*Cllr Blaney was not present at this time, therefore his report was deferred until later in the proceedings.*)

Cllr Saddington explained that she, along with other county councillors, could put forward three projects for highway repairs. One of those she put forward is the resurfacing of the road from the level crossing towards Govertton. She will report further when the County Council has decided which projects will be dealt with this year. Separately she has asked for a bus shelter at Orchard Close, and is waiting for a response.

It was suggested that road repairs could be taken round into Govertton – Cllr Saddington will discuss this when she meets with highways officials.

BPC 19-193 To Receive and Approve Minutes of Council Meeting on 9 September 2019

Chair informed members of a correction to the Minutes – at 19-181. It is CPRE which organises the Best Kept Village Competition, not RCAN, and proposed that this correction be made, seconded by Cllr Roscoe, and approved by all. With this correction the Minutes were approved as a correct record, and signed as such – proposed Cllr Andersen, seconded Cllr Winn.

BPC 19-194 Highways Matters

Shale Lane

Shale Lane is a private lane leading off Station Road towards farmed fields, and also Oak Tree Close. It has a water channel running along the eastern boundary, which was covered when Oak Tree Close properties were built. The lane is poorly surfaced, and there is little differentiation between the pathway and the road, leading to potential dangers for walkers. There is also a problem with flooding in the area, because collecting water can no longer drain into the water channel, and this creates a greater problem for adjacent gardens.

Residents in attendance explained their concerns about the situation, and it was agreed that a solution would be to ask the County Council to adopt the lane, and at the same time improve the drainage along the lane.

Cllr Andersen proposed that Bleasby PC contacts Notts CC to request that Shale Lane, including Oak Tree Close, be adopted by Notts CC, and that improvements to the drainage on the lane be effected at the same time. Proposal seconded by Cllr Cast, and carried unanimously.

Completion of requested improvements to Boat Lane

Cllr Cast reported that he had put this forward to Cllr Saddington but that it had not been chosen as one of the projects to be considered by Notts CC.

BPC 19-195 Parish Plan projects – development of Orchard Close junction (including bench, planters, noticeboard and trees) and Gypsy Lane with the Conservation Area (including verges, dykes and parking) including measures to improve road safety, flood risk and parish communications

Cllr Cast reported that the Orchard Close initiative had been included in his article for the latest edition of Bleasby News but this had not resulted in any comments being received. It was agreed that Cllrs Winn and Roscoe will engage with local residents to ascertain their opinion of the proposals.

Cllr Cast has spoken to the publican about parking. He is aware of the problem, but there is no easy solution and he does not wish to alienate his customers. It was noted that this is not a new problem, but there are continued concerns about safety due to parked cars blocking the sight lines of those travelling along the lane. Cllrs Andersen and Coombs agreed to investigate options and costs of barriers along the dyke adjacent to the Glebe field.

BPC 19-196 Environmental issues – towards Parish Council policies considering:

Recycling initiatives

The PC is keen to encourage more effective recycling, and work is ongoing on this.

Public responsibility and access to the countryside for all users

This is ongoing.

At this point Cllr Blaney arrived

BPC 19-192 To Receive reports from Nottinghamshire County Councillor and Newark and Sherwood District Councillor *continued*

Cllr Blaney explained the background to the decision to grant approval for the development of Horstead. All matters raised by Bleasby Parish Council and other objectors had been fully considered, but it was the officer's recommendation that approval be granted subject to a variety of conditions.

Cllr Blaney was asked about Fiskerton level crossing, which was closed for upwards of fifteen minutes during the week. Cllr Blaney was not aware of this but will investigate.

BPC 19-197 Land and Assets

- a) Receive updates on Jubilee Ponds, Ferry End and Glebe Field and discuss works necessary

A contractor has suggested that all hedges at Jubilee Ponds could be cut for £700. The PC is waiting for further information from other potential contractors. The carp syndicate are doing a lot of work maintaining the area. A recent working party had to be cancelled because of the weather.

Ferry End is being well maintained, and looking good at present.

Glebe Field is being well used, with 4 recent community events all of which were very successful. The hedge opposite the pub has been trimmed and lowered. Cllr Cast thought that there might be a need for some hardcore near the entrance, and this will be looked at further.

The orchard needs some attention, and to be properly managed.

- b) Dog Waste bins – feedback from the “Fun Dog Show”

It was agreed that there is a need for new dog bins. Cllr Andersen proposed the edge of Govertown near Govertown House and the second corner of Gypsy Lane, seconded by Cllr Coombs, all in favour.

BPC 19-198 To Receive reports from working and steering groups

Flood Action Group (FAG) risk management

FAG – there is a need to risk manage volunteers, and this will be addressed by the group. The Environment Agency wish to interview members of the FAG group, because they are considered to be a pro-active group with ideas and practices which the EA would like to develop with other groups.

Station Adoption project and initiation of associated possible level cross area improvements

Several people in the vicinity have indicated strong support for this project, and offered help.

Events Group programme

There have been four recent very successful events. The next will be a Christmas event on Saturday 5 December.

Countryside and footpaths group

This group looked at footpaths in Gibsmere on its last outing, and found them to be reasonably accessible. However, parts of the Trent Valley Way along the river are overgrown.

BPC 19-199 Finance

Receive Payment and Receipts report and consider the approval of any further additional payments to be made and add to the schedule

- a) Approve renewal of Information Commissioners Office (ICO) enrolment £40 for 12 months

Approval proposed Cllr Cast, seconded by Cllr Andersen and all in favour.

- b) Approve and sign Payment Schedule

Approval proposed Cllr Andersen, seconded Cllr Wallin

- c) Sign cheques approved for payment

The following were approved:

Hire of hall and other equipment – Bleasby Village Hall £149

Repayment of costs of obtaining flyers for Apple Fest and bike event – Mike Fryer £49.80

Councillors approved the payment of costs associated with obtaining hardboard for staging from the Handicentre, invoice to be paid when it is received and not wait until next meeting.

It was noted that a cheque for £40 has been received for advertising in the Bleasby News.

- d) Spending Plan 2019-20 to include provision for Parish Plan initiatives

To be considered as initiatives develop.

- e) Authorisation of payment by councillors

It was agreed that the three new councillors, Cllr Roscoe, Wallin and Winn would all be signatories on the parish council bank account. They will provide the Clerk with personal details so that she can make the necessary arrangements

- f) Confirmation of policy to provide to the public detailed Quarterly Statements and to make Monthly Bank Statements available.

It was confirmed that the above would be done in future.

BPC 19-200 Developments and improvements of Parish Council component of Community Website by the Clerk

M Fryer has prepared a report on progress on the community website, but further work needs to be done with the local email group.

BPC 19-201 Planning Items

19/01666/FUL 10 Manor Close, Application for proposed ground floor side extensions

No objection, proposed Cllr Andersen, seconded Cllr Wallin, all in favour.

19/01653/FUL Gibsmere Grange. Application for removal of 2 no garden sheds, insecure open garages and agricultural machine store and proposed side extension, secure attached garages, agricultural machine store and landscaping works to the front of the property.

No objection, proposed Cllr Andersen, seconded Cllr Winn, all in favour.

19/01742/FUL Wyngates, Station Road

Householder application for side and rear extension, and a new driveway and parking area in the front garden with access to Station Road

Council objected to this application on the following grounds:

- Roof tiles should be grey slate, to match surrounding properties
- Additional access is considered unnecessary, and will add to the difficulties associated with school parking
- Surface area of new drive to the front of the property will add to flood risk, and should be porous
- Likewise increase footprint and roof area will add to flood risk
- Original Mock Tudor beams should be retained for visual amenity, and to acknowledge a significant period in English architectural history.

BPC 19-222 Correspondence

None Received

BPC 19-223 Items for next month's Agenda

- Speeding along Station Road towards level crossing
- Barriers along dyke opposite pub

BPC 19-224 Date of next meeting

Monday 11 November 2019

Meeting closed at 10.20 pm

Signed as a correct record:

Chairman

Date: