

# BLEASBY PARISH COUNCIL

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## Bleasby Parish Council Meeting

Monday 8<sup>th</sup> September 2025 at 7.30 pm, in Bleasby Village Hall

**Present:** Cllr Coombs (in the Chair), Cllrs Winn, Andersen, Wallin, Morgan, the Clerk (Denise Bryant)) and Cllr Melton(NSDC) and 4 members of the public.

## Minutes

### 1. Chair's Welcome

The Chair welcomed everyone, and the meeting commenced at 7.30pm

### 2. Apologies

Apologies were received from Cllr Saddington

### 3. Declarations of Interest

None were declared

### 4. Minutes of the meeting held on 14<sup>th</sup> July 2025

The minutes of the meeting of 14<sup>th</sup> July were agreed and voted unanimously. Signed by the Chair

### 5. Public Participation

Bobbie Desbrulais reported that there had been 307 signatures regarding quiet lanes in Bleasby. There was also a lot of interest in the formation of circular walks and wildlife corridors within Bleasby. Bobbie suggested that a Working Group/Committee could be formed to deliver these initiatives. Bobbie volunteered to chair the Committee but suggested that there would need to be a Parish Councillor on the Committee if this was to be a formal committee of the Council. Cllr Morgan agreed to be on the Committee. As a formal Committee of the Council, a Committee report would be submitted to the Parish Council each month. The Councillors voted unanimously to set up the Committee.

Bobbie Desbrulais reported that the shrubs in the troughs are dying as they are too big. Bobbie proposed getting replacements in the Autumn. Cllr Coombs suggested a budget of £100 for the shrub replacements. The Council voted to approve this with a unanimous vote.

### 6. District/County Council Reports

Cllr Melton reported that he had been to see the field that had been mentioned at the July meeting and had notified NSDC Enforcement who had visited the site. The owners are believed to be preparing the site for development into a commercial

operation. Cllr Melton stated that these developments would need planning permission. Cllr Coombs queried that this land may be in the parish of Fiskerton. Cllr Melton agreed to follow this up with NSDC Enforcement to check progress and to clarify the parish. Cllr Andersen pointed out that it would still affect Bleasby and so Bleasby Parish Council should be allowed to comment.

Cllr Coombs mentioned the number of properties at Hazelford was increasing. This was causing concern given the area is prone to flooding. Cllr Coombs asked Cllr Melton to visit the site to follow this up.

Cllr Coombs asked Cllr Melton to arrange a meeting with IDB as detailed in this month's Bleasby Flood Action Report. This meeting has been requested so that the IDB can consider the proposals to alleviate the flooding in Bleasby. Cllr Melton asked the Clerk to write to him, and he would raise it with the IDB.

Cllr Melton reported that the recent Neighbourhood planning event had been a success and Cllr Coombs agreed. Cllr Coombs said that the Bleasby village plan would need a complete update so that it would be suitable to be the basis of a Neighbourhood plan.

Cllr Saddington reported via email (as she was unable to attend due to an accident). She reported that:

- a. Fiskerton Road, on the sharp bend where the caravan park is, there is a mastic job in for that bend, already marked out.
- b. Main Street, mastic repairs are on the to do list and marked out.

Cllr Saddington had received an email from Jonathan Boot at Network Rail inviting Robert our MP and herself to Derby. She reported that she had replied to say he needs to speak to residents, as she could not convince residents the barriers are safe and fit for purpose. She awaits his reply.

## **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 monthly 25/26 budget document produced by the Clerk.  
This was reviewed and agreed by the council
- d. To approve the annual salary increase for the Clerk  
This was approved by unanimous vote
- e. To note the conclusion of the external audit and approve publication of the documents  
Noted and approved.
- f. Approval of payment of invoice for annual servicing of St Mary's Church clock.  
This was debated at length. The Parish Council felt that they had not committed in November 2024 to pay for the clock to be serviced annually. Cllr Winn proposed that the Parish Council offer to pay 50% of the invoice. Four councillors supported this proposal and one councillor voted against. The clerk to go back to the Churchwarden with the proposal.
- g. Any other matters appertaining to finance.  
There were no other matters.

## **8. Review of Parish Council Policy and Procedure Documents**

- a. Approval of Bleasby PC Risk Assessments  
The Council noted the production of the three risk assessments: General Risk Assessment, Jubilee Ponds Risk Assessment and Glebe Field Risk Assessment. The council voted unanimously to approve and adopt these assessments.
- b. Approval of Bleasby PC IT Policy  
The Council noted the production of the Bleasby PC IT Policy. The Council voted unanimously to approve and adopt the IT Policy.

## **9. Notification of Casual Vacancies on Bleasby Parish Council**

The council noted that there are 2 casual vacancies. The Clerk is to put the vacancies on the website and to put an advert into Bleasby News.

## **10. Planning**

- a. Planning Application - Variation of condition 2 attached to planning permission 18/01515/FULM to amend the approved plans at Hazelford Wier, Hazelford Lock, Bleasby.  
The Council discussed this and unanimously voted to support the application.
- b. Any other matters appertaining to planning to include decisions.  
It was noted that the Application to determine if prior approval is required for Change of use of existing (former) agricultural buildings to create 7 dwellinghouses and associated domestic curtilage under Schedule 2 Part 3 Class Q for North Farm, Gypsy Lane has been withdrawn
- 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.  
There were no other matters

## **11. Correspondence**

- a. Email response regarding complaint about parking on Bleasby Main Street  
The Council noted the response from the parishioner and was grateful for his offer not to park on the road during school hours.
- b. Email regarding praise for plant containers in the village.  
The Council noted the praise and was grateful
- c. Winter Service offer from NCC VIAEM  
The council wished to accept the offer from NCC for the free salt.

## **12. Update on matters from previous meetings.**

- a. Speedwatch at Bleasby.  
Cllr Morgan requested details of the Thurgarton Parish Council contact so that he could arrange for the equipment to be used. Clerk provided the details.
- b. Village Entrance Signs update.  
The Clerk reported that subject to approval of the picture from Signs of the Times (which was approved by unanimous vote), a delivery date of October had been quoted. It was agreed that Cllr Coombs would erect the signs.
- c. Neighbourhood Plan – Update of Meeting at Rolleston on 28<sup>th</sup> July.  
Cllr Coombs, Wallin and Morgan attended. The Council voted to explore this further. The plan is to have a village meeting to inform the village of progress to date and to solicit volunteers to help.
- d. Update on verge maintenance in Bleasby.

The Clerk updated the Council and clarified that NCC do not cut verges within the 30mph limit and this was the responsibility of the Parish Council via the Lengthsman scheme. The clerk also reported that she had requested details of which verges were not to be cut due to wildflowers etc.

- e. Cllr Coombs asked the Clerk to request a road sweep from Station Rd to Main Street. Debris on the road needs clearing.
- f. Clerk to request NCC to do some arboreal work at The Grange as a Douglas Fir has broken limbs which are hanging low and about to fall into the road.

### **13. Flooding in Bleasby**

- a. Flood Action Group Report

Cllr Melton has been asked to arrange a meeting with IDB as minuted in agenda item 6. Flood Action Group Reports are attached to these minutes.

### **14. Land and Assets**

- a. Jubilee Ponds

- i. Update on progress following the Extraordinary Meeting with Jubilee Ponds Fishing Syndicate.

The Parish Council voted unanimously that, in principle, the Parish Council should investigate the status of fishing rights for the Jubilee ponds reed bed subject to solicitors' advice.

- ii. Proposal from Grasshoppers regarding ongoing maintenance and a responsible councillor

The Grasshoppers team had provided proposed costings for works at Jubilee Ponds which would be considered when developing the 26/27 budget. Each councillor having specific roles was to be considered at a later date

- iii. Request from Environment Agency to monitor Jubilee Ponds.

The council approved the EA request and the Clerk was asked to notify the fishing syndicate.

- b. To approve the quotation and authorise hedge cutting of Glebe Field.  
The council voted unanimously to approve.

### **15. Green Spaces Working Group Update**

There was no report as there had been no activity due to the holiday period.

### **16. Agenda items for next meeting**

### **17. Date of next meeting – 13<sup>th</sup> October, 2025**

There being no further business, the Chair closed the meeting at 10pm.

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