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Bleasby Parish Council Meeting

Monday 12th January 2026 at 7.30 pm, in Bleasby Village Hall

MINUTES

Present: Cllrs Michael Coombs (in the Chair), Robert Wallin, Stephen Andersen, Ben Morgan, Nicola Winn and Julieann Gray

In attendance: Cllr Sue Saddington (NCC), D Bryant (Clerk) and 8 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 Melton.

3. Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interests.

4. Minutes of the meeting held on 8th December 2025

Cllr Coombs proposed that the Minutes be accepted as a correct record, seconded by Cllr Winn, all members in favour. The minutes were therefore signed.

5. Public Participation

Members of the public to ask questions or make observations to the Council

A member of the public reported on a consultation that the combined authority Mayor has instigated a review on public transport -the ECCA Mayor's transport plan which can be found on <https://www.eastmidlands-cca.gov.uk/content/uploads/2025/11/EMCCA-Mayors-Transport-Plan-Draft-6.1-compressed.pdf>. The consultation response can be found here so you can express your views: <https://www.eastmidlands-cca.gov.uk/mayors-transport-plan/>

A member of the public asked about the Speedwatch and expressed willingness to be included in the Speedwatch initiative. They also expressed concern about potholes in the village.

A member of the public expressed their views on the prior approval application (Class Q) for the proposed development at North Farm, Gypsy Lane. Cllr Coombs stated that he understood that Q class qualification depended on the farming still be active in 2023. For North Farm, this was not the case as it is known that North Farm has not been actively farmed for over 30 years.

The member of the public noted that a prior application (for 7 dwellings) was withdrawn due to NCC Highways objecting to the inadequacy of the access track for increased traffic. The member of the public stated that currently all delivery vehicles need to reverse down the track and onto Gypsy Lane due to the closure of the turning circle afforded by the previous gateway which has now been closed. The member of the public highlighted the significance of this as Class Q can only be granted if "there is suitable access" which the developer is now trying to assert.

It was also noted that the application details 4 new dwellings which does not include the renovation of the farm house and an existing barn which means that there will be 6 dwellings. The member of public advised that there are numerous erroneous statements for example Gypsy Lane is stated as being wider than is actually the case.

Cllr Coombs informed the Member of the Public that the Council would vote on this application in the Planning item on the agenda.

6. District/County Council Reports

Cllr Saddington reported that Cllr Melton should be representing the case regarding North Farm. She advised the Parish Council to make the width of Gypsy Lane very clear and she would alert NCC Highways of the potential issue.

Cllr Coombs asked about the level crossings incident when all the level crossings "failed in an upright position" just before Christmas. Cllr Coombs agreed to inform Cllr Saddington of the specific dates and details so that she can progress.

A member of the public asked about the Local Emergency plan to give emergency vehicles access in the event of all the crossings failing. Cllr Coombs remarked that there was a manual access near Rolleston that could be used.

Cllr Coombs asked about the state of the roads and the potholes. Cllr Saddington is suggesting that the new NCC Director of Highways accompanies her on a drive around the area to assess firsthand the state of the roads.

Cllr Saddington reported that she had some funds remaining in her Divisional Fund. She suggested that Bleasby could request some funding.

Cllr Saddington reported that the bridge over Holme Dyke has been repaired.

7. Finance

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

The payments list was approved and proposed by Cllr Coombs and seconded by Cllr Anderson with a unanimous vote. The Chair signed the payments list. The Council also voted to approve the payment of the Signs of The Times invoice for the village entrance signs. This was proposed by Cllr Coombs and seconded by Cllr Andersen and received a unanimous vote.

b. To receive and approve bank reconciliation and bank balances

The bank reconciliation and bank balances were noted and approved.

c. Any other matters appertaining to finance.

There were no other matters.

8. Parish Council Policy Document Review and Approval

The Council reviewed and approved the following:

- a. Bleasby PC Standing Orders
- b. Bleasby PC Equality Policy
- c. Bleasby PC Financial Regulations
- d. Bleasby PC Councillor Code of Conduct

- e. Bleasby PC Privacy Policy
- f. Bleasby PC Data Protection Publication Scheme
- g. Bleasby PC Website Accessibility Statement

9. Planning

- a. **25/02135/HOUSE**. Changing the Workshop at the rear of the property to a Double Garage at **Stonehaven Gibsmere Bleasby**
The Council debated this application. Voted to support unanimously
- b. **25/02103/CPRIOR** Application to determine if prior approval is required for Change of use of existing (former) agricultural buildings to create 4 dwellinghouses and associated domestic curtilage under Schedule 2 Part 3 Class Q at **North Farm Gypsy Lane Bleasby**
The Council considered this application which had been debated at length during the public consultation during this meeting. They noted the public representations and agreed that this site did not meet the Class Q criteria. The Council voted unanimously to object to the application.
- c. Any other matters appertaining to planning to include decisions.
No other matters.
- d. Any other items notified to Bleasby Parish Council prior to this meeting and requiring submission of comments before the following scheduled Parish Council meeting.
No other items

10. Correspondence

- a. Email regarding funding opportunities from Notts Wildlife Trust.
The Council noted this opportunity but felt this was not appropriate to do this at this time.
- b. Email re Electric Circuit, Radcliffe. The Council noted this communication.

11. Update on matters from previous meetings.

- a. Speedwatch at Bleasby.
Cllr Morgan reported that he is chasing PCSO Richard Dunn for a training date. This is likely to be end of March. Locations will be identified as part of the training program. Cllr Morgan proposed that we request new 30 mph street signs – one at the top of the village near Manor Farm and a second sign going out to Gibsmere. This to be discussed with PCSO Dunn.
- b. Village Entrance Signs update and celebration planning.
Cllr Coombs reported that the signs had been delivered and inspected. A date has to be fixed for them to be installed. Clerk to check with NCC VIAEM, if they should be concreted in place.
- c. Jubilee Ponds
The Clerk reported that they had sent letter to Mr Bartlett confirming the Council's approval of the siting of the container in Jubilee Ponds. The first annual invoice to Mr Bartlett for £200 ground rent will be raised as of 1.2.26.
- d. Tree planting project – Orchard Close update.
Cllr Andersen had received an email from Lynn Preece regarding triangle of land at the bottom of Orchard Close. Cllr Andersen proposed that we plant 3 x cherry trees on this site. Seconded by Cllr Winn and vote unanimously.

e. Neighbourhood plan

Cllr Morgan reported that NSDC (Matthew Tubb) are having a meeting for all Council's interested in developing a neighbourhood plan. Cllr Morgan and Cllr Andersen are to attend on 3rd or 10th February.

f. Quiet Lanes and ABC (ABC - "Accessing Bleasby Countryside" previously GAWP) Update

Cllr Morgan stated that the developer's report for North Farm included a traffic survey which Cllr Morgan has sent to NCC's Highways Policy Planning for Non-vehicles Team as this will remove the need for another survey. Cllr Morgan to progress this.

g. Litter picking on roads with speed limits greater than 30mph.

It was noted that a young family of 4 had been seen litter picking on the road from Thurgarton to Govertton on 30th December at approx 4.30pm. The Council wished to express their thanks.

12. Flooding in Bleasby

a. Flood Action Group Report

The Council noted the Flood Group Report and the issue caused by the level crossing. Cllr Coombs mentioned that there was another drainage pipe in the ditch facing Granary Farm that needs to be excavated and re-instated. Cllr Coombs is to discuss this with the FAG group.

Cllr Gray asked if there was a register of vulnerable people within Bleasby Villagers who would be contacted in the event of a flooding emergency. Cllr Coombs pointed out that a register of the mobile home occupants is very difficult. It was agreed to investigate this.

13. Land and Assets

Cllr Morgan reported that the footpath over the level crossing over Shale Lane has been fenced off. This is a public right of way. Cllr Morgan agreed to liaise with NCC. Cllr Morgan reported that the dog bins have not been emptied lately. Clerk to report to NSDC.

Cllr Gray agreed that they would take over the checking of the defib, pads and battery.

14. Green Spaces Working Group Update

No report has been received.

15. Agenda items for next meeting

Defibs and defib training.

16. Date of next meeting – 9th February 2026

There being no further business, the Chair thanked everyone and closed the meeting at 21.30.

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