

BLEASBY PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of Meeting of Council Monday, 14 June 2021, in Bleasby Village Hall

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

In Attendance: Lynda Ogilvie, Acting Clerk, Cllr S Saddington (part) and 3 members of the public.

2021-0102 To Receive Apologies for Absence

There were no apologies for absence

2021-0103 Declaration of Members' Interests

There were no Declarations of Interest

2021-0104 To Approve Minutes of the Statutory Annual Meeting held on 24 May 2021

Adoption of the minutes as a correct record was proposed by Cllr Andersen, seconded Cllr Coombs, all in favour. Motion carried.

2021-0105 To Receive Questions from the Public

It was noted that the water pipe supplying Elmore's Meadow has now been repaired by Severn Trent.

It was reported that Bleasby School children, under the direction of their PE Teacher, wish to hold a cycling and running event during the upcoming sports week. The children will cycle along Gypsy Lane, if possible, and then run an agreed route round Jubilee Ponds. If the children can't cycle along Gypsy Lane, then they would cycle and run round the Jubilee Ponds.

Members supported this initiative, subject to a risk assessment for the Jubilee Ponds, and contact being made with the Carp Syndicate.

2021-0106 To Receive Reports from Nottinghamshire County Councillor, and Newark and Sherwood District Councillor

Cllr R Blaney has sent apologies for the meeting.

Cllr Saddington commented on how pretty the village looked at the moment.

She updated members on what is happening at County Hall under the new leadership, which has got off to a dynamic start.

She reported the following:

- Nottinghamshire has now given its 1 millionth Covid 19 vaccination

- Cases of Covid 19 are generally low and stable in the County, save for NSDC, where there has been a slight increase
- Tetrapaks can now be recycled in dedicated units at various places, or by taking to recycling areas
- NCC is prioritising improvements to the roads in the county
- The current LIS scheme has been extended to March 2022, when it will be replaced by an updated scheme, focussing on improving towns and villages
- County Councillors have been allocated £5,000 divisional funds, which will be made available to support local initiatives
- The County Council will be engaging with residents to develop a new plan for Nottinghamshire. A questionnaire will be available soon, and residents can complete it online or by accessing it at local libraries

Cllr Saddington was asked about electric scooters, which are being used in the village on the road and footpaths. It was noted that these vehicles are not permitted on the public highway, and it was suggested that a message to this effect is put in the Bleasby News, and also the notice board.

A question was raised about a right of way fingerpost which has been removed. This will be reported using NCC online facility.

2021-0107 To Approve Payments on Payment Schedule 2 (attached separately) and to approve any subsequent payments

Cllr Dunseath proposed approval of Payment Schedule 2, seconded by Cllr McCormick, all in favour. Motion carried.

2021-0108 To consider Insurance cover for Assets, including review of fixed asset register

It was noted that a full verification of assets had been undertaken. Two duplicated entries had been identified, and one asset, a strimmer, had been identified as unserviceable and would be scrapped.

The amended Asset Register will be tabled at the next meeting for approval.

The insurance premium has been paid following approval of the renewal at the May meeting. It was noted that the insured value of all assets owned per the policy schedule is £24,436 whereas the replacement cost as recorded in the Asset Register is £63,414. It was noted that there is no insurance cover for the Aircrews Memorial.

Quotes have been obtained from Came & Co to increase the insurance cover of the assets. To top up the insurance cover for all assets other than the Aircrews Memorial would result in an additional premium of £41.59. To obtain damage cover only for the Aircrews Memorial would add a further £72.89.

It was proposed by Cllr Andersen, seconded by Cllr Winn, that the insurance cover should be increased, and that damage cover should be obtained for the Aircrews Memorial in line with the above quotes. All in favour. Motion carried.

2021-0109 To review internal audit report and complete, approve and sign Annual Governance Accountability Return (AGAR)

It was noted that the Internal Auditor had completed his review with no comments, and the clean signed audit report was tabled and accepted. Following completion of the internal audit, Section 2 Accounting Statements 2020/21 and the Completion Checklist for the AGAR were reviewed and approved.

Cllr Andersen proposed and Cllr Coombs seconded a motion that these AGAR documents be completed and signed. Motion carried.

Copies of these documents will be placed on the website.

It was noted that the Council has been selected for limited review by the external auditors, and therefore further work may be required if any further queries are raised.

It was noted that the required period of public inspection would commence on 1st July, 2021 and end on 12th August, 2021, and notice would be placed on the website and the notice board giving the required information.

2021-0110 To approve Bank Reconciliation 31 May 2021

The bank reconciliation and bank statement as at 31st May 2021 was tabled for review, along with the schedule of bank transactions for April and May 2021 was approved and signed.

2021-0111 Planning Applications

a) 21/01192/HOUSE Pickerill Barn, Gibsmere
Regularization of installation of sky disc, bin shed, and head pump

Council had no objection to this application.

b) Planning Decisions, if any

It was reported that the application for the removal of sycamore trees at The Acre had been approved, following a visit to the site by an officer from NSDC

2021-0112 Update on Annual Parish Meeting

Members considered whether to postpone the Annual Parish Meeting in light of the extension of Covid-19 restrictions, but on balance felt that it should go ahead. Acting Clerk will progress this, booking the hall, approaching various people who usually give reports of their activities, drawing up an Agenda and posting notices on the notice board and website.

2021-0113 Residents' Correspondence

A letter had been received from a resident expressing dismay at misleading, ill-informed and upsetting criticism of groups of village community members which have appeared on facebook.

Members shared these concerns, but noted that the facebook site referred to was not connected in any way to the Parish Council, nor the Bleasby News, but is run and managed by individuals in the village. It was further noted that overwhelmingly comments on flower troughs and other activities have been very positive and supportive. Acting Clerk was asked to contact the person responsible for the flower troughs and thank her and her

team for their efforts in making the village look so pretty. Also to contact the author of the letter and convey the parish council's views and actions on the matter.

A second letter had been received highlighting, among other points, that the Site of Importance for Nature Conservation (SINC) along Goverton Hill/high Cross has ceased to be supported by NCC due to lack of funding, although there is hope that this may be reversed later this year.

It was agreed that this is a matter which will be considered by the Green Spaces Working Group.

Speeding was also raised, and this will be placed on the next Agenda

Finally a request was made that people were asked not to park in front of the notice board at the end of Gypsy Lane. This restricts access to the notice board, and troughs, and also obscures egress onto Main Street by traffic. Agreed that a notice will be placed in the Notice Board highlighting these issues.

2021-0114 Village Plan Projects

a) Orchard Close

A meeting planned for last week had to be postponed to this week, so no further information available

b) Gypsy Lane

Cllr Coombs has obtained a quote for the fencing, which is £125 per metre. Accurate measurements of the length need to be obtained.

2021-0115 Land and Assets

a) Jubilee Ponds Engagement day update

Cllr Dunseath updated members on progress on the JP Engagement Day planned for 17 July. The Event will run from 10 am to 4 pm, and there will be the following 'stations':

- Welcome
- History
- Meadow
- Binocular
- Fishing
- Art

Volunteers on the day would be welcome.

Cllr Dunseath proposed, seconded Cllr Andresen that £250 be allocated to this event to cover associated costs, including printing flyers, obtaining sanitisers, and art supplies. All in favour. Motion carried.

As a separate item, members agreed that the Council's litter pickers will be taken to the school for use by the children during a litter pick day being organised by the school. On 9 July. Cllr Roscoe will oversee the delivery of the litter pickers, and ensure that they are returned to Council after the event.

2021-0116 Tree Working Group

a) Update

Members discussed the possibility of applying for TPO's on the line of Scots pine trees along Goverton Hill. It was proposed by Cllr Andersen, seconded Cllr Coombs that Chair will contact tree officer at NSDC to see if this can be done. All in favour. Motion carried

b) Ash tree outside Felbrigg House

Nothing further to report.

2021-0117 Green Spaces working group

a) Approval of Terms of reference

The Terms of Reference, having been circulated, were proposed for approval by Cllr Dunseath, seconded Cllr Andersen, all in favour. Motion carried.

b) Update

Nothing further to report.

2021-0118 Glebe Field play area working group

a) Update, include discussion of benches

Nottingham City Council has been asked to come up with ideas and a plan to take this forward, and the provision of benches will be considered as part of this. It was noted that it is still possible for people to have picnics on the field, either using the existing seating or bring a rug to sit on.

2021-0119 Events Group

a) Looking ahead

The Events Group has already discussed ideas for an event on Glebe Field, once Covid restrictions have been lifted. A cycling event has not been possible to organise yet, but may be possible later in the year. Other plans being discussed are an Event at Christmas, and an Easter trail in 2022. Bleasby in Bloom is underway, and additional elements being added as appropriate.

2021-0120 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

As it was expected that no exempt information would be discussed under the following Agenda item, Council did not resolve to exclude press and public on this occasion.

2021-0121 Recruitment of New Clerk

It was agreed that Cllrs Andersen and McCormick will work with Acting Clerk to prepare documentation and advertisements for the recruitment of a new Clerk.

2021-0122 Items for the next meeting

- Speeding traffic
- TPO on Scots pine trees on Goverton Hill
- Christmas tree and lights

Date of next meeting: 12 July 2021

Chair thanked everyone present for their attendance and closed the meeting at 9.45 pm.

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