

# BLEASBY PARISH COUNCIL

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## Bleasby Parish Council Meeting

Monday 9<sup>th</sup> September 2024 at 7.30 pm, in Bleasby Village Hall

**Present:** Cllrs Coombs (in the Chair), Andersen, Wallin, Roscoe and Winn, Cllr Sue Saddington (NCC) and Cllr Keith Melton (NSDC)

**In Attendance:** Denise Bryant, Clerk, and 8 members of the public

## Minutes

### 1. Chair's Welcome

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

### 2. Apologies

Apologies were received from Ben Morgan.

### 3. Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

### 4. Minutes of the meeting held on 8<sup>th</sup> July 2024

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

### 5. Public Participation

Mr Thwaites, who had previously written to the Council, raised the issue of Boat Lane and the slipway. He was supported by 7 other residents of the boat community. He stated that jet skis and motorboats were speeding on the river and the noise and disruption is upsetting the residents. Not only are they a danger to themselves and others, but they are also destroying the riverbank. The PC was asked if it was possible for the slipway to be blocked off such that the jet skis would be unable to access the river at that point.

Clerk to ascertain ownership of the slipway. Parish Council to investigate new signage talking about speed limits. Chair to resolve.

A member of the public asked about new hedgehog road signs which have now been approved by NCC. Asked if the Council would consider putting up 2 signs. Clerk to provide costs and the NCC approval process for the next meeting.

### 6. District/County Council Reports

Cllr Melton updated the Council on the status of the electricity project at the weir. At the recent meeting of the NSDC biodiversity group it was reported that there is an issue regarding Cromwell Lock. The wildlife team want to install a fish pass which Cllr Melton felt may negate the likelihood of the electricity generation project.

Cllr Roscoe queried about NSDC's decision to move the Kidney Stones. Cllr Melton reported that they had been much debated. His understanding is that they are in storage and not on display. NSDC regard it as an investment not a cost as they will increase tourism. The current plan is to display them near Castle House and therefore they will be seen regularly by the public and also students going to ASI. Cllr Melton will find out if this decision will be open to public consultation and revert to the Clerk.

Cllr Roscoe if NSDC are looking to fight the by-pass being turned down. Cllr Melton reported that it is a nationally significant infrastructure project and NSDC are waiting for the Government's decision on if the by-pass will be included in their Transport Plans

Cllr Coombs asked about Cllr Melton's position in the Council. Cllr Melton reported that he stepped away from the Climate Change portfolio. He reported that he was putting a lot of pressure on the Council about the development in Lowfield Lane and this was not taken positively. This will not change his role as a Ward councillor or the topics that Cllr Melton is advocating.

Cllr Saddington reported that we need to reconvene the meeting with Ross Marshall of NCC. Clerk to reorganise the meeting when Ross returns from annual leave.

Cllr Saddington asked if any roads in the area need repairing. Cllr Coombs reported that the main road from Goverton Hill to Manor Farm Tea Shoppe needs to be re-surfaced. Clerk to send email to Cllr Saddington.

Cllr Andersen asked Cllr Saddington about Boat Lane and the ownership of the slipway. Boat Lane is not an adopted road and so this is not the responsibility of NCC.

Kiddy marbles were discussed. Clerk to write to NSDC to state the PC and the Bleasby residents object vehemently to this expenditure.

## **7. Finance**

- a. To approve payments as listed on payment schedule if any.  
Approved and signed.
- b. To receive and approve bank reconciliation.  
Approved and signed.
- c. Any other matters appertaining to finance.  
There were no other matters.

## **8. Planning**

- a. 24/01234/FUL Change of use of building to one residential dwelling including extension for meter room and ancillary works at Oak Tree Farm, Gypsy Lane, Bleasby.  
The Parish Council discussed this at length. We note that the Environment Agency have voted to refuse the application because of the recent flooding event. The Council voted unanimously not to support his application due to the flood risk.
- b. There were no other matters appertaining to planning including decisions.
- c. Bleasby Parish Council received one application prior to this meeting which required submission of comments before the following scheduled Parish Council meeting.
  - i. 24/00745/FUL Erection of storage building, Millside Country Store Southwell Road Thurgarton NG14 7HG

The Council debated this application. The Council voted unanimously to support this application.

## **9. Correspondence**

- a. Email from Stephen Trotman regarding the installation of an additional gate at The Acre opening onto Borrow Bread Lane. Clerk to respond.  
The Council noted and thanked Mr Trotman for his email and wished to comment that the Council has the matter in hand.
- b. Letter from Mr D Robinson regarding access to Borrow Bread Lane. The Council instructed the Clerk to send a further letter to Mr Robinson.
- c. Email from Peter Thwaites on behalf of the Boating Community, Hazelford regarding the usage of the slipway at the end of Boat Lane.  
Discussed in Minute 5.
- d. Via offer of Winter Assistance.  
5 free salt bags to be ordered delivered to Cllr Coombs.

## **10. Update on matters from previous meetings.**

- a. Craft Fair update.  
Tents and marquees to be erected on Friday 13th. Timings to be agreed.  
Exhibitors all to be managed on Sunday morning.
- b. Tree planting in Bleasby.  
Ongoing. Cllr Andersen to progress.
- c. Grip improvements on High Cross.  
Revised Dates for Ross Marshall meeting. Clerk to circulate proposed dates when Ross is back from annual leave.
- d. Speedwatch at Bleasby.  
Ongoing awaiting update from Cllr Morgan
- e. Village Entrance Signs.  
The NCC S115 license was received, approved, and signed. The next step is the generation of the artwork. Ongoing.
- f. Village Electricity generation on the weir.  
Update from Cllr Melton given in Minute 6.
- g. Update on recruitment of person to open/lock school gates.  
Mr Eric Lovatt has been recruited. Clerk to send Russyn Cast's details and phone details to Eric.
- h. Casual Vacancy on the Council.  
Ongoing

## **11. Flooding in Bleasby**

- a. Flood Action Group Report  
FLAG report attached to these minutes.

## **12. Land and Assets**

- a. Jubilee Ponds
  - i. TPO's on Borrow Bread Lane and additional hedgerow planting when relevant.  
Hedgerow planting to be postponed. Sean Davies (NSDC tree officer) to be chased about TPO's on the trees in Borrow Bread Lane.
  - ii. Update on a container to provide separate storage.  
Ongoing. Chair to progress.

iii. Clarification of Fishing rights on Jubilee Ponds.

Chair reported that this is a convoluted issue and resolution is ongoing.

iv. New signage stating "Property of Bleasby PC" on Borrowbread Lane and Jubilee Ponds.

Ongoing until next month. Chair to investigate signage and wording.

b. Update on investigation into Openreach contractor digging up Borrow Bread Lane.

Clerk to email Openreach to accept apology.

c. Glebe Field – gate replacement and renovation of gatepost on side gate.

Chair to get quote for replacement of gateposts and gates.

d. Ferry End

Detailed in Minute 5.

### **13. Village Projects Update**

There are no specific projects that have not been discussed elsewhere in the meeting.

### **14. Green Spaces Working Group Update – Next grasshoppers meeting is 14<sup>th</sup> Sept.**

a. Update on Service of Parish Council lawnmower.

Done. Chair submitted invoice.

b. Remainder of Glebe Field benches renovation.

Ongoing

### **15. Agenda items for next meeting**

### **16. Date of next meeting – 14<sup>th</sup> October 2024**

There being no further business, the Chair thanked everyone for their attendance and closed the meeting at 21.49 hours.

***I declare that the above is a true account of the meeting held on 9<sup>th</sup> September 2024 (approved at PC Meeting held on 14<sup>th</sup> October 2024)***

***Signed***

***Date***

***Chair***

***Bleasby Parish Council***

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