

BLEASBY PARISH COUNCIL

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Bleasby Parish Council Meeting

Monday 13th July 2026 at 7.30 pm, in Bleasby Village Hall

Present: Cllr Coombs (in the chair), Cllrs Winn, Morgan, Gray, Corey, Cllr Saddington (NCC), Cllr Melton (NSDC), the clerk and 6 members 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 Wallin and Cllr Andersen.

3. Declarations of Interest

None were declared

4. Minutes of the meeting held on 8th June 2026 (Version 2)

The Council noted and approved the amended version 2 of the minutes. Version 2 of the minutes of the meeting held on 8th June were agreed and voted unanimously. Signed by the Chair.

5. Public Participation

A member of the public asked if the Apple Fest (or similar) could be resurrected. The Chair explained that the issue was the lack of volunteers to organise it. The Chair agreed to ask the previous lead organiser if they would be happy to resurrect it.

A member of the public reported that an appeal has been lodged for North Farm site. The member of public stated that they believe that the appellant has downplayed the highway safety concerns and erroneously stated that the farm site was operational.

Cllr Melton reported that North Farm House has been granted permission under delegated officer approval, despite Cllr Melton having called-in the application. Cllr Melton commented that he had been notified that the permission may have been granted in error, is being reviewed by NSDC and may go to judicial review. NSDC are attempting to contact the applicant. Cllr Melton was thanked for all his assistance. Cllr Melton asked if Bleasby PC was still progressing the development of a Neighbourhood plan. The Chair confirmed that BPC was 100% committed to the development of the plan and that Cllr Corey was the lead councillor. The Clerk to write to Matt Lamb at NSDC to notify him.

Cllr Melton had received a map from NSDC's Director of Housing detailing the land originally owned by NSDC in Orchard Close. Further discussions should take place to progress this.

A member of the public commented that the development at Shawfield's appeal has been allowed which was felt to be extremely disappointing. Cllr Melton commented that he is very disappointed about the planning inspector's decision.

A member of the public mentioned the benches in the village which had broken and therefore been removed. Numerous elderly residents use these benches regularly. NCC had originally provided these benches.

A member of the public mentioned the camp site at Bramley Meadow. They asked if this site has a license. It was reported that this was now with enforcement.

6. District/County Council Reports

Cllr Melton had reported within the public participation section.

Cllr Saddington reported that the cessation of the development of the A46 is causing gridlock in Newark. The Government is being lobbied to overturn the cessation decision.

Cllr Saddington reported that she has had a meeting about Newark marketplace. She is objecting to the removal of the cobblestones.

Cllr Saddington has asked for the road from Staythorpe to Bleasby to be inspected and repaired.

Cllr Coombs asked Cllr Saddington about the replacement of the benches. The clerk was asked to contact NCC to see if they could be replaced.

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.

- a. Any other matters appertaining to finance.

Clerk to set up Cllr Gray and Cllr Corey as approved Unity Bank payment authorisers. Both Councillors agreed. The Council voted unanimously to agree to this decision.

8. Planning

- a. 26 /00683/HOUSE 17 Station Road Bleasby, Two storey side and front extension, new front porch and new single storey rear extension.

It was commented that this development mirrors developments of neighbouring properties. The house had plenty of parking. It was also noted that there had been no public comments. The Council unanimously voted to support this application.

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

- i. Development at Orchard End.

It was noted that NSDC Enforcement had visited the site and no action is necessary.

- ii. Appeal at North Farm, Gypsy Lane.

This had been discussed and minuted in item 5 Public Participation. Cllr Morgan proposed that he would write to the Inspector with the Parish Council's comments on the Appeal. This was seconded by Cllr Coombs. The Council voted unanimously to support this proposal.

- iii. Tree works (Sycamore fell) on TPO 105 at Bleasby Hall and Sycamore House.

This was noted and had been dealt with by the Chair

- 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

Report from B. Cast regarding Cross-keeper's Cottage, Station Rd

Mrs Cast's report (attached to these minutes) requested that buildings of this nature should be detailed in the forthcoming Neighbourhood Plan so that this could assist in their preservation. The Council agreed that this was a good initiative and praised Mrs Cast for her forethought. Cllr Carey agreed to detail buildings of significance within the Neighbourhood Plan. The Clerk was asked to respond to Mrs Cast.

10. Update on matters from previous meetings.

- i. Update on Telecommunications Mast

The Council expressed their gratitude to Cllr Andersen for all his efforts highlighting the effects of the siting of the mast to the village, the neighbourhood, the press and NSDC. The Council also noted the ongoing communications with M Group. The Council joined Cllr Andersen in urging all parishioners to voice their opinions on the NSDC website.

- ii. Speedwatch at Bleasby

Cllr Morgan reported that, whilst the level of enthusiasm for Speedwatch was high, the Speedwatch training needed to be reorganised due to the unavailability of the volunteers.

- iii. Village Entrance Signs update

Ongoing.

- iv. Jubilee Ponds

Cllr Coombs reported that Mr A Bartlett had sent a schedule of works and a quote for the ongoing maintenance of the ponds, the Orchard, Century Wood and the Meadow. The Council agreed that the ponds were looking incredibly well-maintained. Cllr Coombs proposed that the quote be accepted and approved. This was seconded by Cllr Morgan. The Council agreed the acceptance of the quotation with a unanimous vote. It was also noted that this arrangement would be reviewed annually. The Council agreed that Mr Bartlett will erect the stock fencing as previously agreed. Mr Bartlett was thanked by the Council for all his efforts. Green Oak have also submitted a quote for cutting Ride 1 and 2. Cllr Coombs commented that the Blackthorn abutting the rides should be thinned in stages. Cllr Coombs proposed that the Green Oak quotation should be accepted. This was seconded by Cllr Morgan. The Council approved acceptance of this quotation by unanimous vote.

- v. Tree planting project

This report was postponed due to the absence of Cllr Andersen.

- vi. Neighbourhood plan

Cllr Corey reported that he has produced a draft version 1 of the Neighbourhood plan and has circulated to the Councillors for their comments. Cllr Morgan will send the NSDC briefing presentation to Cllr Corey. Cllr Corey agreed to write an article for insertion into Bleasby News informing parishioners of the Neighbourhood Plan's development and to draw up an engagement plan

vii. Quiet Lanes and ABC Update

Cllr Morgan reported that the ABC Committee are very active but also noted that the NCC Rights of Way team is proving to be difficult to liaise with. Cllr Morgan believes that this initiative will need funding locally but stressed the Importance of this project not only to Bleasby but also neighbouring villagers.

viii. Defib and defib training/First Aid course.

Cllr Gray reported that she had been in contact with the 1st responder in Southwell. Cllr Gray noted there are no First Responders in this area and this needs to be publicised. It is planned that there will be an event organised publicising the work and need for First Responders and covering first aid etc.

11. Flooding in Bleasby

a. Flood Action Group Report

No report this month.

12. Land and Assets

a. Benches at Gypsy Lane and Gibsmere Crossroads

This was discussed and minuted in Agenda Item 6, District and County Council reports.

13. Agenda items for next meeting

14. Date of next meeting – 14th September 2026

There being no further business, the Chair thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting at 9.30pm.

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