

# BLEASBY PARISH COUNCIL

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## Bleasby Parish Council Meeting

Monday 14<sup>th</sup> April 2025 at 7.30 pm, in Bleasby Village Hall

**Present:** Cllr Coombs (in the chair), Cllrs Roscoe, Wallin, Winn, Andersen, Cllr Saddington (NCC), the clerk and 2 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 Morgan and Cllr Melton

### 3. Declarations of Interest

None were received.

### 4. Minutes of the meeting held on 10th March 2025

The minutes of the meeting on 10<sup>th</sup> March were agreed and voted unanimously. Signed by the Chair

### 5. Public Participation

A member of the public asked about the North Farm application from the last meeting. Cllr Coombs gave a summary of the meeting held on 10<sup>th</sup> March.

### 6. District/County Council Reports

Cllr Saddington reported that she is visiting Network Rail in Derby on May 21<sup>st</sup> to discuss barrier operation. She recommended that all communication from Bleasby Villagers regarding the barriers is postponed until after that meeting.

Regarding the bridge repair to Shale Lane Dyke, the NCC officer needed to know if the bridge should be replaced or repaired. Cllr Coombs reported that the bridge would be impractical to repair, and it should be replaced with a new bridge and include the installation of balustrades. Cllr Coombs also reported that the bridge itself could be lowered as the ground surrounding the bridge had eroded.

It was noted that Louise Poole-Richardson and Darren Pirog from VIA came to Bleasby to see the Council re the grips. Cllr Coombs thanked Cllr Saddington for her help.

Cllr Saddington reported that she has requested Gibsmere road be repaired.

Cllr Saddington reported that she could donate to the cost of the VE Day celebrations after the elections. Clerk to progress after the election.

A member of the public asked about the deep rut in the Fiskerton Rd (40 yards after Gibsmere junction) as it is dangerous when it is hidden by the rainwater. Cllr Saddington with progress with Highways.

A member of the public asked about the Newark Marks and Spencer car park exit as cars are ignoring the left-hand only turn. Cllr Saddington reported that she has requested traffic lights on that junction. She is aware it is being looked at but has not heard anything further.

Cllr Melton did not report as he 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.
  - i. Insurance renewal and asset register acceptance and approval.  
Proposed by Cllr Andersen and seconded by Cllr Coombs. Unanimous vote to accept and approve.
  - ii. Acceptance of renewal of NSDC Dog Bin emptying contract.  
Unanimously accepted and voted to approve.
  - iii. Authorisation of additional cut and grass removal to Glebe Field for VE day celebration.  
Proposed by Cllr Coombs and seconded by Cllr Roscoe. Unanimous vote to approve.

## **8. Planning**

- a. The following planning applications have been received for consideration:
  - i. 24/02185/OUTM Outline planning application for proposed development of two new dwellings, relocated driveway to existing adjacent dwelling with additional soft and hard landscaping to the site. (all matters reserved) for Goverton Heights, Goverton Bleasby

The Council debated this application at length. It was noted that this development is outside the village envelope and that it would significantly increase the risk of flooding in the area affecting adjacent properties and properties on Station Rd. It was also noted that the single-track road was inadequate for the additional traffic and for construction traffic. It was felt that the properties were too large and would be inappropriate for the local landscape. The Council voted unanimously to object.

- a. Any other matters appertaining to planning including decisions.  
The Council noted that the land at Manor Close was going to appeal on 4<sup>th</sup> June. The Council decided to request that Mr Peter Cast should be asked to attend and to represent the Parish Council at the appeal. Clerk to email Mr Cast to ask him to attend on behalf of the Parish Council.
- b. 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 items.

## **9. Correspondence**

- a. VE Day Grants from NSDC.

It was decided to apply for the VE Day NSDC grant to subsidise the event that is being run, to assist in the purchase of the replacement flags, the renovation of the WWII memorial area and the additional cut and grass collection on Glebe Field.

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

- a. Tree planting in Bleasby – update.

This is to be postponed for next meeting with Cllr Melton.

- b. Grip improvements on High Cross.

Cllr Coombs reported that a meeting has been held with VIA. VIA are going to cost the development of each grip.

- c. Speedwatch at Bleasby

The Clerk noted that she had contacted Thurgarton PC to accept their offer of the sharing of the Speedwatch equipment and she now awaits written confirmation from them. Further actions to be reported from Cllr Morgan at the next meeting.

- d. Village Entrance Signs update.

- i. LCF fund approval. This was approved by unanimous vote.

- ii. LCF form signature. This was signed by the Chair and the Clerk with return the form to NCC.

- g. Update on signage for the slipway at the end of Boat Lane.

Cllr Coombs reported that this was ongoing

- h. Planning for Annual Parish Meeting to be held on 23 April 2025

The Clerk reported on the speakers who had confirmed.

## **11. Flooding in Bleasby**

- a. Flood Action Group Report - nothing of merit to report for this meeting.

## **12. Land and Assets**

- a. Jubilee Ponds.

Cllr Coombs reported that there is a new owner of the fishing rights at Jubilee Ponds.

Cllr Coombs requested that the councillors should read the title deeds for the ponds and the fishing rights for discussion at the next meeting.

- i. TPO's on Borrow Bread Lane.

Cllr Coombs reported that NCC are working with the new owners of The Acre to formulate a plan.

- ii. Clarification of Fishing rights on Jubilee Ponds. Noted above.

- iii. Borrow Bread Lane – no further action.

- b. Update on Bridge repair to Shale Lane Dyke.

Reported by Cllr Saddington and minuted in Item 6.

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

There was no significant activity to report for this meeting.

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

## **15. Date of next meeting – 19<sup>th</sup> May 2025**

There being no further business, the Chair thanked everyone for their attendance and closed the meeting at 21.19 hours

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