

BLEASBY PARISH COUNCIL

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Meeting of Bleasby Parish Council held at Bleasby Village Hall, Gypsy Lane, Bleasby on Monday 9th September 2019 at 7.30 pm

Present: Cllrs: P Cast, S Andersen, N Winn, S Roscoe

Also in Attendance NSDC Cllr R Blaney, NCC Cllr S Saddington, Clerk K Green and 4 members of the public

Minutes

Chair's welcome

The Chair thanked everyone involved in the Bikefest event, with a special thanks to Bobbie Desbruslais, for all their hard work and in making the event such a success.

BPC 19-170 Receive and accept apologies for absence - Cllr R Wallin, Cllr M Coombs

BPC 19-171 Declaration of Members' Interests in Agenda Items - None

BPC 19-172 Receive Questions from the Public - A resident commented that the gutters on Main Street and Station Road were in need of cleaning and that the drainage gulleys needed clearing.

- **Clerk is to report the issue to NCC and NSDC respectively**

- A resident commented that the agendas and minutes have not been available on the website site. The Clerk was able to access the agendas at the meeting but further investigation showed that, since an adjustment during the summer to improve access, updates to the website on the Parish Council pages were not accessible to the public.

* **Clerk to ensure items on the website can be seen. Work on the website administration required.**

BPC 19-173 Receive reports from Nottinghamshire County Councillor and Newark and Sherwood District Councillor

NCC Cllr Sue Saddington reported to the meeting - Cllr Saddington's new role for NCC is very intense. New road surfacing equipment has been used on Boat Lane, Gypsy Lane and Station Road as a trial. The Chair reported that many residents are not happy with this work as the machine gives a new surface but doesn't fill potholes

Cllr Saddington suggested that the Chair and Clerk write a feedback report to the appropriate NCC officer regarding the outcome of the trial and of the effectiveness of the machine.

- * **Clerk and Chair to write feedback report**

Cllr Saddington reminded Council that the highway priorities suggestions' deadline is 7th October and that the Local Minerals Plan consultation is open for comments.

Cllr Saddington notified the Council that her NCC funding is available for any projects it may wish to undertake.

NSDC Cllr Roger Blaney reported to the meeting - Cllr Blaney will notify Council when the roads are next to be swept and how regularly this occurs.

BPC 19-174 Receive and Approve Minutes of the Council Meeting 8th July 2019

Proposal to Approve the Minutes

Proposed by Cllr Cast

Seconded by Cllr Andersen

All Agreed

BPC 19-175 Receive and Approve Minutes of the Extraordinary Council Meeting 15th August 2019

Proposal to Approve the Minutes

Proposed by Cllr Roscoe

Seconded by Cllr Winn

All Agreed

BPC 19-176 Co-opted Councillors – continued strategy for induction, engagement, communication and further recruitment Chair asked new Cllrs to draw on their interests to support the Council and gained assurances of their contentment as Councillors.

* **Clerk to advise as to the next set of ‘New Councillor Training’ as the current sessions are full.**

BPC 19-177 Approve revised Standing Orders

Proposal to approve revised standing Orders

Proposed by Cllr Andersen

Seconded by Cllr Cast

All Agreed

BPC 19-178 Parish Plan priorities, initiatives and financial planning associated with LIS grant applications

Clerk reported that she has signed up to the email alert for LIS funding and will receive an email when the next grant schemes are open for application.

Council discussed and agreed that the priorities, driven by the Parish Plan, are the development of the Orchard Close junction (including bench, planters, noticeboard and trees) and Gypsy Lane with the Conservation Area (including verges, dykes and parking). These projects would include measures to improve road safety, flood risk and parish communications.

Proposed by Cllr Roscoe

Seconded by Cllr Cast

All Agreed

BPC 19-179 Environmental issues – towards Parish Council policies considering

Council agreed that environmental issues are important, and strategies should be implemented to support this issue.

- **Effective local recycling and ‘greener awareness’**

* **Cllr Roscoe to look at new recycling initiatives and liaise with residents for ideas.**

- **The development of a parish tree conservation strategy**

* **Cllrs Cast and Roscoe to formulate a policy for the October 2019 meeting.**

- **Wildlife and landscape conservation across the parish**

● Conservation of meadowland, wildflower areas, woodland and hedgerows within the Parish Council assets and across the parish be assessed and recorded, possibly with the support of the Countryside and Footpaths Group.

- **Public responsibility and access to the countryside for all users**

Council to look at access for those with disabilities to Parish Council assets and features and provisions both in the village and across the parish including transport and mobility constraints.

BPC 19-180 Land and Assets

- a) **Receive updates on Jubilee Ponds, Ferry End and Glebe Field and discuss works necessary**

All areas continue to be well maintained. The Jubilee Ponds meadow will be mown again this month and quotes obtained for hedge cutting there as well as at the Glebe Field.

- b) **Dog Waste Bins**

Council received correspondence from two residents that the Clerk read to the meeting.

Residents are concerned that people using the footpath at the side of the village hall are putting their dog waste bags into residential bins in the area. Residents would like a dog waste bin installed in the area.

- Clerk to respond to residents: the Parish Council is now better informed of the situation and consider it a serious issue. Council will be asking residents at the Dog Funday being held on the Glebe Field where they would like such bins to be located in the village and will act as appropriate on information gained.
- c) **Enhancement of asset management strategy of above sites in relation to public responsibility and emerging initiatives at BPC 19-179**
As Above
- d) **Hedge and verge maintenance and autumn/winter programme**
Chair has liaised with contractor and the hedge at the Glebe Field will be cut twice a year with an experimental early spring cut. Verges will need a full cut before winter to maintain the wildflower diversity.

BPC 19-181 Best Kept Village Information and supportive strategies

Clerk reported that RCAN organised the event with support from NALC and that the Clerk receives the application to enter via email. Cost is free to members of RCAN or £5 to non-members.

Proposal for Bleasby Parish Council to enter the Best Kept Village Competition 2020

Proposed by Cllr Winn Seconded by Cllr Roscoe
All Agreed

BPC 19-182 Receive Reports from working and steering groups to include

- Flood Action Group and risk management - Chair thanked the group for their hard work and diligence.
- * **Clerk to write a letter of thanks to the Flood Action Group for all their hard work and dedication**
- Station Adoption project and initiation of associated possible level crossing area improvements – new planters are expected at the station and the group are hopeful that the Nottingham-bound platform shelter will be replaced.

Proposal that the Council actively support the Station adoption group

Proposed by Cllr Cast Seconded by Cllr Andersen
All Agreed

- Events Group programme – Thanks to Bobbie Desbruslais and her team for Bikefest success.
 - WI sale is the next event when the Parish Council will be providing the marquee
 - Fun Dog Show at which the Parish Council will seek opinion and feedback from participants.
- * **Proposal that Biodegradable dog waste bags and a bin be supplied by the Council for the event if not already being provided. Cllr Winn to purchase.**
Proposed by Cllr Andersen Seconded by Cllr Winn
All Agreed

BPC 19-183 Finance

- a) **Receive Payment and Receipts report and consider the approval of any further additional payments to be made and add to the schedule - Ulyett Landscapes mowing for August 2019**
- b) **Approve and sign Payment Schedule**
Proposed by Cllr Cast Seconded by Cllr Andersen

All Agreed
- c) **Sign cheques approved for payment**

d) Audit Report 2018-2019 - Approved and signed

e) Receive and Approve figures for 2019-2020 Quarter 1 - Approved and signed

f) Spending Plan 2019-2020 to include provision for Parish Plan initiatives

Parish Council will take the above mentioned agreed projects forward with plans of action for the individual projects and consequent costings determined.

g) Authorisation of payments by councillors-New Councillors agreed that they would become bank signatories.

* **Clerk to organise forms to enable the new Councillors to become signatories.**

BPC 19-184 Developments and improvements to Parish Council component of Community Website by the Clerk – Clerk has updated the layout of the Council pages to make documents easier to locate.

After discussions with residents revealed that the website was not showing up to date material it was agreed that this should be addressed with urgency.

* **Clerk to adjust settings of the website so that everyone is able to view it.**

BPC 19-185 Planning Item – Garden Cottage, Main Street – 19/01501/FUL

Council discussed the planning application and agreed that-

The Council objected to the application as it was felt that an opportunity to improve the look in the conservation area by adding a pitched roof to the extension should be taken.

Proposed by Cllr Andersen

Seconded by Cllr Winn

All Agreed

Planning item - 19/01596/FUL- The Acre Gypsy Lane

Council discussed the application and agreed that-

The Council objected to the application as it would have a visual impact within the Conservation Area due to the loss of the chimney stacks and that works had begun without required protection for the surrounding trees. The house was built in the 1950s rather than after 1968 as stated in the application

Proposed by Cllr Roscoe

Seconded by Cllr Winn

All Agreed

* **Clerk to report to planning enforcement at NSDC that works are already taking place at this address.**

BPC 19-186 Correspondence – incoming and outgoing

a) VE Day celebration - noted

b) Unity Bank Financial Services Compensation Scheme - not relevant

c) PWLB Letter - noted

d) Winter Service Agreement - Agree to order the free grit amount available to be delivered to the Village Hall

e) Nottinghamshire Local Minerals Plan update - noted

f) East Midlands Airport Consultation - noted

BPC 19-187 Items for next month's agenda – ongoing projects raised at this meeting.

BPC19-188 Date of Next Meeting - Monday 14th October 2019

I verify that this a true account of the Meeting

**Signed
Chair
Bleasby Parish Council**

Date