



BLEASBY PARISH COUNCIL

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MINUTES of the meeting held on Monday 13 June 2022 at 7.30 pm, in Bleasby Village Hall

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

In Attendance: Lynda Ogilvie, Locum Clerk, Cllr Roger Blaney (NSDC}, Cllr S Saddington (NCC) and 4 members of the public

Chair's Welcome

Cllr Coombs opened the meeting at 7.30 and welcomed all in attendance.

1. Apologies

There were no apologies for absence

2 Declarations of Interest

There were no Declarations of Interest

3. Approval of Minutes of the meeting held on 23 May 2022

The Minutes of the meeting held on 23 May 2022 were approved as a correct record and signed.

4. Public Participation

A member of the public raised the issue of potholes in the village, both on the roads and also on pavements. Some have been reported, and Locum Clerk will deal with others.

5. To receive reports from Nottinghamshire County Councillor and Newark and Sherwood District Councillor

Cllr Blaney congratulated Cllr Coombs on his election as Chair of the Council. He also apologised for not attending the Annual Meeting of the Council and the Annual Parish Meeting, but had been unaware of the changed dates.

He informed members that he and Cllr Saddington had met with representatives of Network Rail to discuss the regular failures of the barriers, and the impact on Bleasby and other nearby villages. They requested that electronic boards be installed but these may be too costly. Network Rail have a scheduled programme of work which it is hoped will improve matters.

Cllr Blaney also noted that NSDC now has a community grant scheme, to which parish councils can apply for match funding, primarily for capital projects.

Cllr Saddington apologised for her late arrival at Bleasby's Platinum Jubilee celebration, as she had many to attend. She was pleased to know that the event had passed off well and was well attended.

6. Finance

- a. To approve payments as listed on payment schedule – approved unanimously
- b. To receive the report of the internal auditor.

Each of the comments received were reviewed and discussed, and appropriate

future actions noted.

- c. To complete, review, approve and sign the Annual Governance and Accountability Return (AGAR) 2021/22.

The AGAR Completion Checklist was completed, and Section 1, Annual Governance Statement and Section 2, Accounting Statements unanimously approved and the chairman and clerk signed the completed forms.

- d. Approve submission of AGAR to the external auditor – unanimously approved

- e. To receive an update on the insurance renewal for the Parish.

It was noted that the policy has been renewed and the premium paid. Cllr Dunseath reported that she was still communicating with the brokers to clarify the insurance cover for the Ferry End (with its proximity to the River Trent) and Jubilee Ponds (which has ponds and a play den area) land sites. A new risk assessment for all assets needs to be completed for all Council assets during the next few months.

7. Planning –

- a) **To consider and comment on the following planning applications:**

- i) 22/01007/HOUSE 2 Sycamore Lane (Millholme) – Extensions etc

This application was supported, 4 votes in favour, 3 against.

- ii) 22/00978/ HOUSE Greenways, Station Road – single storey rear extension

This application was unanimously supported

- iii) 22/01069/HOUSE, Little Glebe House, Gibsmere – Single Storey extensions to side and front elevation

This application was unanimously supported

- b) Any other planning matters, including decisions

There were no further planning matters for consideration

8. Update Railway Station Adoption Group

It was reported that the group were tidying up land next to the platforms, and that Perspex panels on the Nottingham side had been replaced. There is a blank wall, and it is hoped that some artwork created by school children could be displayed on the wall.

9. Land and Assets

- a. Glebe Field

- consideration of application by Bleasby WI to use the Glebe Field on 19 July, 2022 – from 6pm for picnic activity

This application was approved.

- b. Jubilee Ponds

Nothing to note.

- c. Ferry End

Chair confirmed that the land registered in Bleasby Parish Council's possession reaches the river edge. It was noted that the area is looking untidy at the moment, and there has also been a problem with dog excrement. There is also a crack willow which will need attention. These matters will be dealt with as appropriate.

10. Management of drainage channels

- a. Management of High Cross grips

The grips are now overgrown and thus will lose effectiveness in times of heavy rainfall. A better solution will be investigated.

- b. Gypsy Lane dyke repairs

Locum Clerk will liaise with Chair to obtain further quotes for this work.

11. To consider speeding and traffic survey results

The traffic survey recently carried out had not shown any particular problem with speeding in the village, and no accidents have been recorded within the last three years. In fact,

there have been no accident reports in the last ten years. Thus from VIA's perspective Bleasby does not have a speeding problem.

It was agreed that Cllr Saddington will be approached to see if a second interactive speed sign could be installed in the village.

It was also noted that a resident in Goverton had experienced a 'near miss' when a car overtook others at speed and came close to colliding with the resident and her child. It was considered that a proper kerb along this stretch of road could help to improve safety and this will be pursued.

12. Community School:

- a. Gate unlocking – to consider appointment of new person to undertake this role
A number of options were considered. Discussion with current person and the Head Teacher will help determine how to deal with this in the future.
- b. Nominate member of the Parish Council to act as school liaison
Cllr Roscoe will undertake this role initially.
- c. Liability update on out of hours school grounds access
This matter is ongoing.

13. Noticeboard – to consider purchase of keylock to enable broader access

It was agreed to purchase a keylock. Chair to arrange.

14. Village Projects - To discuss and decide on next steps

- a. Orchard Close
Members were updated on discussions with Via about the planters for the area. The size which has been approved will be too small for orchard trees. Cllr Dunseath will contact Via to check the regulations on street furniture near the highway.
- b. Gypsy Lane
This was discussed earlier in the meeting.

15. Green Spaces Working Group Update

- a. Grasshoppers update
Grasshoppers are continuing to meet regularly and carrying out maintenance work as needed.
- b. Jubilee Ponds proposal to contract some maintenance work to Bleasby Carp Syndicate
Cllr Dunseath requested that the Council increase the budget allocated for work at Jubilee Ponds, as there are areas where significant additional work is required. Members approved a budget of up to £2000, and further approved that the Carp Syndicate be engaged to carry out work which is beyond the remit of the Grasshoppers group.

16. Glebe Field Play Area Working Group Update

Cllr Dunseath reported that contact is being made with NSDC and NCC to clarify matters such as planning permission and archaeology requirements.

17. Events Group Update

Very positive feedback on the Platinum Jubilee weekend. Locum Clerk was asked to write a letter of thanks to the principal organiser and ask that thanks are passed on to other people who helped make the weekend so successful.

Bike Fest is in hand, and application for road closure has been made.

18. Correspondence

Email from Goverton resident regarding a traffic incident – discussed earlier in the meeting.

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

This matter is ongoing.

20. Staffing Matters

a. Recruitment of Clerk

Council approved that the hours for the post will remain at an average of 6 per week, and the salary scale will be within the range £13.21 - £14.67 per hour, according to experience and qualifications.

An advert will be prepared and posted on the NALC website and other local sites.

Interview dates to be arranged in due course.

21. Agenda items for next meeting

- a. To consider purchase and installation of Christmas lights etc
- b. Review proposed Green Spaces Management Plan
- c. Notice board at entrance to Glebe Field.

22. Date of next meeting – 11 July 2022

There being no further business, Chair thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting at 10.10 pm.