

BLEASBY PARISH COUNCIL

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Bleasby Parish Council Meeting

Monday 9th June 2025 at 7.30 pm, in Bleasby Village Hall

Present: Cllr Coombs (in the Chair), Cllrs Winn, Andersen, Roscoe, Wallin, Morgan, the Clerk (Denise Bryant) Cllr Saddington and Cllr Melton and 7 members of the public.

MINUTES

1. Chair's Welcome

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

2. Apologies

None were received

3. Declarations of Interest

None were declared

4. Minutes of the meeting held on 19th May 2025

The minutes of the meeting on 19th May were agreed and voted unanimously. Signed by the Chair

5. Public Participation

The clerk was thanked for attempting to sort out the email situation in the village. A member of the public asked if the Council could contribute to a printed leaflet to be distributed to every house in the village regarding the Quiet Lane status on Gypsy Lane. A suggestion was made that an article could be put into the Bleasby News regarding the Quiet Lane project. This was seen as a good way of garnering support, but it was felt that a separate flyer which would be included in the Bleasby News would be a more impactful option.

It was also suggested that an article be put into the Bleasby News regarding the availability of the email service in the village to encourage more people to adopt the service. Cllr Morgan agreed to write an article re the email service.

The Council agreed to pay £20 to the member of the public so that a separate flyer can be produced for inclusion in Bleasby News.

A member of the public commented that there were new noticeboards on the Station.

6. District/County Council Reports

Cllr Melton updated the Council on the tree project. He is concerned that the current NCC administration has cancelled all the June meetings, and this will impact the timescales for approval of the tree planting project. Cllr Melton was attempting to see if this could be signed off by an officer with delegated powers.

Cllr Melton apologised that he had been unaware of the timescales for the Manor Close appeal. The NSDC officers have apologised to Cllr Melton as the officers had not made him aware. He reported that NSDC senior planners felt that the appeal had gone reasonably well, but there had been no appeal findings yet. Cllr Coombs commented that the Environment Agency appear to have changed the pluvial maps relevant to Manor Close. Cllr Coombs felt this was detrimental as the map now shows that Manor Close would not flood as frequently. Cllr Andersen felt that this needed challenging. Cllr Melton was asked to raise this with the Planning Officers to ensure that this would be not influential to the decision.

Cllr Melton reported that NSDC are proposing to organise a meeting of Cllr Melton's parish councils who are looking to develop neighbourhood plans. The objectives would be to share information and best practices. Fiskerton PC could advise as they already have a neighbourhood plan. Cllr Melton mentioned that funding of up to £10,000 could be available to assist the Parish Council to develop the plan using external resources.

Cllr Saddington reported that the ruts in Gibsmere have not all been repaired yet. She said she would chase the repairs. She reported that she had nothing further to report as County Hall was not functioning due to the new leadership cancelling all meetings and committees.

A member of public asked Cllr Saddington about the Minster School bus as during the previous week, the bus set on fire and exploded. 24 children were taken off the bus safely but there could have been up to 70 children onboard which could be meant a different outcome. The member of public commented on the alleged poor state of the bus. She reported that she understood that the same bus had broken down in Fiskerton recently and that it had also been flooded in the recent flooding in Bleasby. She reported that there should be 5 emergency exits on a bus. On this school bus, she stated that there had been one window-hammer and no emergency exits. The member of the public commented that in her opinion the buses are not safe to be used for school children. The children in the fire incident had lost all their belongings and all their schoolwork and books in the fire. Cllr Saddington asked for an email to be sent to her with all the details so that she could contact the Chair of the NCC Highways Committee.

a. Update on S Bends safety issue from Notts CC

Cllr Roscoe asked Cllr Saddington about progress on the S bends between Gibsmere and Fiskerton. Cllr Saddington responded that there had been no progress as yet, but she would chase again.

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. To review monthly 25/26 budget document produced by the Clerk.

This was reviewed and agreed by the council

d. Any other matters appertaining to finance.

There were no other matters.

8. Review of Parish Council Policy and Procedure Documents

a. To review and approve Bleasby PC Risk Assessment.

The Clerk reported that 3 risk assessments had been sent to the councillors for their review and further discussion at the July meeting. These risk assessments were a general risk assessment for the Council, a risk assessment for Glebe Field and a risk assessment for Jubilee Ponds. The Clerk expressed her thanks to Jo Dunseath and Mike Fryer for their assistance.

9. Planning

- a. No planning applications have been received at the date of production of this agenda and the meeting.
- b. Any other matters appertaining to planning to include decisions.
The Council noted it awaits the outcome of Manor Close Appeal.
- 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.
There were no other items.

10. Correspondence

No further correspondence had been received.

11. Update on matters from previous meetings.

- a. Tree planting in Bleasby
An update from Cllr Melton had been received and is minuted in item 6.
- b. Grip improvements on High Cross.
Cllr Coombs reported that the grips are currently being excavated by NCC Highways/VIAEM. The excavations have revealed a 10-inch drain which, when cleared, may be used to alleviate flooding. Cllr Coombs will update the Council at the July meeting. Cllr Coombs expressed thanks to the VIAEM team for their proactive support.
- c. Speedwatch at Bleasby.
Cllr Morgan reported that he is still trying to contact PCSO Dunn so that the training can be organised.
- d. Village Entrance Signs update.
The design and the quotation from Signs of the Times was discussed. The Council voted unanimously to order the signs.

12. Flooding in Bleasby

- a. Flood Action Group Report.
No report received.

13. Land and Assets

- a. Update on Extraordinary Meeting regarding Jubilee Ponds
Cllr Coombs reported that this had been a successful meeting and that Jubilee Ponds was finally becoming a village asset to be proud of. The fisherman appear now to be fully aligned with the Parish Council and the village. Cllr Morgan suggested that he would write an article for Bleasby News to inform the villagers of the proposed purchase of the fishing rights on the reed bed and the two small adjacent duck ponds.
The Council agreed there were a few minor points that needed further clarification and, if successful, the Council could vote on the expenditure and next steps at a future meeting.
- b. Update on Bridge repair to Shale Lane Dyke/ Holme Dyke.

The clerk reported that NCC has responded on Holme Dyke which will now be repaired. Shale Lane is still outstanding. Clerk to chase.

14. Green Spaces Working Group Update

The Green Spaces team reported that:

- a. The nature event would be held on 13th July (changed from 12th July). The Council voted unanimously to approve the changed date.
- b. The next Grasshopper session will be on June 21st. The plan was to work on the meadow triangle and the Ride in preparation for the nature event
- c. The Green Spaces team stated that the path cutting in the ponds and in Centenary Wood needed to be done as soon as possible. They asked if this could be done in conjunction with the fisherman. The Council agreed to discuss this in the July meeting
- d. Signage around Jubilee ponds. New signs to be agreed with Asa and proposed for future meetings.

15. Agenda items for next meeting

- i. Risk Assessment progress
- ii. Jubilee Ponds signage.
- iii. Grass cutting at Jubilee Ponds and Centenary Wood to be done in conjunction with the fishermen

16. Date of next meeting – 14th July 2025

There being no further business, the Chair thanked everyone for attending and the meeting was closed at 21.46.

I declare that the above is a true account of the meeting held on 9th June 2025 (approved at PC Meeting held on 14th July 2025)

Signed

Date

Chair Bleasby Parish Council

Distribution: Parish Councillors, Cllr S Saddington, Cllr K Melton, Noticeboards, Website