

BLEASBY PARISH COUNCIL



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Minutes of Bleasby Parish Council

Monday 10 July 2023 at 7.30 pm, in Bleasby Village Hall

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

Cllr Keith Melton, Cllr Sue Saddington (arrived 7.45pm)

In Attendance: Denise Bryant, Clerk, and 2 members of the public

Chair's Welcome

Chair welcomed everyone and opened the meeting at 7.30. The Chair welcomed Cllr Morgan to his first council meeting.

1. Apologies

Cllr Winn apologised.

2. Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

3. Minutes of the meeting held on 12th June 2023

These were accepted as a Correct Record and signed.

4. Public Participation

A member of the public queried the tarmac edge repair of High Cross. It was discussed if the road was wide enough. The suggestion was that it should be one-way with passing loops installed where drivers travelling can wait in the passing loop for cars in the other direction to pass. Cllr Coombs had earlier that month had a Via meeting and said it was unlikely to be changed due to budget constraints. Cllr Coombs had highlighted the knife edges to Via and they were going to be repaired. The member of the public asked if the passing loop concept could be highlighted to VIA.

5. District/Council Reports

Cllr Melton reported that NSDC has a new administration in place which will be formally ratified by Full Council next week. Cllr Melton also reported that he is to be the portfolio holder for Climate Change. Cllr Melton was congratulated by the Parish Council. Cllr Melton also informed the meeting that the NSDC Cabinet Meetings are streamed and available via the NSDC website.

He informed the meeting that the Staythorpe planning application for battery storage stations has been unanimously refused.

The Acre planning permission has been withdrawn. Cllr Coombs asked Cllr Melton how this would affect the schedule of trees that have been removed and now need to be replaced. Are the NSDC tree team going to supervise this even though the application has been withdrawn. Clerk to write to Keith to request the officers to act.

Cllr Melton advocating for there should be more trees planted for sequestration of CO2 and looking at a process for villages to suggest areas for additional tree planting in their areas.

Cllr Roscoe asked if there was any financial incentive for farmers to plant more trees and also for farmers to establish cycle routes etc. This will be discussed in future. Cllr Melton asked that Cllr Roscoe write to him regarding cycle lanes etc with a map suggestion etc.

Cllr Saddington commented that the provision and funding of cycle paths is a County responsibility. Cllr Saddington asked Cllr Roscoe to contact her to progress this. It will involve the NCC Rights of Way team. Cllr Saddington suggested that it could be a Local Improvement Scheme application. Bleasby PC will need to complete the application which will need detailed plans and costings.

Cllr Saddington to chase the provision of rubbers and the interactive sign.

Cllr Saddington and the council discussed a recent meeting between Louise Poole-Richardson and William Atkinson of Via and Cllr Coombs. The Via team committed to send the council further information regarding the installation of horse signs on High Cross. Regarding the grips, Via committed to liaise with Ross Marshall of NCC. Additionally, Bleasby PC committed to establish the exact location of the grips by clearing the vegetation, thereby enabling the proposal to be accurately drawn up.

During the Via meeting, the potential extension of the Gypsy Lane post and rails was discussed for which a license is required. Bleasby PC need to get the vegetation cleared as the precise location of the dyke and therefore the site of the proposed post and rails needs to be visible.

Cllr Saddington also discussed a recent 25-minute outage at the rail crossing. Cllr Coombs to send Cllr Saddington the precise date and time so that she can include the details in her email. Cllr Saddington suggested a meeting which would include all the affected villages. Cllr Melton wished to be involved too. Cllr Saddington will keep it on hold until she receives the info from Cllr Coombs. Bleasby and the other affected parish councils would need to be publicise this meeting to gain support from the relevant villagers.

6. Finance

- a. To approve payments as listed on payment schedule if any.

The payment schedule, as circulated, was approved.

- b. To receive and approve bank reconciliation and bank statement (attached separately)

Accepted and the chair signed the bank reconciliation and statement.

c. Signature of Unity Bank Application for additional signatories
The application forms were duly signed.

d. Any other matters appertaining to finance.
No other matters were noted.

7. Planning

a. 23/01016/HOUSE application for The Willows, Station Rd
The Council discussed the above application and noted that no comments from any Bleasby residents had been received. It was decided to SUPPORT the application. The vote was unanimous.

b. Any other matters appertaining to planning including decisions.
There were no other matters.

8. Correspondence

- a. Email from Mike Fryer regarding dyke adjacent to Glebe Field. This was discussed along with the previously minuted meeting with Via. The dyke needs to be cleared and Bleasby PC will investigate if TVDB would adopt it. The Clerk and Cllr Coombs to arrange the vegetation being cleared.
- b. Email from Notts Highways re tarmac repairs to High Cross. NCC road damage repair reference number CSC523633329 noted.
- c. Quotation for painting of white posts and rails in Bleasby. Quotation received and noted. Decision made that volunteers should paint the posts and rails. Cllr Morgan to source paint. Date to be scheduled in September.
- d. Grasshoppers request to use Jubilee Ponds for Family Nature event. Event approved and £300 funding approved for the event. Clerk to inform Grasshoppers.
- e. VIA – 20th July Fiskerton Rd. Temporary traffic lights to be in use for 24 hours. Village email sent and posted on the noticeboard.

9. Update on matters from previous meetings

- a. Grip improvements and horse signs on High Cross – discussed and minuted previously.
- b. Interactive speed sign – Cllr Saddington to chase.
- c. Notice board at Goverton – S115 applied for and sent to Via. Awaiting progress.
- d. Speedwatch at Bleasby, speed survey at Bleasby – Cllr Morgan to contact Mrs Edkins and to progress next month.
- e. Email use by Councillors – Clerk update. More to be done for next month. Cllr Morgan to investigate Microsoft 365 email hosting and costings.
- f. Village Survey on village-entrance signs. This was discussed and various amendments suggested. It was decided that the survey would be printed and delivered throughout the village – possibly with Bleasby News. Responses would be requested by the end of September and collected in the telephone box in the village.

10. Land and Assets

- a. Jubilee Ponds – nothing to note.
- b. Glebe Field – Cllr Coombs to meet contractor regarding work as minuted above. Cllr Coombs confirmed that the gate can be repaired. Cllr Andersen to locate deeds.
- c. Filing cabinets to be sorted and contents minimised. Printer to be moved to Cllr Roscoe.
- d. Ferry End – Contractor removed Crack Willow. Saturday 15th July – Ferry End will be tidied up and the benches installed.

11. Village Projects Update

- a. Gypsy Lane progress – updated and minuted previously.

12. Green Spaces Working Group Update

- a. Grasshoppers update

Grasshoppers have been busy and have undertaken several activities since the last meeting:

- Kept new trees watered during the drier spells (fastigate hornbeams and wild service tree)
- Tidied and maintained the patch at the train station.
- Glebe Field Orchard - mown, trees tidied and pruned where appropriate, hedge trimmed.
- Jubilee Ponds - paths through meadow and Centenary Wood mown. Perimeter paths mown and pinch points cleared of brambles.

Next scheduled working party: 10am Sat 15th July at Ferry End to install new benches, fit a new fence post and tidy after removal of crack willow trees.

The council voted to approve £100 to be spent on additional equipment for the Grasshopper volunteers.

13. Agenda items for next meeting

None noted.

14. Date of next meeting – 11 September 2023.

There being no further business, the Chair thank everyone for attending and closed the meeting at 9.12pm.

***I declare that the above is a true account of the meeting
(approved at PC Meeting held on 11th September, 2023)***

Signed

Date

Chair

Bleasby Parish Council

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