

BLEASBY PARISH COUNCIL

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Bleasby Parish Council Meeting

Monday 10th March 2025 at 7.30 pm, in Bleasby Village Hall

Present: Cllr Coombs (in the chair), Cllrs Roscoe, Wallin, Winn, Andersen, and Morgan, Cllr Melton (NSDC) Cllr Saddington (NCC), the clerk and 7 members of the public

Minutes

1. Chair's Welcome

The Chair welcomed everyone, and the meeting commenced at 7.30pm

2. Apologies

No apologies were received. The resignation of Cllr Lovatt was noted.

3. Declarations of Interest

None were received.

4. Minutes of the meeting held on 10th February 2025

The minutes of the meeting were agreed and voted unanimously. Signed by the Chair

5. Public Participation

Numerous residents raised concerns regarding the Change of Use application for North Farm, Gypsy Lane to create 7 dwelling houses (25/00307/CPRIOR). Residents felt that the attendant increase of traffic on Gypsy Lane due to the application was unacceptable. They noted that Class Q applications are subject to restrictions which include the site having suitable road access and not posing an increased flood risk. Numerous residents commented that both would be issues for this site. Cllr Coombs counselled that all objections should be sent in writing to NSDC. Cllr Melton noted the objections voiced at the meeting and Cllr Saddington asked that any objections which had relevance to either NCC Highways or the NCC Flood team be sent to her.

6. District/County Council Reports

Cllr Saddington reported on traffic volumes on Station Lane Bleasby. The a.m. weekday peak in both directions was 234 vehicles per hour. Over 7 days, the average a.m. peak was 186 vehicles. The p.m. weekday peak in both directions was 219 vehicles per hour. Over 7 days, the average p.m. peak was 195 vehicles. The 85th percentile speeds of vehicular traffic in both directions was 34.6mph. (Northwest bound was 35.4mph. Southwest bound was 34.6mph).

Cllr Saddington has requested an interactive speed sign. "30 for a reason" signs have also been requested but Cllr Saddington had been told there was an issue as there are insufficient available lamp posts.

Cllr Coombs asked Cllr Saddington to look at the state of the road in Lower Goverton as it was causing issues with cyclists. Cllr Saddington agreed to investigate.

Cllr Coombs reported that the railway crossing gates were closed on Saturday 8th March for approx. 3.5 hours and that the gates at the Fiskerton crossing had also been down. Cllr Saddington agreed to provide the Clerk the email to contact Network Rail which will be sent to Bleasby residents so that they can contact Network Rail to complain. Cllr Saddington will also lobby Network Rail to the same effect.

Cllr Saddington reported that the “20 is plenty” 20mph speed limit is on the Police agenda for July. A member of the public alerted Cllr Saddington that Gypsy Lane is a national speed limit road which is very dangerous. Cllr Saddington stated that Gypsy Lane needed to be put into the Local Transport Plan revision and asked that residents report all the accidents. She also stated that the proposed Bleasby Speedwatch team need to monitor traffic on Gypsy Lane

Cllr Melton mentioned that the local authority reorganisation will have an impact as the District Council will become a Unitary Authority in 2027. Cllr Melton said that it will lessen the District Council's ability to determine planning decisions. Therefore, the Parish Council's Neighbourhood Plan will be considered a material planning consideration. He suggested that Bleasby PC consider developing their own Neighbourhood plan.

Cllr Melton chased the date for the meeting with Lynn Preece and Mat Adey regarding tree planting in Bleasby – two dates were proposed: 22nd or 25th April. The Clerk emailed Cllr Melton and Lynn Preece with the suggested dates.

7. Finance

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

The payment schedule was approved by all and signed by the Chair.

- b. To receive and approve bank reconciliation

The bank reconciliation was approved and signed by the Chair.

- c. Any other matters appertaining to finance.

- i. Insurance renewal and additional items update.

Cllr Andersen agreed to review the insurance details for the next meeting.

- ii. Clock repair funding request

The Council have decided that, in this instance they are unable to assist due to the competing demands on the expenditure of the council.

- iii. Quote from Ulyetts for summer 2025 work.

The Council voted unanimously to accept this quote. Clerk to notify.

- iv. Appointment of Internal auditor.

The Council voted unanimously for the appointment of the same auditor as the previous year.

8. Planning

- a. The following planning applications have been received for consideration:

- i. 25/00307/CPRIOR North Farm Gypsy Lane Bleasby NG14 7GG.

Application to determine if prior approval is required for Change of use of existing (former) agricultural buildings to create 7 dwellinghouses and associated domestic curtilage under Schedule 2 Part 3 Class Q.

Numerous public representations have been made and are minuted in minute 5. Cllr Coombs noted that whilst North Farm had not in itself

flooded, the flooding impact created by this potential development on neighbouring (lower) properties would be significant. Cllr Morgan commented that not only was flooding a risk but also wastewater would need to be catered for as the properties were all on septic tanks which could contaminate the water in a flooding event.

The Council voted unanimously against this application being permitted without the requirement for planning permission.

- ii. 25/00353/TPO The Acre Main Street Bleasby NG14 7GH 15 Hornbeam
 - Remove dead branch/deadwood; reshape and balance
 - 25 Oak - Remove dangerous branch; reshape and balance
 - 12, 13, 14 Sycamore - Reduce by up to 1m over road; deadwood
 - 7 Beech - Remove dead branches and reduction of dead canopy
 - 4 Ash - Remove deadwood; reshape and balance
 - 20 Silver Birch - remove dead tree

The Council considered this TPO application. They noted that the trees had suffered significantly from the building works and that trees that had been removed earlier and had not been replaced as directed by NSDC.

The Council decided not to object to this TPO application.

- b. Any other matters appertaining to planning including decisions.
 - i. Planning application to 3 Sycamore Lane has been granted.
 - c. Any other items notified to Bleasby Parish Council prior to this meeting and requiring submission of comments before the following scheduled Parish Council meeting.
 - ii. 25/00334/HOUSE Shawfield Main Street Bleasby NG14 7FU Loft conversion including dormer to East elevation. Additional rooflight to West elevation.
- The Council considered this application. The Council voted unanimously to support this application.

9. Correspondence

- a. The Council had received a query regarding VE day celebrations in Bleasby.

The Council are planning an event on Glebe Field over the bank holiday. Details are to follow. Glebe Field to be cut in preparation for the event.

- b. The Council had received a briefing regarding Newark Urgent Care Treatment Centre opening hours.

The Council asked for this to be sent to the village by the Clerk.

10. Update on matters from previous meetings.

- a. Council's endorsement of "Twenty-is-plenty" Scheme.

This was discussed by Cllr Sue Saddington and is minuted in item 6.
- b. Tree planting in Bleasby.

The meeting date with Lynn Preece, NSDC, will be set for 22nd or 25th April.
Date to be agreed
- c. Grip improvements on High Cross.

The Council asked the Clerk to chase Cllr Saddington.
- d. Speedwatch at Bleasby.

The clerk reported that, in principle, Thurgarton Parish Council have agreed to share the Speedwatch equipment. This will be confirmed in writing.

- e. Village Entrance Signs update.
Cllr Roscoe reported that proposed sign designs have been agreed. There will be a further meeting to gain agreement. The requested NCC LCF Funding has yet to be granted.
- g. Update on signage for the slipway at the end of Boat Lane
Ongoing.
- h. Planning for Annual Parish Meeting to be held on 23 April 2025
Ongoing

11. Flooding in Bleasby

- a. Flood Action Group Report
Cllr Coombs reported that now Holme Dyke has been excavated, it now needs to be strengthened as it appears it may be being contaminated with fly ash. Clerk to contact the IDB to request that they attend for a site meeting to inspect the contamination and formulate a plan of action.

12. Land and Assets

- a. Jubilee Ponds
 - i. TPO's on Borrow Bread Lane.
A Meeting has been set for 14th March with Lee Robinson of NSDC.
 - ii. Clarification of Fishing rights on Jubilee Ponds
Cllr Coombe reported that negotiations are ongoing.
 - iii. Borrow Bread Lane
No further communication received.
- b. Update on Bridge repair to Shale Lane Dyke.
A report has been sent to Cllr Saddington. The Council asked the clerk to chase progress.

13. Green Spaces Working Group Update

Cllr Coombs reported that the Grasshopper team had undertaken maintenance work to the rear of the Church including the steps and low-lying gutters.

14. Agenda items for next meeting

Event planning

15. Date of next meeting – 14th April 2025

There being no further business, the Chair thanked everyone for their attendance and closed the meeting at 22.00 hours.

I declare that the above is a true account of the meeting held on 10th March 2025 (approved at PC Meeting held on 14th April 2025)

Signed

Date

Chair Bleasby Parish Council

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