

BLEASBY PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of Council, Monday, 13 September 2021, in Bleasby Village Hall

Present: Clls S Andersen (in the Chair) M Coombes, S Roscoe, N Winn, R Wallin

In attendance: Lynda Ogilvie, Acting Clerk, Cllrs R Blaney (NSDC) and S Saddington (NCC)

2021-0142 To Receive Apologies for Absence

Cllrs McCormick and Dunseath tendered apologies, which were accepted

2021-0143 Declaration of Members' Interests

There were no Declarations of Members' Interests

2021-0144 To Approve Minutes of the Meeting held on 12 July 2021

These were accepted as a correct record and signed

2021-0145 Presentation and discussion on Station Adoption project – Kaye Robinson from EMR

Council received a presentation by Ms Kaye Robinson, EMR. Ms Robinson explained the background to the station adoption scheme, and the current position with regard to the project in Bleasby, and went through the next steps. Planters should be received within the next three weeks, and there will be engagement with the school, particularly on safety issues, Council agreed to support the scheme, and become guardians of the station, and also to join the Community Rail Network scheme at a cost of £50 per annum.

Ms Robinson will forward all documents which will need to be completed and signed.

2021-0146 To Receive Questions from the Public

Concern was expressed by a resident that large agricultural machinery travelling round the bend near the Church. There have been incidents of 'close shaves' when such vehicles come round at high speed. As speeding is on the Agenda, this will be considered under this item.

A suggestion was raised that the Parish Council might consider the purchase of additional and/or replacement poppies and/or other British Legion items for the Remembrance period in November. Agreed that this would be placed on the Agenda for the October meeting.

2021-0147 To Receive Reports from Nottinghamshire County Councillor, and Newark and Sherwood District Councillor

Cllr Blaney reported on a meeting he had had with Network Rail at which the restricted timetable and the implications for villages such as Bleasby was discussed. There were a number of issues which he was able to discuss and clarify with them, and he expects to meet with NR representatives again shortly.

Cllr Blaney also updated members on latest developments at the caravan park on Boat Lane, and confirmed that the application for a camping site at Bramley Meadow had been turned down on Highways grounds.

Cllr Saddington reminded everyone to complete the Big Notts Survey, which closes on 19 September. She also gave an outline of the latest news from the Health Scrutiny Committee.

She was asked about cars using the path near the river, outside Hazelford Nursing home. As this is a bridle path, and is very narrow in parts, concern has been raised about the safety of this. Cllr Saddington will ask the appropriate people at NCC and report back.

A resident also asked for an update on the drainage system cleaning. Cllr Saddington will check and report back.

Cllr Saddington also said that she would be willing to make a contribution from her divisional funds towards a Christmas tree for the parish if one is to be obtained.

2021-0148 To Approve Payments on Payment Schedule 4 (attached separately) and to approve any subsequent payments

Payment Schedule 4 was approved. In addition, members approved a payment of £46.47 to Cllr Andersen for litter pickers,

a) New laptop

Acting Clerk reported that in her opinion the Parish Council laptop is no longer fit for purpose and advised that the Council should consider and upgrade. It was agreed a new laptop should be purchased in consultation with the new clerk, and a budget of £500 was set for this.

Acting Clerk asked members if they wished to put in a bid for funding via the District Council fund which is aimed at safety. Cllrs Andersen and Wallin will develop a proposal in connection with reducing speeding in the village,

2021-0149 Planning Applications

a) 21/01243 Little Glebe Farmhouse, Gibsmere – Amended Plans

Members objected to the amended plans, and wished the previous Council comments to be restated to the planning office.

b) Planning Decisions

21/00733/FUL, The Bungalow, Boat Lane – Refused Development

21/01721/TPO Little Dower House, Station Road. Works to Sycamore tree. Refused.

21/01520/TPO 15 Station Road. Fell 2 ash trees. Refused.

The above were noted.

2021-0150 Matters Arising from Annual Parish Meeting

There were no matters to discuss under this item.

2021-0151 Residents' Correspondence

There was no correspondence to be discussed under this item, as all matters were allocated under separate Agenda items.

2021-0152 Letter from Via re salt and other winter needs

Agreed to ask for the free 20kg salt, and also to obtain two new grit bins to replace those at the base of High Cross (near entrance to Brickyard Farm), and at the corner of Gibsmere crossroads. The grit bins will cost £155 each ex VAT

2021-0153 Work Schedule for Consideration

Members considered a plan of work needed in the parish which had been submitted by a resident. Some items had already been undertaken, and others would be looked at within the overall plan for the Glebe Field. Some other items are the responsibility of other authorities and these will be followed up appropriately.

2021-0154 Village Plan Projects

a) Orchard Close

Nothing to report

b) Gypsy Lane

Nothing to report

2021-0155 Land and Assets

a) Jubilee Ponds Engagement day – Report

The day had gone really well, and had been attended by many residents including children. Several people had volunteered to get involved with helping at the ponds.

b) Dog control – Jubilee Ponds

An incident had been reported involving a dog in the water, which was seen to be worrying a swan.. Dogs are expected to be under control at all times at the ponds. This will be put on the next Agenda for more detailed discussion, but it was stressed that whatever restrictions were considered must be enforceable.

c) Jubilee Ponds – Gate lock

The gate lock number is known to a few people but members agreed that this should include the Chair of the Parish Council, and also the Clerk.

d) Equipment for Bleasby PC estate maintenance

Cllr Dunseath had submitted a list of items which are needed for proper maintenance at the ponds and elsewhere, a comprehensive first aid kit, and first aid training for 12 volunteers. Total cost is estimated at £1,293. Members unanimously approved the purchase of the items on the list, subject to storage arrangements being agreed, and the arrangement for first aid training.

e) Jubilee Ponds

- Electricity

Installation of electricity cabling is now scheduled for 20 October

- Christmas Tree

Cllr Coombes is working to locate a suitable supplier

- Lights for tree

Cllrs Roscoe and Coombes to investigate what is available. A budget of £250 was set for the purchase of lights.

f) Commercial activity on Parish Council owned land

To be discussed at the next meeting

2021-0156 Tree Working Group

a) Update

Nothing to report.

b) Ash tree outside Felbrigg House

Cllr Coombes will ask contact to quote

c) TPO on Scots' pines along Goverton Hill/High Cross

Planning Office do not consider that TPOs are warranted on these trees.

2021-0157 Green Spaces working group

a) Update

Will be discussed at next meeting

2021-0158 Glebe Field play area working group

a) Update

A meeting with Notts City Council will be arranged to agree next steps.

2021-0159 Events Group

a) Report on Cycling Day

This was a very successful event, with a good turnout of people. Thanks were expressed to all those who had been involved.

b) Request for expenditure on trough planting for winter months

A request for expenditure to cover the costs of winter planting for the troughs was approved, and a budget of £350 was approved.

2021-0160 Speeding through village

Discussed earlier in the meeting.

2021-0161 Gypsy Lane – damage to dyke

Cllr Coombes agreed to look at the damage and suggest how it could be repaired.

2021-0162 Grassed Area on Orchard Close – mowing regime

A trial mowing regime has been approved for one year.

2021-0163 To consider resolving that under section 100 A (4) of the Local Government Act 1972 the public be excluded from the meeting for the following item of business on the basis that it would likely disclose exempt information

2021-0164 Recruitment of New Clerk

The interview panel had interviewed three applicants, and recommended that Anne Pallet be appointed as Clerk to the Council. Unanimously agreed. Start date of 1 October 2021 was suggested, and Acting Clerk will deal with a letter of appointment, etc.

2021-0165 Items for the next meeting

- Dogs at Jubilee Ponds
- Upgrade of Remembrance items
- Commercial activity on Parish Council owned land
- Purchase and distribution of trees throughout the parish.

Date of next meeting: 11 October 2021

There being no further business, Chair thanked those present for their attendance and closed the meeting at 10.10pm.