

BLEASBY PARISH COUNCIL



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MINUTES of Bleasby Parish Council Meeting

Monday, 12 December 2022 at 7.30 pm in Bleasby Village Hall

Present: Cllrs Roscoe, Andersen, Dunseath, Winn, McCormick and Wallin

In attendance: Lynda Ogilvie, Locum Clerk, Cllr Roger Blaney (NSDC) and one member of the public

As Cllr Coombs was delayed, Cllr Roscoe took the Chair.

Cllr Roscoe welcomed everyone and opened the meeting at 7.30 pm

1. Apologies

Cllr Coombs was delayed but expected to join the meeting at around 8.30 pm

2. Declarations of Interest

There were no Declarations of Interest.

3. Minutes of the Meeting held on 14 November 2022 – to approve and sign as a correct record

The Minutes of the meeting held on 14 November 2022 were approved as a correct record, and signed.

4. Public Participation

There were no questions from the public.

5. District/County Council Reports

Cllr Saddington sent her apologies for the meeting, but wished everyone a Happy Christmas and New Year.

Cllr Blaney explained the background the planning application to be considered later in the meeting. He also confirmed the meeting arranged with Network Rail to discuss Bleasby level crossing barrier failures will be at Morton Church Hall on 12 January 2023. Cllrs Winn and Coombs will attend on behalf of Bleasby.

Cllr Winn noted that there had been no bus for two weeks, and wondered if it could be agreed that in such circumstances bus passes could be used on the train. Cllr Blaney confirmed that this was because of work which needed to be done to repair stolen copper cabling. The use of bus passes on the train would need to be agreed between the two organisations concerned.

6. Finance

a. To approve payments as listed on payment schedule

The payment sheet was approved

b. 2nd draft budget 2023/24 review, and consideration of Precept for the year

Members discussed and considered some of the expenditure which will need to be

incorporated into next year's budget, including the Bleasby News, the Lengthsman scheme and a possible contribution to grass cutting at the church.

c. Consider spend year to date and plans for expenditure for the remainder of the current budget year

Approved expenditure for the remainder of the financial year, other than standard expenses, includes gravel for the Jubilee Ponds, and any costs associated with work undertaken by the fishermen on behalf of the Parish Council.

d. Any other matters appertaining to finance

There were no other matters appertaining to finance to be discussed.

7. Planning

22/02241/LDCP Application for a Lawful Development Certificate for proposed single storey side extension; single storey rear extension; and proposed detached domestic outbuilding, to be used incidental to the dwellinghouse for an indoor exercise pool and home office, The Anchorage Boat Lane Bleasby Nottinghamshire NG14 7FT

Members discussed this application, and considered that the development is too large in comparison to the original dwelling, and it should be subject to full planning application. In addition there appears to be a flood bank which has been constructed close to the property. This should be assessed by the Environment Agency to ensure that it conforms to current regulations.

8. Lengthsman Scheme – to approve new contract

Unfortunately the annual contract for this scheme was not signed at the proper time, but VIA are prepared to accept late submission. Cllr Andersen proposed that the Agreement be signed on behalf of Bleasby PC, seconded by Cllr Dunseath, 5 members in favour, 1 against. Therefore the motion was carried, and the Agreement was signed by Acting Chair.

There is a mandatory training event on 11 January 2023 and Cllrs Andersen and Dunseath will attend.

9. Correspondence

a. Chair Skills Training

No one wished to attend.

b. Email from Stoke Bardolph Village Community re Gedling Borough Council proposal to build on Green Belt

It appears that this threat may now have been withdrawn, so no further action.

c. Request for financial support from CAB Sherwood and Newark

Members decided not to offer financial support, as the CAB already receives funds from local taxpayers via District Council

d) An email had been received from a resident asking the council to consider a number of issues of concern, including speeding traffic, notice boards and village entrance signs. Members agreed appropriate responses to be sent.

10. Village website – update on replacement administrator(s)

A notice will be placed in the next edition of Bleasby News.

11. Update on Station Adoption Scheme

No further information available.

12. Land and Assets

a. **Jubilee Ponds**

Gravel has been delivered

b. **Glebe Field**

Nothing to report

Cllr Coombs arrived

c. Ferry End

- To consider purchase of two replacement benches

It was noted that the benches at Ferry End are showing signs of decay, and it was agreed that Cllr Roscoe will investigate options for replacement composite benches and report to next Council meeting.

13. To consider project/events to mark the Coronation

a. Events

Various ideas were offered to mark the occasion of the Coronation of Charles III, including road closure along Main Street with a parade of various groups, hog roast, Maypole dancing, and some organised entertainment. Some ideas will need to be dealt with quickly so a working group will be set up to get things moving

b. Flowering cherry trees at Glebe Field

Members will visit the site to assess if cherry trees could be planted without encroaching on other trees and benches.

14. To consider future planting of troughs

Locum clerk will check if help or resources are needed to plant up the troughs in the Spring.

15. Bleasby in Bloom – to agree a budget, including flowers in the church for special events.

This is not considered necessary at this time.

16. Update on matters from previous meetings:

- Grips on High Cross
Still to be dealt with
- Interactive speed signs
Another sign on Main Street considered desirable. Cllr Saddington will be approached for support
- Notice Board at Goverton
Final decision about placement needs to be agreed.
- Gypsy Lane project
Request VIA to install kerb stones to protect the verge and dyke.
- Tree to commemorate life of HM Queen Elizabeth II
Cllr Dunseath has been unable to purchase a suitable specimen so far, but will continue to try to locate one. It will be planted at the Jubilee Ponds

17. Green Spaces Working Group Update

a. Grasshoppers update

Group met recently, and undertook hedge work at the ponds. Also assisted with decorating the Glebe Field and putting up the Christmas tree.

18. Christmas lights switch on – update

The event was well supported, and people were able to enjoy music and singing in the Church. Thanks to be sent for the use of the Church and the organ playing which had enhanced the event.

19. Consideration of the future of Bleasby News, and village communications

It has been confirmed that the Bleasby News will continue in its current format, and two new people have come forward to help with the publication. Members approved the Parish Council continuing to underwrite the cost of publication.

20. Glebe Field Play Area Working Group Update

As reported previously, a number of obstacles have been identified in relation to establishing a play area on the Glebe Field, including the need for planning permission possibly including a pre-planning application, archaeological survey, the consideration of objections raised during the consultation exercise, change of personnel at City Council and the funding of the project. It was agreed that an approach would be made to the

residents who originally asked for this to be considered and see if they are still interested in being involved in taking the project forward.

21. Agenda items for next meeting

- Request from St Mary's Church for a contribution towards maintenance of churchyard, and improvements to the car park
- Consideration of installing 'snap' frames in key locations to reduce the use of plastic pockets.

22. Date of next meeting – 16 January 2023

There being no further business, Chair thanked everyone for their attendance and wished everyone a Happy Christmas and peaceful New Year. The meeting was closed at 9.40 pm

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