

BLEASBY PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of Meeting of Bleasby Parish Council, Monday, 12 July 2021 Bleasby Village Hall

Present: Cllrs S Andersen (In the Chair), M Coombs, S Roscoe, R Wallin, J Dunseath and N Winn

In attendance: Lynda Ogilvie, Acting Clerk, and 3 members of the public

2021-0123 To Receive Apologies for Absence

Cllr McCormick had sent apologies, which were accepted

2021-0124 Declaration of Members' Interests

It was noted that Cllr Coombs had previously declared an interest in planning application 21/00733/FUL

2021-0125 To Approve Minutes of the Meeting held on 12 June 2021

Minutes were approved and signed as a correct record

2021-0126 To Receive Questions from the Public

A resident raised a question about maintenance of Jubilee Ponds, which he finds overgrown and not being properly managed. He was informed that there has been some difficulties and misunderstandings in getting work done, but this has now been rectified, and a new initiative is being developed to encourage more community participation.

A question was raised about parking outside the pub on the dyke side, and also that the dyke is in need of cleaning in order to avoid flood risk. This matter is being addressed, and quotes for the installation of fencing have been received.

It was also noted that the hedge cutting at the Glebe Field will be carried out according to the previously agreed timetable.

Another resident reported that part of the dyke along Gypsy Lane had been cleared but the contractor left debris in the dyke, which creates a flood risk. It was agreed that the Council will seek to identify the contractor concerned, and ask that they remove foliage when cut back and not leave it in the dyke.

2021-0127 To Receive Reports from Nottinghamshire County Councillor, and Newark and Sherwood District Councillor

Neither Councillor was able to attend, so there were no reports

2021-0128 Finance Matters

a) To Approve Payments on Payment Schedule 3 (attached separately) and to approve any subsequent payments

Payment Schedule 3 was approved

An additional invoice from Paul Wood for £350 for work at Jubilee Ponds during the season 2019/20 was also approved for payment.

b) Approval of fixed asset register

The updated fixed asset register was approved, proposed Cllr Andersen, seconded Cllr Wallin, all in favour.

- c) To receive summary receipts and payments for first three months, and transactions for current account for first three months

Council noted this report.

2021-0129 Planning Applications

- a) 21/01243/HOUSE Two-storey side and front extension, single-storey side extension, and create balcony to first floor master bedroom.

Little Glebe Farm, Gibsmere, Bleasby

It was noted that this is a building of local interest, and members expressed concern that the proposed extension was very large and damaged the integrity of the building. It was also considered that it impacted on the visual amenity of the area.

Cllr Coombs proposed, seconded by Cllr Andersen that the Council should not support this application for the above reasons. All in favour, motion carried.

- b) 21/00757/FUL Change of use to campsite from April to September (inclusive)

Field Reference Number 5848 Fiskerton Road, Bleasby

Members reiterated their concerns that this field is subject to recent and ongoing flooding, and that access would be within an 'S' bend on the road from Bleasby to Fiskerton where the current speed limit is 60 mph.

Cllr Andersen proposed, seconded by Cllr Coombs, that the Council should not support this application for the above reasons. All in favour, motion carried.

Two further applications were considered:

21/01520/TPO Fell 2No. Ash Trees protected by TPO N311 due to suspected ash dieback
15 Station Road, Bleasby

Councillors expressed concern at the removal of two prominent trees along Station Road, and will ask NSDC to confirm that the trees are in poor condition and require removal. If this is confirmed, replacement trees should be planted.

21/00733FUL Replacement Dwelling, The Bungalow, Boat Lane, Bleasby NG14 7FT
Amended plans

No objections raised, therefore Council supports this application.

- c) Planning Decisions

The following decisions were noted:

- a) 21/01140/CPRIOR

Application to determine if prior approval is required for change of use of agricultural buildings to one dwelling house (class C3) and for building operations reasonably necessary for the conversion under GDPO Schedule 2 Part 3 Class Q.

Manor Farm, Station Road

Prior Approval Required, and Granted

- b) The White House Bleasby Road Goverton Bleasby NG14 7FN

Ref. No: 21/01102/HOUSE

Permission Granted

2021-0130 Update on Annual Parish Meeting

Everything in place, no further action

2021-0131 Residents' Correspondence

- a) Overgrown footpaths at Jubilee Ponds

An email concerning the overgrown paths around the Jubilee Ponds was noted, and the sender will be contacted and the current work explained to him.

b) Speeding traffic

Members were informed that photographs can be taken by residents and forwarded to the police. Residents can also telephone 101 or 0800 555 111 and report speeding traffic, preferably with registration numbers. This to be raised at the September meeting.

c) Railway timetable changes

The change to the train timetable leaves Bleasby with no usable commuter trains, and this has been raised by a number of residents. It was noted that this seems contrary to efforts to deal with the current climate emergency and the need to work towards carbon neutrality.

Council will speak to district and county councillors to ask for their support in reversing this decision.

d) Caravan Park

The caravan park at Gibsmere crossroads is of concern, due to health and safety matters, and also that planning permission restrictions appear not to be being adhered to. Clerk to write to NSDC to clarify current permissions, and also ask that health and safety assessments are properly undertaken.

2021/0132 Grant Funding for Bleasby Football Club

Chair asked councillors to consider ways in which support could be offered to the football club. Agreed that this would be raised at the Annual Parish Meeting to judge opinion.

2021-0133 Village Plan Projects

a) Orchard Close

Still awaiting further information on the Local Improvement Scheme

b) Gypsy Lane

Cllrs Coombs and Andersen will measure the distance for the fencing next week.

2021-0134 Land and Assets

a) Jubilee Ponds Engagement day update

Cllr Dunseath talked through the Jubilee Ponds Engagement Day on 17 July, and submitted a risk assessment form, duly completed.

b) New bookshelves in telephone box

It was reported that the library exchange is overwhelmed by books, and needs to move some on. Investigations will be made with local charities to see if they can take some.

2021-0135 Tree Working Group

a) Update

As below

b) Ash tree outside Felbrigg House

Ulyetts have been asked for a quote, but have not yet supplied one. Clerk to follow this up. If they do not wish to quote, then another contractor will be sought.

c) TPO on Scots' pines along Goverton Hill/High Cross

Clerk to contact NSDC to check process for establishing TPOs.

2021-0136 Green Spaces working group

a) Update

The group is trying to recruit volunteers, and also improve the working relationship with the Carp Syndicate. Cllr Dunseath has been in discussions concerning the Site of Nature Conservation (SINC) along Goverton Hill, and now understands that this is likely to continue to be supported by NCC, in conjunction with Notts Wildlife Trust.

2021-0137 Glebe Field play area working group

a) Update

Nottingham City Council has produced an agreement for it to undertake a substantial amount of the work required to consult with residents and establish plans for this project, and also to assist with grant funding applications.

b) Approval of Agreement with Nottingham City Council to undertake work in connection with proposed play area on Glebe Field

Cllr Andersen proposed, seconded Cllr Roscoe, that the above agreement be approved and signed. All in favour, motion carried.

2021-0138 Events Group

a) Looking ahead

Application received for the use of Glebe Field, and various equipment, for a bike event for children to help them learn to ride a bike, and develop cycling skills. Event to take place on 12 September 2021.

Cllr Andersen proposed, seconded Cllr Roscoe, that the event should be approved, and arrangements made to provide equipment required. Clerk will enquire about road closure.

It was also noted that the WI has asked for permission to hold a picnic on the Glebe Field on the evening of 20 July. Members were happy to approve this use of the field.

2021-0139 Christmas Tree and Lights, including electricity at Glebe Field

Members agreed that a 12 foot, slow growing, fir tree would be purchased for planting on the corner of the fence next to the cemetery. Cllr Coombs will investigate possible suppliers. A cut tree will not be purchased this year.

New lights will be purchased, and an electricity supply established. Cllr Coombs will obtain quote, and this will also include PAT testing for Council's equipment (lights not being disposed of, extension cables etc)

2021-0140 To consider installation of Barn Owl box

Response to this suggestion was positive, but it was noted that barn owls are territorial and care would need to be taken in siting a new box. Location will need to be agreed before proceeding.

2021-0141 To consider resolving that under section 100 A (4) of the Local Government Act 1972 the public be excluded from the meeting for the following item of business on the basis that it would likely disclose exempt information

2021-0142 Recruitment of New Clerk

So far there has been two expressions of interest. Agreed that Cllrs Andersen and McCormick and Acting Clerk will form the interview panel, and all candidates will be interviewed. Closing date is 16 July.

2021-0143 Items for the next meeting

- Speeding

Chair thanked everyone for attending, and closed the meeting at 10.15 pm.

Date of next meeting: 13 September 2021

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