

BLEASBY PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of Bleasby Parish Council

Monday 8th April 2024 at 7.30 pm, in Bleasby Village Hall

Present: Cllrs Coombs (In the Chair), Andersen, Morgan, Wallin, and Winn.

In Attendance: Denise Bryant, Clerk, and 1 member of the public

Chair's Welcome

1. Apologies

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr Roscoe, Cllr Melton and Cllr Saddington.

2. Declarations of Interest

No declarations of interest

3. Minutes of the meeting held on 11th March, 2024

These were accepted as a correct record of the meeting and signed by the Chair. Proposed by Cllr Winn, Cllr Coombs seconded.

4. Public Participation

A member of the public requested a list of Parish Council meeting dates to be put on the noticeboard in the village hall. Clerk to send to Alison Sutherland.

Speedwatch last took place in 2006 which lost momentum as it was felt that Police letters were not followed up. Cllr Morgan is re-instating the Speedwatch project and is seeking village volunteers.

BT landlines are down. Down in March and now down again (April). Cllr Saddington to be asked if she could assist.

5. District/County Council Reports

No reports were received as both Councillors had sent their apologies.

6. Finance

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

Payments were noted, approved, and signed by the Chair.

- b. To receive and approve bank reconciliation.

Received and approved. Signed by the Chair

- c. Update from Cllr Andersen on insurance renewal and asset register. The asset register has been reviewed and Insurance questionnaire has been completed by Cllr Andersen. The changes were reviewed and accepted by the Council.
- d. Update on progress of Year End Closure Process. The year end audit has been commenced. There has been issues contacting David Dixon (the internal auditor) but the Clerk would resolve this, and appoint a new auditor if necessary, as the

audit information is ready to be submitted. The Council agreed to this course of action.

- e. Progress on Unity Bank Application for additional signatories. Ongoing.
- f. Any other matters appertaining to finance. There were no other matters

7. Planning

- a. **24/00464/FUL** Field Mill, Station Road, Bleasby NG14 7FX Use of existing ancillary residential accommodation as an independent dwelling unit.

Following a site meeting, Bleasby Parish Council voted to object to the above planning application. 3 councillors voted to object, 1 voted to support and 1 abstained.

The concerns were:

1. Ambiguity Regarding Planning Application Details:

The Parish Council believe there is ambiguity regarding the historical planning applications ranging from December 12th, 2002 to April 2024. Due to unclear documentation, the Parish Council have assumed that the ancillary accommodation referred to in this application is the building now known as Granary Stables. Specifically, we are confused by the designation of Granary Stables as ancillary residential accommodation to Field Mill. The original applications refer to Granary Stables being ancillary to Granary Farm Barn and not to Field Mill. We urge the NSDC Planning Department to conduct a thorough review of the planning history to accurately determine the planning requirements imposed on the site as a whole.

2. Clarification of Property Boundaries:

We request that there is more clarity regarding the legal and planning connections between Granary Stables and other properties on the Granary Farm site, specifically Granary Farm Barn. Any separation of Granary Stables as an independent dwelling must be agreed upon with the owners of Granary Farm Barn.

3. Verification of Ownership/Legal Agreements:

We request that ownership of the various properties is legally verified to ensure accurate boundary definition and registration. This will prevent future confusion or claims regarding property boundaries and ownership. Additionally, we would request that evidence of purchase or legal agreement for the use of neighbouring property's kitchen garden wall to convert agricultural buildings into accommodation, now known as Granary Stables, should be confirmed to avoid any future planning challenges.

The planning application, which initially seemed straightforward, has become convoluted due to unclear documentation. We urge the planning authority to address these concerns promptly and ensure that any decisions made regarding this application are based on accurate information and adherence to planning regulations.

- b. Any other matters appertaining to planning including decisions.
 - i. Update on site meeting re Bleasby School carpark resurfacing (23/02249/FUL).

Jon Edinborough met Cllr Melton on site. Mr Edinborough was informed that the grass-crete does not need planning so no enforcement was deemed necessary. Planning permission is only needed for the extension beyond grass-crete. The application has been called in to the Planning Committee. The Planning Officer has asked the agent to provide further information regarding the extension. This application will not be progressed until this information has been received. Cllr Melton to be asked to follow this up.

- ii. Correspondence from NSDC regarding members of public being allowed to speak at NSDC Planning Committee meetings

The Council had been informed that NSDC Planning Committee had now voted to allow members of the public to address future Planning Committee meetings. The Clerk was asked to send the New NSDC Planning Protocol to the councillors.

- 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. 24/00430/TPO The Old Willows/Carlins Field House.

The Council wishes to object to this TPO given the declining rook colonies and that the trees are not on the applicants property. As Bleasby PC are not a formal consultee on TPS's, the Clerk was asked to write to the case officer to express the council's concerns.

8. Correspondence

- a. NSDC Dog Waste bin contract review and acceptance – reviewed and accepted. Unanimous vote to accept
- b. Quotation for post and rail painting from Green Oak – reviewed and accepted. Unanimous vote to accept
- c. Quotation for Ditch clearance from Ulyett. Quote was discussed, agreed and accepted. Unanimous vote to accept. Cllr Andersen to inform the neighbouring landowners and to write an article for Bleasby News to inform the villagers.

9. Update on matters from previous meetings.

- a. Grip improvements. Minuted in 8c.
- b. Interactive speed sign. No action.
- c. Notice board at Goverton. Ongoing.
- d. Speedwatch at Bleasby, speed survey at Bleasby.

An email has been sent informing all villagers of the new Speedwatch scheme via the village website. 1 person has volunteered. The Councillors all agreed to spread the word and to talk to parishioners. All parish councillors have volunteered.

- e. Village Survey on village-entrance signs
 - i. Cllr Andersen and Coombs to meet Via on 9th April to ascertain the optimal location for the signs.
- f. Lengthsman in Bleasby. Following recent work in the village done by the Lengthsman team, there had been good feedback from villagers. Clerk to inform the Lengthsman of the positive feedback.
- g. Village Electricity generation on the weir – a village project. Ongoing
- h. Casual Vacancy on the Council – ongoing.

10. Flooding in Bleasby

- a. Flood Action Group Report
 - i. Sluice gate and grid meeting with Ross Marshall update- chase Sue re the email to Ross Marshall.
- b. Update on Pumps purchase. All ordered.

11. Update for Annual Parish Meeting - 24th April. All speakers confirmed.

12. Land and Assets

- a. Jubilee Ponds – Easter Trail event was a success. The Council wished to thank Bobbie Desbruslais for organising the event and Peter Cast organising the animals.
- b. Glebe Field - no actions. War memorial to be done when ground drier.
- c. Ferry End - no actions

- d. Additional bin on Shale lane. Cllr Andersen to meet with Cllr Morgan to decide best location on Shale Lane. Clerk to order bulk “wheely bin liners”.

13. Village Projects Update

- a. Gypsy Lane progress – ongoing. Painting to be undertaken before April – weather permitting.
- b. Dyke clearance. Approved in 8c
- c. Repair of Borrow Bread sign and poo bin. Sign has been repaired.

14. Green Spaces Working Group Update

- a. Green Spaces plan review – voted and agreed. Cllr Morgan to put on website.
- b. Grasshoppers update

Working Party: 9 March

- Planted 7 fruit trees at Jubilee Ponds
- Laid amphibian/reptile inspection mats in several locations at Jubilee Ponds. These have already proved successful as common lizards have been found sheltering under them - this is the first time this species has been recorded at Jubilee Ponds.

Next working party: Sat 20th April Glebe Field

- Coronation Meadow maintenance
- Planning May event

Bleasby Swift Box scheme:

- Mike Fryer has been co-ordinating an effort (in conjunction with the Southwell Scheme) to encourage Bleasby residents to install swift boxes on their homes. There has been a lot of interest and Mike took delivery of 20 boxes this week which will be distributed to those who have requested them. Grasshoppers are helping to install if help has been requested.

15. Agenda items for next meeting

Review/approval of Bleasby Parish Council policy documents

Review/approval of Bleasby Parish Council internal audit and AGAR submission

16. Date of next meeting – 13th May 2024.

There being no further business, the Chair thanked everyone for their attendance and closed the meeting at 21.26 hours.

I declare that the above is a true account of the meeting held on 8th April 2024 (approved at PC Meeting held on 13th May 2024)

Signed

Date

Chair

Bleasby Parish Council

Distribution: Parish Councillors, Cllr S Saddington, Cllr K Melton, Noticeboards, Website