

BLEASBY PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of Bleasby Parish Council

Monday 11th March 2024 at 7.30 pm, in Bleasby Village Hall

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

Cllr Sue Saddington (NCC) arrived at 20.07, Cllr Keith Melton (NSDC)

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

Chair's Welcome

1. Apologies

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr Roscoe.

2. Declarations of Interest

No declarations of interest

3. Minutes of the meeting held on 12th February 2024

These were accepted as a correct record of the meeting and signed by the Chair.

4. Public Participation

A member of the public asked if the area around the air crew memorial could be re-seeded, weeded and tended. The parish clerk was asked to contact Green Oak to arrange.

5. District/County Council Reports

Cllr Melton reported that the planning application for car park resurfacing (23/02249/FUL) had been called in. The Planning Committee date has yet to be confirmed. Cllr Melton is going to organise the site meeting with Jon Edinborough – Cllr Coombs and Cllr Andersen to attend).

Cllr Melton proffered apologies for the April meeting as he would be out of the country.

Cllr Andersen asked about the NSDC request for expressions of interest for biodiversity net gain habitat banks. He asked if Jubilee ponds could be a candidate. Cllr Melton felt it would and so it was voted and agreed that Cllr Andersen would submit an expression of interest. Goverton Heights called in too.

Cllr Melton had no update on Manor close.

Cllr Melton reported that an appeal has been lodged for the Battery Energy Storage System at Staythorpe which will be held in April.

Cllr Saddington reported that the Environment Agency was organising a meeting for the affected parishes in Rolleston village hall. Cllr Saddington also informed the Council that NCC had awarded a £350 donation for two flood pumps. Cllr Coombs expressed the Council's thanks.

Cllr Saddington agreed to liaise with Ross Marshall regarding the sluice gate at the bottom of Goverton Hill and to arrange communication with Cllrs Coombs and Andersen.

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. Progress of Unity Bank Application for additional signatories
Cllr Coombs to meet the Clerk to resolve outstanding issue.
- d. Any other matters appertaining to finance.
 - i. Insurance Renewal questionnaire received. Cllr Andersen to review it and send results to the Clerk.
 - ii. Lengthsman scheme payment of £1,150 received from Via.
 - iii. VAT claim submitted for 8 months of year - £1.270.

7. Planning

- a. No planning applications received.
- b. Any other matters appertaining to planning including decisions.
 - i. Update on site meeting re school carpark resurfacing (23/02249/FUL).
Minuted in agenda item 5.
 - ii. Manor Close Update. Minuted in agenda item 5.
- 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.
No other items

8. Correspondence

- a. NCC Climate Change Survey. Circulated to Councillors.
- b. PSPO survey – PSPO survey is now out for consultation and will be sent to the village via the website. Regarding Jubilee Ponds, Cllr Coombs proposed to erect advisory signs stating “Keep Dogs under Close Control” in various locations within the ponds. This was voted on and agreed.
- c. Biodiversity Net Gain Habitat banks from NSDC – minuted under agenda item 5.
- d. NCC Local Waste Plan. Circulated to all Councillors.
- e. B Cast email re hedge cutting up Goverton Hill. Resolved by the Chair and Clerk.
- f. Email re horse riding in Jubilee Ponds and development of bridle path/cycle path down Shale Lane. To be discussed on return of Cllr Roscoe.
- g. Email re groundworks to aircraft memorial. Minuted under agenda item 4.

9. Update on matters from previous meetings.

- a. Grip improvements and horse signs on High Cross. The dykes towards level crossing need clearing. Clerk to contact Ulyetts and arrange a meeting with Cllr Coombs so they can provide a quote.
- b. Interactive speed sign. No action
- c. Notice board at Goverton. Ongoing
- d. Speedwatch at Bleasby, speed survey at Bleasby. Email has been drafted which will be circulated as a news item via Bleasby website.
- e. Email use by Councillors.
Cllr Morgan to assist Cllr Coombs.
- f. Village Survey on village-entrance signs
 - i. Quotation received, from Signs of the Times.
 - ii. Siting and design of signs –. Via meeting to be arranged to discuss locations and installations.

- g. Lengthsman in Bleasby. Aircraft memorial maintenance minuted in agenda item 4. Area around the new trees in the Jubilee Ponds' Orchard needs mowing and benches need oiling. Cllr Coombs and Green Oak to meet to discuss.
- h. Village Electricity generation on the weir – a village project. Ongoing
- i. Casual Vacancy on the Council - Clerk send out email to the village.

10. Flooding in Bleasby

- a. Flood Action Group Report
 - i. EA Meeting Update – minuted in agenda item 5
 - ii. Sluice gate and grid meeting with Ross Marshall – minuted in agenda item 5.
- b. Landowners' responsibilities – update from site meeting. Ongoing
- c. Additional equipment for flood resilience store. Council to consider the purchase of a Trash pump. Clerk to send specification.

11. Date for Annual Parish Meeting

24th April is confirmed date. Speakers to be confirmed and agenda produced.

12. Land and Assets

- a. Jubilee Ponds - no actions
- b. Glebe Field - no actions
- c. Ferry End - no actions
- d. Shale lane – An additional dog bin is to be sourced. Cllr Andersen to progress. Voted unanimously.

13. Village Projects Update

- a. Gypsy Lane progress – ongoing. Painting to be undertaken before April – weather permitting.

14. Green Spaces Working Group Update

- a. Grasshoppers update

1) Working parties:

- 17 Feb: cleared brash from area around small meadow triangle including fire pit
- 9 March:
 - Planted 7 x bare root fruit trees in grassy area adjacent to the track which leads to the main meadow. All fruit trees were supplied on a rootstock that will ensure vigorous growth with a max height of approx. 4m. Varieties were selected to provide a selection of fruit suited to either culinary use or eating from the tree; variation of species will also ensure extended duration of blossom/fruit for insects/wildlife. The following trees were planted:
 - Apple - Blenheim Orange, M106 rootstock
 - Apple - Greensleeves, M106 rootstock
 - Crab Apple - Butterball, M106 rootstock.
 - Pear - Concorde, Quince A rootstock
 - Quince - Meeches Prolific, Quince A rootstock
 - Plum - Czar, St Julien rootstock
 - Damson - Merryweather, St Julien rootstock
 - laid amphibian/reptile mats along hedge at rear of main meadow to provide further habitat and allow surveys to be done on local population.

2) Following the success of the JP Nature day held in October, we are requesting permission to hold 2 further nature themed events/activities at Jubilee Ponds:

- Late Spring event - Sat 11th May. Theme - How to build a mini pond for your garden & how to attract solitary bees/build solitary bee hotels.
- Summer event - Sat 13th July. Theme - Learning about local Butterflies, dragonflies, moths & meadow flowers

The Council approved and unanimously voted to hold the above events.

3) Request for item to be included on agenda for next (April) BPC meeting: Review updated Green Spaces Plan. Agreed.

15. Agenda items for next meeting

Request for item to be included on agenda for next (April) BPC meeting:

- i. Review updated Green Spaces Plan
- ii. Ulyetts quote for dyke clearance
- iii. Borrow Bread sign and poo bin need fixing.

16. Date of next meeting – 8th April 2024.

There being no further business, the Chair thanked everyone for their attendance and closed the meeting at 21.11 hours.

I declare that the above is a true account of the meeting held on 11th March 2024 (approved at PC Meeting held on 8th April 2024)

Signed

Date

Chair

Bleasby Parish Council

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