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BLEASBY PARISH COUNCIL**MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 11th MARCH 2019 7.30pm
IN BLEASBY VILLAGE HALL**

MEMBERS PRESENT	MEMBERS PRESENT	MEMBERS ABSENT
Cllr. P. Cast	Cllr. C. Foster	Cllr. C. Gent
Cllr. M. Coombs	Cllr. A. Dunning	
Cllr. S. Andersen		

Also present, 5 members of the public

In attendance: NCC Cllr S Saddington, N&SDC Cllr R Blaney & Locum Clerk, Lynn Holland

Chair Cllr P Cast opened with the following comments:

- Thank you to all volunteers working behind the scenes to make the parish a better place to live.
- Members were also actively encouraging residents to consider becoming a Councillor at the forthcoming election to be held 2nd May 2019.

BPC 19-733 Apologies – acceptance and approval.

Apologies received from Cllr C Gent were **accepted and approved.**

BPC 19-734 Questions and petitions from the public

- Concerns expressed over the site location of a new footpath sign in the Churchyard. It was deemed to be an insensitive place and with no consultation over its location.
- Some mowing had been undertaken already around Glebe Field features and the churchyard.

BPC 19-735 Reports from County & District Councillors.

Cllr S Saddington NCC confirmed the following: –

- An electronic payment for a donation £100 would be made towards new signs for the village.
- Noted that Gibsmere potholes require investigating by Cllr. S Saddington.

Cllr R Blaney N&SDC

- Confirmed that in relation to Network Rail that day there had been a total power failure at Derby which affected all East Midlands and trains were not running, causing utter chaos across the network. Crossings across the network were not operating properly. Cllr. Blaney had been in touch with Network Rail and a full investigation would take place.

BPC 19-736 Declaration of Interests

There were none.

BPC 19-737 Agenda items deemed Private & Confidential

There were none.

BPC 19-738 Presentation and approval of minutes of the meeting held on 11th February 2019.

The minutes of meeting held on 11th February 2019 were approved & signed.

BPC 19-739 Matters arising from the minutes not included in this agenda

- Condition of Boat Lane – awaiting response from Cllr. Saddington
- Network Rail were cutting trees back alongside the railway line including on private land; concerns expressed as land owners had not been contacted.
- Flying of flags at the memorial – appreciated by residents and prompted further interest in the memorial, meaning of the flags etc.
- Trent Valley Internal Drainage Board would dredge the dyke along the Glebe Field boundary with Gypsy Lane free of charge if it was undertaken during its programme this summer; outside of that timeframe it would result in a charge being made.
- F4RN questionnaire were distributed around the parish with approximately 20 properties taking up the offer so far.

BPC 19-740 Land and Assets:

- **Jubilee Ponds Update** – School science week is running the week commencing 11th March 2019 and school children would be visiting the site throughout the week as part of the science initiative. Village volunteers had assisted clearing the Centenary Wood of remaining tree roots on 9th March 2019 and this had gone well. Members of the public could dedicate trees to loved ones & dedications would also be recorded in a book to mark the occasion.
- **Ferry End Update** – Positive responses in relation to volunteers undertaking riverside clearance work. Additional seeding was now required.
- **Works necessary for March** – Approved cut of Glebe Field at a cost of £45. Councillor Foster volunteered to cut the Meadow as it was necessary to get an early spring cut.

BPC 19-741 Update from Support Groups.

- **Flood Action Group** – The clearing of the dyke along Gypsy Lane would be undertaken around August/September by Trent Valley Internal Drainage Board.
On 13th March a group to meet with NCC officers to work closely with the group as a pilot project with a view to roll out to other groups the administration of such a project.

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- **Countryside and Footpaths Group** – Walk undertaken 17th February 2019. Generally footpaths were good & with input from Ramblers Association and the ROW team new footpath signs had been installed. The main problem was dog fouling – agreed to put article in Bleasby News highlighting need to clean up after dogs.
- **Village Volunteers** – Special thanks due to all those for all their hard work.

BPC 19-742 Update on Clerk to the Parish Council appointment process

Interviews to take place 12th March 2019 at 6.30pm

BPC 19-743 To consider the purchase of the Scribe Accounts software at a cost of £257 per annum, plus VAT, for introduction in April 2019 and, if considered appropriate, to approve.

Approved purchase of Scribe Accounts software at a cost of £257 per annum.

BPC 19-744 Finance:

- a) Receive payments and receipts report for February and breakdown of total receipts for the year to date.
- b) Receive bank reconciliation for February.
- c) To receive payments/receipt over budget report.
- d) To approve additional payments if any .
- e) To approve & sign payment schedule for March.
- f) To sign cheques for approved payments.
- g) To confirm and approve the successful parish maintenance tender.

Approved the following:

- Bank balance 28th February 2019 £17,194.42 - February Income £240.00; Expenditure £501.86
- Approved March payments £307.60; additional payment N & S D C emptying dog bins 20182019 £118.56
- Noted Eon contract required renewing & signing.
- Approved Ulyett as the parish maintenance contractor on a flexible arrangement to include works at the school to be funded directly by Bleasby School. Works (excluding weedkilling and bench maintenance) to amount to circa £3k. Glebe Field to be cut at a cost of £45 per cut & lengthsman's work also to be covered. Due to the absence of Cllr. Gent additional queries from councillors could not be answered, therefore agreed to hold an additional meeting to confirm details of financial aspects of the Ulyett's contract.

Thanks were expressed to Councillor Gent for managing the Council finances, despite illness, during the Clerk vacancy period. The importance of adopting the Scribe software had been highlighted by this interim period, as was the possible need to outsource the management of the future Clerk's salary payments.

Cheques were duly signed

BPC 19-745

- **Update on proposals for improvements to Parish Plan Communications and Website**
Ongoing – agreed to place article in Bleasby News requesting further input from residents and community groups with a deadline May.
- **F4RN parish questionnaire** – refer to item under “matters arising” noting that the central part of the village only had received the questionnaires.

BPC 19-746 Planning

Planning Ref.	Address	Details	N & S D C decision
18/00386/FUL	Kemps Cottage, Gibsmere	Householder application for erection of a first floor extension above existing garden room and construct timber outbuilding	No objection providing camellias & trees are retained

N & S D C decisions – Nothing to report.

BPC 19-747 To review calendar arrangements for Elections 2019 on May 2nd and to confirm the dates of the Annual Parish Meeting and the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council currently proposed as Tuesday, 7th May, and Monday, 13th May, respectively.

Approved that the following be held on dates as stated - Annual Parish Meeting 7th May 2019 & Statutory Annual Meeting 13th May 2019.

BPC 19-748 To note the following correspondence:

- Notification from Via of intention to site an interactive speed sign on Station Road, Lower Goverton
- Request from Trent Valley Internal Drainage Board to create gated access on to the Jubilee Ponds for maintenance
- Invitation to participate in the Great British Spring Clean on 22nd March to 23rd April. **It was agreed that a focus on this should be initiated between Saturday, 30th March and Sunday, 7th April.**
- NALC course for new councillors – “Off to a Flying Start” – Wednesday, 29th May, 7pm at Epperstone; Wednesday, 10th July, 7pm at Shelford - £35 per place.

BPD 19-749 Item for next month’s agenda:

Nothing noted.

BPC 19-732 Date of Next Meeting

8th April 2019

Meeting ended 9.35pm

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