



BLEASBY PARISH COUNCIL

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MINUTES of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 12 September 2022 in Bleasby Village Hall

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

In Attendance: Lynda Ogilvie, Locum Clerk, and two members of the public

Cllr Coombs welcomed everyone to the meeting, and said that a Book of Condolence had been opened and was being kept in the Church for those who wished to record their Condolences on the death of HM Queen Elizabeth II. The meeting was then opened at 7.30 pm

1. Apologies for Absence

Cllr McCormick had tendered her apologies, which were accepted.

2. Declarations of Interest

No Declarations of Interest were made

2a. Approval of previous Minutes *(This item had been inadvertently omitted from the Agenda)*

Minutes of the meetings held on 11 July 2022 and 28 July 2022 were accepted as a correct record and signed.

3. Public Participation

It was reported that the grips on High Cross had now become overgrown again and needed further attention.

4. Finance

a) To approve payments as listed on payment schedule

All payments on schedule were approved.

b) Any other matters appertaining to finance

Unity Bank form to change the address of the Council for paper copies of documents was signed.

5. Planning

a) 22/0151/TPO Proposal to fell 2 No Ash trees protected by TPO N311 at 15 Station Road

Members commented that previous inspection of the trees had suggested that the condition of the trees did not warrant removal. Members unanimously opposed their removal, but if the local planning authority approved their removal, then the Parish Council requests that similar native species replacements be planted, and maintained to maturity.

b) Any other planning matters, including decisions

The decision notice on the application to remove trees at The Acre was noted.

6. Correspondence

The following correspondence had been received:

Email from the Head Teacher at Bleasby C of E School saying that there had been two incidences of vandalism in the play area of the school, and as a result this facility would be closed until 3 October. Members deplored these senseless acts of vandalism and ask the Clerk to contact the Head Teacher to offer help in repairing the affected equipment.

Email from a member of Southwell Scouts asking for financial support to assist her to attend the Scout Jamboree in South Korea in 2023. Locum Clerk informed Council that a parish council does not have any power to give money to individuals for such an activity, but could give some support to the Scout movement in Southwell, provided it felt that there was benefit to the Bleasby community. It was agreed unanimously that a donation of £50 would be offered to Southwell Scouts.

Email from the leader of the Events Committee saying that she would no longer be able to fulfil this role, but would continue with individual events/activities. Members agreed that no action would be taken at this time to fill this role.

Email from resident re bus service which serves other villages but not Bleasby. This will be included as an Agenda item for the October meeting.

7. Update on Station Adoption Scheme

No update was available.

8. Land and Assets

a) Jubilee Ponds

A draft contract outlining arrangements between the PC and the Carp Syndicate has been drafted. Councillors were given a copy to peruse, and this will be added to the October Agenda for discussion and approval.

b) Glebe Field

Bunting has been removed. It was noted that new bunting will be needed, and should be ordered in good time for the anticipated Coronation of King Charles III next year

Members reconfirmed approval of four event shelters, which have not yet been purchased. Size to be approximately 3.5 m x 3.5 m dependant on availability.

c) Ferry End

It was noted that some of the willow trees at this site will need attention.

9. Village Projects Update

a) Gypsy Lane

An impasse has been reached on this project, as VIA will only sanction bollards or yellow lines. It was agreed that Clerk will ask VIA for their further comment on how safety concerns in this area can be realistically addressed.

b) Orchard Close

The Planters have been delivered. The Licence with VIA and Notts CC has now been signed, and will be returned to NCC with a covering note clarifying some of the points in the Licence.

Members approved a budget of up to £600 for planting up the planters

In addition it was noted that 20kg free winter salt has been ordered.

10. Green Spaces Working Group Update

a) Grasshoppers update

There will be a 'tidying up' day on Saturday at Ferry End.

b) Risk Assessments

Not yet completed.

11. Review of Health and Safety Procedures

Nothing more to report

12. Glebe Field Play Area Working Group Update

It is now known that planning permission will be required, and also that an archaeological survey will need to be undertaken. It was agreed that it would be appropriate to apply for pre-planning assessment, and Clerk will make enquires as to what is required. A decision will also need to be made on the sort of equipment proposed so that suppliers can be approached for designs and costings.

13. Update on request for financial assistance to cost of mowing the grass at St Mary's Churchyard

Cllr Dunseath has met with the Churchwardens and two other members of the church family. Outcome is that a quotation needs to be obtained and thereafter it will be up to the Churchwardens to apply for a grant to the PC if they wish.

14. Staffing Matters

No applications for the position of Clerk to the Council have been received. It was agreed that this will be reconsidered in early 2023 and the recruitment process revisited at that time.

15. Agenda items for next meeting

- Christmas lights switch on, and ordering of Christmas Tree
- Jubilee Ponds – Agreement with Carp Syndicate
- No Swimming notice at Jubilee ponds
- Purchase of Bunting
- Tree in commemoration of HM Queen Elizabeth II

16. Date of next meeting – 10 October 2022

There being no further business, Chair thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting at 9.28 pm.