

BLEASBY PARISH COUNCIL

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Bleasby Parish Council Meeting

Monday 10th February 2025 at 7.30 pm, in Bleasby Village Hall

Present: Cllr Coombs (in the chair), Cllrs Roscoe, Wallin, Winn, Andersen, and Morgan, the clerk and 1 member 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 Lovatt and Cllr Melton. Late apologies were received from Cllr Saddington

3. Declarations of Interest

None were received.

4. Minutes of the meeting held on 13th January 2024

The minutes of the meeting were agreed and voted unanimously. Signed by the Chair

5. Public Participation

A member of the public asked about the Council's progression of the "Twenty-is-Plenty" scheme. The Council committed to discuss this at the next meeting.

6. District/County Council Reports

No reports were received as both Councillors had apologised.

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. Any other matters appertaining to finance.

There were no other matters.

8. Planning

- a. The following planning applications have been received for consideration:
 - i. 25/00062/HOUSE, Stonecroft, Gibsmere NG14 7FS, Demolition of existing conservatory and construction of a single-storey rear extension.

The Council discussed this application and voted to approve.

- ii. 25/00089/S73, 3 Sycamore Lane, Bleasby NH14 7GJ, Variation of condition 2 to amend the approved plans attached to planning permission 21/00222/HOUSE Convert existing garage to habitable space and construct new garage to front, rear single storey extension to enlarge kitchen and first floor extension over converted garage to create master suite (Resubmission)

The Council discussed this application and voted unanimously to object to this application as it would result in a dwelling that would be out of character with the built environment in an area bordering the Bleasby Conservation Area. The Council note and agree with the Conservation officer's comments about new developments enhancing the conserved area as stipulated in paragraph 212 of the NPPF. Bleasby Parish Council does not believe this development achieves this, neither does it make a positive contribution to the historic environment of the Conservation Area as stipulated in policies CP14 and DM9. The Council are also concerned about the negative impact this enlarged dwelling would have on flooding in the local area.

The Council also noted that the Planning Statement accompanying this application states that there is "secondary access" to Borrow Bread Lane. The Council stated that there is no formal access from 3 Sycamore Lane onto Borrow Bread Lane and asked the Clerk to contact owners to that effect.

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

There were no other matters.

- 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. 25/00171/HPrior 22 Orchard Close - Householder prior approval for single storey rear extension. The length that the extension extends beyond the rear wall of the original house: 4 metres. Eaves height of the extension: 3 metres, Maximum height of the extension: 3 metres.

The council voted unanimously not to comment on this application.

9. **Correspondence**

- a. The Council had received an email from a Newark resident asking for support in requesting assistance in obtaining a sign alerting drivers to the closure of the Newark Castle Crossing.
The Council voted to support this motion. Clerk to contact Cllr Melton and Cllr Saddington to express their support.
- b. The Council had received an email from Jo Dunseath regarding a fallen tree in Holme Dyke and the resultant contaminant.
The Council noted the email and Cllr Coombs agreed to investigate to decide on the best course of action.

10. **Update on matters from previous meetings.**

- a. Tree planting in Bleasby
A date for a follow up meeting has been agreed with Cllr Melton and Lynn Preece.
- b. Grip improvements on High Cross.
This is ongoing with VIAEM and NCC. A further update is expected from Cllr Saddington at the next meeting.

- c. Speedwatch at Bleasby
The sharing of the Speedwatch equipment will be discussed at the February meeting of Thurgarton Parish Council.
- d. Village Entrance Signs update.
Cllr Roscoe requested a further meeting to finalise the design. This was scheduled for 24th February 7.30pm. The clerk reported that an update on the LCF funding is still awaited from NCC. Cllr Saddington is to be asked to expedite.
- e. Update on signage for the slipway at the end of Boat Lane.
Cllr Coombs reported that this was ongoing.
- f. Planning for Annual Parish Meeting to be held on 23 April 2025.
The Flood agenda item will be discussed on 24th Feb.

11. **Flooding in Bleasby**

- a. Flood Action Group Report

The Flood Action Group report is attached to these minutes.

The Council asked the Clerk to check the if the resilience store and the 3 pumps are insured in the policy. Cllr Coombs agreed to speak to the FLAG team about the pumps being stored in the container as this was potentially more secure. Fuel to be stored in various parishioners houses and this will be notified to the FLAG team.

12. **Land and Assets**

- a. Jubilee Ponds
 - i. TPO's on Borrow Bread Lane.
Dates have been sent to Lee Robinson of NSDC for a further site meeting
 - ii. Clarification of Fishing rights on Jubilee Ponds.
Cllr Coombs reported that this was an ongoing project and was currently being resolved
 - iii. Borrow Bread Lane.
The Clerk reported that the requested correspondence had been sent to the parties involved.
- b. Update on Bridge repair to Shale Lane Dyke
All relevant information had been sent to Cllr Saddington. This will be progressed at the next meeting.

13. **Green Spaces Working Group Update.**

Jan 18th session @ Jubilee Ponds

- Coppicing of 4 hazel shrubs/trees in CW. Branches were relocated to den area and used as material for dead hedge boundary and den making. It is recommended that hazel be coppiced on an 8yr cycle which improves the health of the individual shrubs and the neighbouring woodland area by allowing in more light and preventing 'overcrowding'. The different avenues of hazel will be cut on rotation in the next few years.
- Removal of blackthorn from meadow triangle area
- Clearing of fallen trees from ride near den area
- Dead hedge maintenance in den area

Feb 15th session is scheduled 9:30 - 11:30

The 2025 Grasshopper Task Plan has been added to the Bleasby website. Monthly sessions will continue to take place on the third Saturday of the month 9:30 - 11:30. We have agreed to incorporate at least one monthly session at St Marys Church to help manage the Churchyard and another at Bleasby School to help with maintenance of the fruit trees and nature area.

Request:

The Grasshopper team wish to propose the purchase of the following by the PC:

1. Large A1 weatherproof snap frame - to be installed on fence at JP main meadow. This would hold information about the meadow flora and fauna, notice of recent sightings and potential activity sheets (e.g. 'I-spy' or scavenger hunt type tick lists). £38 ex. VAT
2. Robust utility cart with pneumatic tires to allow easy transport of tools and safety equipment to/from storage container £89.99 inc VAT

The Council noted the requests. Approval was proposed by Cllr Coombs and seconded by Cllr Winn. There was a unanimous vote.

14. **Agenda items for next meeting**

The Council's endorsement of the "Twenty is Plenty" scheme

15. **Date of next meeting – 10th March 2025**

There being no further business, the Chair thanked everyone for their attendance and closed the meeting at 20.58 hours.

***I declare that the above is a true account of the meeting held on 10th February 2025
(approved at PC Meeting held on 10th March, 2025)***

Signed

Date

Chair

Bleasby Parish Council

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