

BLEASBY PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of Bleasby Parish Council

Monday 12th February 2024 at 7.30 pm, in Bleasby Village Hall

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

Cllr Sue Saddington (NCC) arrived at 20.04. Cllr Keith Melton (NSDC) arrived at 20.32.

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

Chair's Welcome

1. Apologies

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr Roscoe and Cllr Morgan. Cllrs Saddington and Melton both notified the Council of their late arrival which was accepted.

2. Declarations of Interest

No declarations of interest

3. Minutes of the meeting held on 8th January 2024

These were accepted as a correct record of the meeting and signed by the Chair.

4. Public Participation

Mr Joh Edinborough raised the Bleasby school car park resurfacing planning application (23/00249/FUL) and noted it was retrospective as the works were carried out in August 2023. He raised concerns at the apparent failure of NSDC to consider the threat of surface water flooding. It was felt that this resurfacing increases the floodwater run-off towards neighbouring properties. It was agreed to arrange a site meeting with Cllr Melton and Cllr Andersen

5. District/County Council Reports

Sue Saddington had received the Bleasby Flood Action Group report. She reported that Ross Marshall of NCC had subsequently spoken to Peter Cast. She reported that there was a second flood warden training event scheduled at County Hall. She noted that the Environment Agency (EA) was to meet with all parishes neighbouring the Trent and they will notify us about the details.

Cllr Coombs asked Cllr Saddington about the inlet from the field which requires a sluice gate. Cllr Saddington asked for this requirement to be minuted in the EA meeting. It was also noted that a grid was needed on the culvert to stop debris blocking the opening. Cllr Saddington to discuss this with Ross Marshall and suggested a site visit to identify precise locations. Cllr Saddington agreed to email Ross and copy in Cllrs Andersen and Coombs

Cllr Melton agreed to meet with Mr J Edinborough and the NSDC case officer (Yeung Browne) to inspect the Bleasby school site re the resurfacing planning application. Cllr Melton reported that NSDC had held a meeting of all flood wardens. NSDC are calling for Trent catchment area meetings with all appropriate agencies to look at more robust solutions. This is a large project that will take time. NSDC are also looking at cleaning the Trent River basin, making it more environmentally friendly and bio-diverse and looking at other uses, e.g. tourism and power generation. The Canals and Rivers Trust are looking at what they can offer for power generation and placing fish races in rivers and locks.

6. Finance

- a. To approve payments as listed on payment schedule if any.
Payments were noted, approved and signed by the Chair
- b. To receive and approve bank reconciliation.
Received and approved. Signed by the Chair
- c. Progress of Unity Bank Application for additional signatories
Cllr Coombs to meet the Clerk to resolve outstanding issue.
- d. Appointment of David Dixon as auditor for 2023/24 audit.
The appointment of David Dixon as internal auditor was approved by unanimous vote.
- e. Any other matters appertaining to finance.
There were no other matters.

7. Planning

- a. 23/02249/FUL Resurfacing of section of existing car park along with area of new kerb line Bleasby C Of E School Station Road Bleasby
The Council voted unanimously to object.

The Council notes that this retrospective application is for works that are inadequate and improper and the documentation supporting this application is inaccurate and misleading. The Council also wished to note that it is fully supportive of the comments to be submitted by John Edinborough.

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

8. Correspondence

- a. Email regarding new battery for defibrillator.
The defibrillator battery has been ordered.
- b. Ulyetts quote for renewal of the works
This quote has been accepted but the Council also wish to note it is also working with GreenOak Gardening Services.
- c. Quote from NSDC election charges.
This quote was acknowledged and accepted.

9. Update on matters from previous meetings.

- a. Grip improvements and horse signs on High Cross. No action.
- b. Interactive speed sign. No action
- c. Notice board at Goverton. Ongoing
- d. Speedwatch at Bleasby, speed survey at Bleasby. Ongoing
- e. Email use by Councillors.
Cllr Morgan to assist Cllr Coombs.
- f. Village Survey on village-entrance signs
 - i. 2 x Quotations from Morris Cast Signs and Glasdon.
A further quote was to be sourced from the supplier who made the Fiskerton sign. Clerk to investigate.
 - ii. Siting and design of signs
To be discussed by Cllr Coombs and Cllr Andersen.

g. Lengthsman in Bleasby

It was noted that the Council were very happy with the GreenOak work at Jubilee Ponds and Borrow Bread Lane.

h. Entrances and exits.

GreenOak to be asked to tidy village entrances and exits.

i. Village Electricity generation on the weir – a village project. Ongoing

j. Casual Vacancy on the Council. Ongoing.

10. Bleasby Proposed Cycle Route.

This agenda item to be postponed until the return of Cllr Roscoe.

11. Flooding in Bleasby

a. Flood Action Group Report

The Council wished to thank to Peter Cast for his great report which has been sent to NCC and NSDC for action.

b. Landowners' responsibilities

Ditch ownership and riparian rights to be discussed at the site visit and subsequent meetings.

c. Additional equipment for flood resilience store.

Clerk to talk to Peter about what is required.

12. Date for Annual Parish Meeting

Clerk to obtain a suitable date when the village hall is available in late April.

13. Land and Assets

a. Jubilee Ponds

i. PSPO requirement.

Clerk to investigate the process and issues regarding the application for a PSPO. Advisory signs "dogs on leads" to be erected due to nesting season.

b. Glebe Field - no actions

c. Ferry End - no actions

14. Village Projects Update

a. Gypsy Lane progress - ongoing

15. Green Spaces Working Group Update

a. Grasshoppers update

Grasshoppers working party held on Sat 27th Jan focused on creation of dead hedge around perimeter of den making area at Jubilee Ponds. New bird nest boxes were also sited within the area.

Additional ad hoc working days to cut up and move fallen eucalyptus tree on Jubilee Ponds meadow. Branches moved to den area dead hedge.

Next Grasshoppers working party meet on Sat 18th Feb.

Jubilee Ponds Centenary Wood cleared and tidied by GreenOak Gardening Services - terrific job which has been favourably commented on by several residents.

The Parish Council voted and approved a budget of £500 in March 2022 to purchase approx. 7 native/naturalized fruit trees for planting at Jubilee Ponds along the path between entrance and meadow. The timing of request meant that it was too late in the season to source and then plant. Grasshoppers would now like to purchase the trees.

The Parish Council voted unanimously to approve the purchase of approx. 7 native/naturalised fruit trees.

16. Agenda items for next meeting

PSPO progress

Manor Close update

School playground update.

17. Date of next meeting – 11th March 2024.

There being no further business, the Chair thanked everyone for their attendance and closed the meeting at 21.53 hours.

***I declare that the above is a true account of the meeting held on 12th February 2024
(approved at PC Meeting held on 11th March 2024)***

Signed

Date

Chair

Bleasby Parish Council

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