

BLEASBY PARISH COUNCIL

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Bleasby Parish Council Meeting

Monday 20th April 2026 at 7.30 pm, in Bleasby Village Hall

MINUTES

Present: Cllrs Michael Coombs (in the Chair), Robert Wallin, Stephen Andersen, Nicola Winn and Julieann Gray, Cllr Saddington (NCC) Cllr Melton (NSDC), D Bryant (Clerk) and 6 members of the public.

1. Chair's Welcome

Chair welcomed everyone and opened the meeting at 7.30pm

2. Apologies

Apologies were received from Cllr Morgan.

3. Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interests.

4. Minutes of the meeting held on 9th March 2026

The minutes were accepted as a correct record with a unanimous vote and the Chair therefore signed.

5. Public Participation

A member of the public raised a concern about the diversion of the footpath between Thurgarton and Bleasby alongside the lake. It now has been sited to be parallel to the railway track for its full length. There was concern that that the Parish Council had not been consulted before it was moved and if this lack of consultation was legal. The Clerk agreed to send the details to Cllr Saddington and to query the movement of the path with the NCC officers concerned.

6. District/County Council Reports

Cllr Saddington had been told by NCC Officers that the Thurgarton end of Bleasby Rd had been repaired and asked if this was the case. She was told that it hadn't. She was told that Bleasby Road opposite Manor Farm had been repaired and that repairs to the Main Street junction to Shale Lane had been reported as completed but it hadn't been. Cllr Saddington will ask for these to be done. Cllr Saddington reported that she was meeting the NCC Chairman on 21st April and she would report the road issues.

Cllr Melton reported that the Shawfield planning application was not approved by the NSDC Planning Committee. He also reported that the NSDC Planning officers are awaiting a new version of the Goverton planning application resulting from objections from the NCC Highways team.

Regarding the parking on Orchard Close, Cllr Melton reported that he has asked the NSDC Director of Housing if the grassed area, which is still owned by the District Council,

could be made into additional parking with resident parking permits. Cllr Melton reported that this request has been raised with the NSDC Housing Estate Improvement Board. Cllr Melton recommended that the Parish Council consider developing a proposal for the parking area.

Cllr Andersen reported that he had contacted Lynn Preece regarding the trees in Orchard Close who had not heard from Matt Adey. Cllr Melton was asked if he could help the Council to get a response.

Cllr Melton reported that the Community Grant Scheme has opened. The last application date is 15th May.

Cllr Melton has organised dates for a meeting with the IDB Senior Engineer, Civils Engineer and Operations Manager and the Bleasby FLAG flood wardens. The dates proposed are:

- 13th May 2026 (am)
- 4th June 2026 (am or pm)

7. Finance

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

The approval of the payments list was proposed by Cllr Gray and seconded by Cllr Andersen. The vote was unanimous. The Chair signed the payments list.

b. To receive and approve bank reconciliation and bank balances

The bank reconciliation and bank balances were received, approved and signed by The Chair.

c. To sign letter of engagement from Internal Auditor, David Dixon

The Letter of Engagement was approved by the Council with a unanimous vote and was signed by the Chairman

d. Review and acceptance of Asset Register and insurance renewal.

Cllr Andersen confirmed that he had reviewed the insurance renewal and proposed that this be renewed. All Councillors voted and approved. Cllr Andersen confirmed that he had reviewed the Asset Register and had confirmed that all the assets were correctly in situ

e. Acceptance of NSDC Dog Bin emptying contract (4 bins emptied fortnightly @£2.40 per empty)

The NSDC Dog Bin Emptying contract was approved and accepted with a unanimous vote.

f. Any other matters appertaining to finance.

There were no other matters.

8. Planning

a. **26/00449/FUL Retention of the existing temporary classroom at Bleasby C Of E School Station Road Bleasby NG14 7GD**

The council voted unanimously to support this application

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

i. Update on Shawfield application 26/00068/HOUSE considered at NSDC Planning Committee meeting 9th April 2026

Noted.

ii. Update on decision on prior approval for 25/02103/CPRIOR North Farm, Gypsy Lane

Noted

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.

26/00490/FUL Replacement Dwelling North Farm Gypsy Lane Bleasby NG14 7GG.

The Council debated this application at length.

It was noted that this application was for a replacement dwelling and that pre-application advice had been that the existing development was not of any merit and therefore a replacement would be acceptable if the replacement was a similar size to the existing development and was similar in siting. The planning application suggests that the cottage and the adjacent barn are the current habitable entity to be replaced. This is not correct. The barn has not been inhabited.

This new development has numerous windows which will overlook a neighbouring property which is in contravention to NSDC building policy as it will diminish the neighbour's amenity.

Gypsy Lane is not considered to be suitable for additional vehicular traffic.

The Council voted unanimous to object to the application for the reasons above.

9. Councillor GDPR Training

All councillors confirmed they had done the training.

10. Village Hall Ownership

It was confirmed and agreed by the Council that Bleasby Parish Council were the owners of Bleasby Village Hall. The hall will be put onto the Bleasby PC asset register.

11. Correspondence

The Council had received an email asking about the deployment of traffic speed measurement road tubes within the village. These have been deployed previously with the results sent to NCC. Cllr Morgan, as the Councillor leading the Speedwatch initiative, has been asked to follow this up with the resident.

12. Update on matters from previous meetings.

a. Speedwatch at Bleasby

An update was postponed due to the absence of Cllr Morgan

b. Village Entrance Signs update.

Cllr Coombes reported that he plans to erect the remaining village sign as soon as possible.

c. Jubilee Ponds

The Council has received a quote from Asa Bartlett. The Council are awaiting other quotes which are being arranged by Cllr Coombes..

d. Tree planting project

Cllr Andersen reported that this is ongoing awaiting update from NSDC. This is being chased by Cllr Melton.

e. Neighbourhood plan

The Council had been unable to attend the recent NSDC Neighbourhood Planning meeting but did agree that a neighbourhood plan was necessary and would be progressed.

f. Quiet Lanes and ABC Update.

An update was postponed due to absence of Cllr Morgan

g. Defib and defib training/First Aid course.

Cllr Gray reported that she was organising the First Aid training and was awaiting confirmation of dates. The dates proposed were the first or second weekend in June. This will also be promoted in Bleasby School.

Cllr Gray is progressing the defibrillator with Heartbeat and has a meeting organised regarding the defib pads and battery's regular checks and logs.

h. Annual Parish Meeting – 22nd April

This was confirmed as all organised.

12. Flooding in Bleasby

a. Flood Action Group Report

The FLAG lead was pleased to announce the meeting was being organised with the IDB. More details to follow. There had been no recent flood events that warranted a report.

13. Land and Assets

Nothing to report.

14. Agenda items for next meeting

Update on IDB meeting

Defib training dates.

15. Date of next meeting – 18th May 2026 (please note date move due to Bank Holiday)

There being no further business, the Chair thanked everyone and closed the meeting at 21.41pm.

I declare that the above is a true account of the meeting held on 20th April 2026 (approved at PC Meeting held on 18th May 2026)

Signed

Date

Chair

Bleasby Parish Council

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