

BLEASBY PARISH COUNCIL

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Statutory Annual Meeting of Bleasby Parish Council

Monday 13th May 2024 at 7.30 pm, in Bleasby Village Hall

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

Cllr Sue Saddington (NCC) and Cllr Melton (NSDC)

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

Minutes

1. **Election of Chair** The re-election of Cllr Coombs as Chair was proposed by Cllr Wallin and seconded by Cllr Roscoe. There was a unanimous vote. The Declaration of Acceptance of Office was signed.
2. **Election of Vice Chair** The election of Cllr Andersen as Vice-Chair was proposed by Cllr Morgan and seconded by Cllr Winn. There was a unanimous vote. The Declaration of Acceptance of Office was signed.
3. **Chair's Welcome**
4. **Apologies**
There were no apologies.
5. **Declarations of Interest**
No declarations of interest declared.
6. **Appointment of Representatives on other bodies/groups**
The following representatives were appointed:
 - Village Hall Management Committee – Cllr Winn
 - Grasshoppers - Cllr Coombs
 - Flood Advisory Group – Peter Cast/Cllr Coombs
 - Station Adoption Scheme – Jenny Sterland, Cllr Roscoe
 - Any other bodies - None relevant

7. Minutes of the meeting held on 8th April 2024

The council proposed one amendment to the minutes. Minute 4 should read Alison Salter, not Alison Sutherland. This was voted on and amended.

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

8. Public Participation

A member of public asked Cllr Melton about Southwell Leisure Centre. Cllr Melton reported that there was to be a NSDC Cabinet Meeting on 14th May. Therefore, Cllr Melton was unable to comment until post the meeting.

A member of the Public asked about the progress of the Weir turbine. Cllr Melton reported that he was in contact with Scott McKenzie of the Canals and Rivers Trust. Several projects in planning stage. However, the reduction in the feed-in tariff has rendered several projects un-economic.

9. District/County Council Reports

Cllr Melton informed that the appeal for the BESS has gone in favour of the applicants. Report from the appeal is available on-line.

NSSDC Planning Committee has considered and approved the Goverton Heights application. Cllr Coombs thanked Cllr Melton for his support at the meeting.

Wild Briars application has been withdrawn as not required.

Cllr Melton brought a large-scale map of Bleasby to assist identifying where TPO's could be appropriate and also where new trees could be planted. Cllr Melton agreed to send potential dates/times to the Clerk for a village meeting (potentially in Bleasby Village Hall) for a Bleasby Tree Planting meeting. The objective would be for villagers to attend and suggest/agree areas for tree planting in Bleasby.

Cllr Coombs asked Cllr Melton to write an article for Bleasby News to explain to parishioners about the tree-planting initiative. Clerk to inform Cllr Melton of the next date of the Bleasby News. The objective of the article would be to create sufficient interest for the villagers to attend the village event to establish best areas for planting.

Cllr Melton attended the recent Jubilee Ponds event. He was very impressed with the bee hotels being given to the parishioners.

Cllr Saddington informed the Council that the Notts County have produced Section 19 reports for Storm Babet. Storm Henk reports are now being produced. There had been a very successful Drop-in event at Thurgarton Village Hall with the Environment Agency, Severn Trent, and Notts County. Cllr Saddington had met with Cllr Coombs with Ross Marshall (NCC Flooding team) which was very successful. Cllr Saddington asked that a follow up meeting to be set for 5-6 weeks' time which the Clerk was to arrange with Ross, Peter Cast, Cllr Coombs, and herself. Cllr Saddington informed us that the New Mayoral funding cannot be used to maintain roads. She also reported that Notts CC have agreed that all drains and gulleys are to be cleared regularly.

Cllr Saddington requested that the Clerk apply for funding from the CDF fund for Bee equipment within Bleasby.

Cllr Roscoe asked Cllr Saddington about Bleasby streetlamps as they are very poorly maintained. Painting of lamp posts and street lighting maintenance is needed and there is a very crooked lamp post on the road to Thurgarton which needs attention. They also no longer switch off after midnight. Cllr Roscoe to send numbers of lamp posts to the Clerk so that this can be sent to Cllr Saddington for follow up. Cllr Roscoe requested that Bleasby keep the current lamp posts as they are in keeping with the look and feel of the village. Cllr Coombs asked if Cllr Saddington would write an article for Bleasby News which she agreed to do. Clerk to send dates of next Bleasby News to Cllr Saddington.

10. Finance

- a. To approve payments as listed on payment schedule if any.
Signed and approved.
- b. To receive and approve bank reconciliation.
- c. To review the 2023/24 Internal Audit report (signed by auditor). This was reviewed and approved.

- d. To review, complete and approve the 2023/24 Annual Governance Statement. This was reviewed, approved, and signed by the Chair.
- e. To review and approve 2023/24 AGAR Accounting Statement – section 2. This was reviewed, approved, and signed by the Chair.
- f. To receive and approve the AGAR 2023/24 Exemption Certificate. This was reviewed, approved, and signed by the Chair.
- g. To note that the Period for Exercise of Public Rights will be Monday 3rd June 2024 to Friday 12th July 2024. This was noted.
- h. Any other matters appertaining to finance. There were no other matters.

11. Review of Parish Council Policy and Procedure Documents

- a. To review and approve Bleasby PC Standing Orders. This was reviewed and approved.
- b. To review and approve Bleasby PC Equality Policy. This was reviewed and approved.
- c. To review and approve Bleasby PC Financial Regulations. This was reviewed and approved.
- d. To review and approve Bleasby PC Councillor Code of Conduct. This was reviewed and approved.
- e. To review and approve Bleasby PC Risk Assessment. This was reviewed and approved.

12. Planning

- a. Planning Appeal notification for The Acre 23/01578/FUL Appeal reference APP/B3030/W/24/3340164.
Cllr Coombs to log the Council's comments by 3rd June.
- b. Any other matters appertaining to planning including decisions.
 - i. Update on site meeting re school car park re-surfacing – no update.
 - ii. It was noted that planning permission has been granted for the height reduction of 5 conifers at West Hall
 - iii. There has been an issue on Borrow Bread Lane regarding trees to the rear of 3 Sycamore Lane. After discussion, the height of the trees was reduced rather than the trees being removed.
- 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.
 - i. 24/00749/S73, Kemps Cottage Gibsmere Bleasby NG14 7F Application for variation of condition 02 to replace approved drawings with revised plans with amended design attached to planning permission 23/02083/HOUSE; Single storey extension to the south-west elevation and one and a half-storey extension to the north-west elevation including the addition of a pitched roof to the existing flat roof
Unanimous vote to approve.

13. Correspondence

- a. Email from Jenny Sterland re potholes. She informed the Council that a cyclist had fallen off a bike due to a pothole near telephone box. Jenny had reported the issue and NCC Highways had now repaired the pothole. Jenny wished the Council to encourage other villagers to report pothole issues.
- b. NSDC Community Grant Fund 24/25. Noted

- c. Ken Ogilvie – Grass around war memorial. This work was completed on Friday 10th.
- d. Nina Wilkinson – Tree survey on Pear Tree Cottage. IDB appear to be resolving this.
- e. Alan Swain – Email notifying the Council of a dog incident on Jubilee ponds including supporting video evidence. The Council asked that the clerk write to the resident of 3 Sycamore Lane about dogs being kept under close control.
- f. Roger Bennet – Openreach and Gibsmere issue – resolved.
- g. Nicola Bennet – requesting information on permits to ride horses round jubilee ponds. It was decided to ask the previous clerk for the history of this situation.

14. Update on matters from previous meetings.

- a. Grip improvements on High Cross. Ross Marshall met with Cllr Coombs. Sluice gate can be installed if the road can be closed when in flood. Another meeting will be organised for 4-5 weeks' time to discuss installing a different form of grip as this would provide a more permanent solution.
- b. Notice board at Goverton – completed.
- c. Speedwatch at Bleasby – ongoing. Lack of volunteers. Advert to be put in Bleasby News and on the noticeboards.
- d. Village Survey on village-entrance signs. Clerk to raise Section 115.
- e. Village Electricity generation on the weir – a village project -discussed previously.
- f. Casual Vacancy on the Council

15. Flooding in Bleasby

- a. Flood Action Group Report
 - i. Flood Action Group report attached to these minutes.
- b. Trash pump update – purchased and Cllr Coombs to purchase the extra hoses.

16. Land and Assets

- a. Jubilee Ponds – The Council approved unanimously £600 to be spent on gravel for Jubilee Ponds.
- b. Glebe Field just been mowed.
- c. Ferry End.

17. Village Projects Update

- a. Approval of spend on Gypsy Lane post and rail painting. Approved.
- b. Dyke clearance – Ulyetts quote approval. Approved
- c. Shale Lane bin proving to be a success. The Council thanked Cllr Andersen for organising.
- d. Repair of Borrow Bread sign and poo bin. Done

18. Green Spaces Working Group Update

- a. April working party 20/04/24 - management of Coronation Corner meadow on Glebe Field. Grass was given a final cut for the season & arisings removed. ~50 yellow rattle plugs planted. Edges around the hedge side of the meadow were tidied. Group met to discuss and plan May nature event.
- b. Regular path cutting and maintenance sessions at JP to compliment routine maintenance carried out by contractors.
- c. May 12th Nature event - focus on bees and wildlife ponds. Event was a huge success with approx. 70 people in attendance and at least 18 young families from the village. Activities were as follows:
- d. Making solitary bee hotels to take home.

- e. Mini wildlife pond show & tell including learning how to identify some of the invertebrates living in Jubilee Ponds - a large and diverse number of aquatic invertebrates identified in the small sample of water taken from the triangle lake (at JP).
- f. Honeybee Show & Tell plus hive stacking activity.
- g. General information on the different species of bees found in Bleasby (bumble, honey, and solitary) and how to attract to your garden.
- h. Next working party scheduled for Sat 19 May - activity and location tbd depending on availability.

The Council wish to formally thank the Grasshopper team for all their work in the village both on the upkeep of the area but also for the events they organise.

19. Agenda items for next meeting

20. Date of next meeting – 10th June 2024

There being no further business, the Chair thanked everyone for their attendance and closed the meeting at 22.06 hours.

I declare that the above is a true account of the meeting held on 13th May 2024 (approved at PC Meeting held on 10th June 2024)

Signed

Date

***Chair
Bleasby Parish Council***

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