

BLEASBY PARISH COUNCIL

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Bleasby Parish Council Meeting

Monday 8th June 2026 at 7.30 pm, in Bleasby Village Hall

Present: Cllr Coombs (in the chair), Cllrs Wallin, Winn, Andersen, Morgan, Gray, Cllr Saddington (NCC), Cllr Melton (NSDC), the clerk and 5 members of the public

AGENDA

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 Keith Melton (NSDC)

3. Declarations of Interest

None were declared.

4. Minutes of the meeting held on 18th May 2026

The minutes of the meeting on 18th May were agreed and voted unanimously. Signed by the Chair

5. Public Participation

A member of the public asked about parking outside The Old Chapel. The residents were parking to charge their electric car and so were parking directly outside the property. It was felt that this is proving dangerous. Cllr Morgan commented that when the planning permission was granted, parking had been a contentious issue. The Chair asked the Clerk to send a letter asking them to seek an alternative parking location.

A resident highlighted that the development at Shawfield had been sent to appeal against NSDC's refusal of the planning application. The resident hoped that the Planning Appeal Inspector would visit the site to see the overbearing nature of the proposed development. Cllr Gray suggested that they should invite the inspector to visit the site. It was also suggested that Cllr Melton be asked to intervene to further reinforce the need for a site visit. The Clerk was asked to write to Cllr Melton to formally request his assistance in seeking a site visit.

6. District/County Council Reports

Cllr Saddington updated the Council on the Local Government Reorganisation but was keen to stress that nothing had been formalised. She understood that we may learn of the outcome in mid-July. There will be elections at County level in 2027 and District level in 2028. Cllr Saddington stressed that much of the detail was, as yet, unclear.

Cllr Saddington offered to assist funding a summer event in Bleasby PC. The clerk was asked to write to Cllr Saddington to formally request funding of £200 for a summer event in Bleasby. Cllr Coombs thanked Cllr Saddington for her assistance and support.

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.

c. To review the 2025/26 Internal Audit report (signed by auditor).

The 2025/26 Internal Audit report was reviewed and accepted.

d. To review, complete and approve the 2025/26 Annual Governance Statement.

The 2025/26 Annual Governance Statement was reviewed in detail, completed, approved and signed by the Chair.

e. To review and approve 2025/26 AGAR Accounting Statement.

The 2025/26 AGAR Accounting Statement was reviewed, approved and signed by the Chair.

f. To note that the Period for Exercise of Public Rights will be Monday 15th June 2026 to Friday 24th July 2026.

The Period of Exercise of Public Rights was noted and will be published on the noticeboards, and on the website and sent to the village as a News item.

g. To note that Bleasby PC's annual accounts are subject to external audit this year due to increased income and expenditure.

This was noted by the Council

h. Any other matters appertaining to finance.

There were no other matters.

8. Planning

a. 26/00466/HOUSE Tresco, Station Road Bleasby, First floor side extension and alterations including render, front cornice and changes to windows and doors

This was debated at length. The Council voted unanimously to support.

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

i. Development at Orchard End.

It was noted that there has been no application for this development.

The Clerk was asked to write to NSDC Enforcement (with Cllr Melton on copy) regarding the concerns about the amount of development at Orchard End, Station Rd, Bleasby.

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.

i. 26/00773/TELPA Telecommunications Pole And Cabinets Station Road Goverton Bleasby. Application for determination if prior approval required for proposed development comprises of the installation of a 20m monopole supporting 3no. antennas, 3no. cabinets and ancillary works thereto under Schedule 2 Part 16 of the GDPO

The Parish Council noted that this was not a visually attractive site for a 20m telecoms mast and three cabinets as this is the gateway to the

village. Cllr Morgan highlighted the size of the three cabinets and the height of the mast, which at 20m tall would be twice as high as the neighbouring trees. Cllr Andersen commented that a resident of Sycamore Lane had previously volunteered that the mast could be sited on his land. Cllr Andersen was to contact the resident to see if this could be resurrected. The application lodged states that there are no high buildings that could be used to support the mast. The Council is keen to point out that the Church could be deployed. Cllr Morgan also agreed to contact National Grid to see if the pylons can be used. The Council noted that the supporting paperwork highlighted the one person who had supported the application and not highlighted the number of Bleasby residents who had objected. The Council also noted that the application mentioned a "Town Landscape" which was not relevant to the conservation village nature of Bleasby. It was decided to publicise this application within the village. The Council voted unanimously to object to this application.

9. Review of Parish Council Policy and Procedure Documents

- a. To review and approve Bleasby PC Standing Orders
The Bleasby PC Standing Orders were reviewed and approved by unanimous vote.
- b. To review and approve Bleasby PC Equality Policy
The Bleasby PC Equality Policy was reviewed and approved by unanimous vote
- c. To review and approve Bleasby PC Financial Regulations
The Bleasby PC Financial Regulations were reviewed and approved by unanimous vote
- d. To review and approve Bleasby PC Councillor Code of Conduct
The Bleasby PC Councillor Code of Conduct was reviewed and approved by unanimous vote
- e. To review and approve Bleasby PC Risk Assessment
All the Bleasby Risk Assessments were reviewed and approved by unanimous vote.

10. Co-option of New Councillor onto Bleasby Parish Council

Mr Scott Corey introduced himself to the Council and explained the benefits he could bring to the objectives of the Parish Council and volunteered to assist the Parish Council with the telecoms mast issue. The co-option of Mr Scott Corey to be a councillor for Bleasby Parish Council was proposed by Cllr Coombs and seconded by Cllr Andersen. There was a unanimous vote. Mr Corey was welcomed by the Chair. The necessary forms were completed and signed.

11. Correspondence

There was no correspondence.

12. Update on matters from previous meetings.

- a. Update on Telecommunications Mast
This is minuted in item 8ci.
- b. Speedwatch at Bleasby
Cllr Morgan reported that the proposed Speedwatch training date was Saturday 27th June, precise timings to be confirmed. Approximately 8 volunteers are to

be trained. Other volunteers could subsequently join Speedwatch and be trained by other Bleasby Speedwatch members.

c. Village Entrance Signs update.

Cllr Coombs asked for some assistance in installing the last remaining sign. Cllr Andersen volunteered to assist.

Cllr Coombs stated that a resident was designing the artwork for a future sign in Gibsmere.

d. Jubilee Ponds

Cllr Coombs reported the Grasshoppers team was still active. Cllr Winn thanked the Fishing Syndicate and Green Oak for the excellent work that was being done at the ponds as they are being very well maintained.

e. Tree planting project

Cllr Andersen was chasing NSDC for delivery of the trees. This is ongoing.

f. Neighbourhood plan

Cllr Coombs suggested that Cllr Corey could assist with the development of the Neighbourhood Plan. Cllr Corey agreed.

g. Quiet Lanes and ABC Update

A councillor from Fiskerton is now on the Quiet Lanes Committee. Cllr Morgan explained that it is necessary to identify footpaths abutting Gypsy Lane that can be upgraded to bridleways. This will assist Gypsy Lane being given Quiet Lane status. There is another committee meeting scheduled for early July. Cllr Morgan also reported that there is a new track being installed between Shale Lane and Gorsey Lane which Cllr Morgan proposed would be an excellent bridleway. This was being considered for the future.

h. Defib and defib training/First Aid course.

Cllr Gray reported that 22 people attended the defib course. Cllr Gray reported that it had been a multi-generation event that lasted 90 minutes and two Heartbeat trainers had made it very interesting for the whole audience. The course was so well received that it has been suggested that a second course be arranged in September. Cllr Gray also updated the Council on local First Responders. There is no current First Responder in the Bleasby area (the closest is Southwell). Cllr Gray proposed that there will be a session held on First Responders in mid-July. The Council unanimously agreed to run this event.

Cllr Gray also reported that there needs to be a new lightbulb installed in the phone box. Cllr Coombs agreed to investigate and resolve this.

13. Flooding in Bleasby

a. Flood Action Group Report

No report has been received.

14. Land and Assets

Nothing to report.

15. Agenda items for next meeting

EMR update on communication regarding service improvement

Telecomm mast update.

16. Date of next meeting – 13th July 2026

There being no further business, the Chair closed the meeting at 9.35pm

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