

BLEASBY PARISH COUNCIL

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Bleasby Parish Council Meeting

Monday 14th July 2025 at 7.30 pm, in Bleasby Village Hall

Present: Cllr Coombs (in the Chair), Cllrs Winn, Andersen, Wallin, Morgan, the Clerk (Denise Bryant) Cllr Saddington(NCC) and Cllr Melton(NSDC) and 8 members of the public.

Minutes

1. Chair's Welcome

The Chair welcomed everyone, and the meeting commenced at 7.31pm

2. Apologies

None were received.

3. To note and accept the resignation of Cllr Sarah Roscoe

The Council noted the resignation and offered thanks to Cllr Roscoe for all her support.

4. Declarations of Interest

None were declared

5. Minutes of the meeting held on 9th June 2025

The minutes of the meeting of 9th June were agreed and voted unanimously. Signed by the Chair.

6. Public Participation

A member of public asked that the Council replace the Union Flag and the RAF flag. This was approved.

A member of the public reported that 271 responses had been received supporting the Quiet Lanes proposition. He also asked about the article for insertion into Bleasby News regarding the email addresses for subscription to Bleasby News. Cllr Morgan responded that he was progressing this with our website hosting provider, HugoFox, as he wished to identify who had opted into receiving which type of Bleasby Village emails via the Bleasby website. This was therefore ongoing and would be progressed in September.

A member of public chased progress on the repair of the bridge over Holme Dyke. Cllr Winn reported that this is being repaired temporarily, and a more robust repair is scheduled for next year.

A member of public mentioned that there had been several incidents at Jubilee Ponds.

1. There had been a fire in the car park of the container area.

2. Material used to make the official den in the den areas had been pulled down and used to build a second den positioned halfway up a tree. This had been removed as it was dangerous.
 3. Children have been throwing stones into the lake
 4. Teenagers, who are not part of the syndicate, have been fishing with lures.
- It was reported that Blue Green algae has been noted in the ponds. Cllr Morgan agreed to put a notice on Facebook and on the website notifying villagers of the dangers presented by the algae. A Blue Green Algae sign will be put up at the ponds notifying visitors to the presence of the algae.
- Cllr Winn reported that there is a wasps nest near the dog bin.

7. District/County Council Reports

Cllr Melton reported that the Manor Close appeal had been refused. The reasoning was related to the lack of access and that there were better locations for self-build property.

He also updated the councillors about the NSDC Neighbourhood Planning meeting which is to be held on 28th July 6.30pm at Rolleston Village Hall.

Further to the note in the last minutes, Cllr Melton reported that there will now not be a problem regarding the funding for the tree planting project as other villages had had their funding approved.

Cllr Coombs asked about a development on the field next to Bramley Meadow, Fiskerton Rd as a sizeable amount of ballast has been delivered and the Parish Council was unaware of any permissions being granted. Cllr Melton agreed to enquire. Cllr Saddington reported that she had reported the children's bus issue but had seen little progress.

A member of the public asked Cllr Saddington about the fading white lines within the village and reported that there had been an accident recently that could potentially have been caused by the lack of white lines. Cllr Saddington stated that she would chase this asap.

Cllr Coombs asked about the status at NCC which did not yet appear to be operational. She reported that she is now the Shadow Cabinet Member for Children and Families, Education and SEND. She had attended a recent meeting which began with no cabinet members present.

Cllr Coombs asked Cllr Saddington to pass on the Council's thanks to Louise Poole-Richardson of VIAEM for the assistance she has given on repairing the Bleasby grips.

8. 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.

9. Review of Parish Council Policy and Procedure Documents

- a. Update on production of Bleasby PC Risk Assessment
The Clerk reported to the Council that work was ongoing and there would be an update in September.

10. Planning

- a. Planning Application **25/00904/HOUSE**, The Anchorage, Boat Lane, Proposed alterations and extensions to existing dwelling.
The Council debated this application and there was a unanimous vote to support the application.
- b. Planning Application **25/01028/S73** Stonecroft, Gibsmere, Variation of condition 2 attached to planning permission 25/00062/HOUSE to amend the approved plans
The Council debated this application and there was a unanimous vote to support the application.
- c. Any other matters appertaining to planning to include decisions. The Council noted the various permissions that had been granted. They expressed concern that flooding was not seen to be a material planning concern when smaller developments were being considered.
- d. Any other items notified to Bleasby Parish Council prior to this meeting and requiring submission of comments before the following scheduled Parish Council meeting.
Nothing noted.

11. Correspondence

- a. Email regarding complaint about parking on Bleasby Main Street
This was discussed as it is causing many traffic problems and delays on Main Street. Both tractors and buses have had issues passing. The Council asked the clerk to write to notify the car owner of the issues and complaints and ask for some cooperation.
- b. NSDC CIL Consultation.
It was agreed that the clerk would respond on behalf of the Council.
- c. Email regarding slipway on Boat Lane.
The Chair reported that he had responded to the email and had agreed to put up a sign on Ferry End to advise that jet-skiing is not allowed.
- d. Email regarding faded road markings between Elmore's Meadow and Hawthorn Close.
This has been discussed with Cllr Saddington and will be communicated by the Clerk to Cllr Saddington.

12. Update on matters from previous meetings.

- a. Tree planting in Bleasby.
There were no recent updates.
- b. Grip improvements on High Cross.
Cllr Coombs reported that there had been a lot of work on the entrance to Brickyard Farm which had successfully re-instated a 50-year-old pipe which now drains again from Brickyard Farm to the Spencer's property and then onto the Goodwin's property.
- c. Speedwatch at Bleasby.
Cllr Morgan has received an email with training dates for August. Cllr Morgan will now liaise with Thurgarton to ensure the Speedwatch equipment is available and will publicise the dates and organise the training.

- d. Village Entrance Signs update.
The Councillors agreed to purchase the 3 signs and agreed the designs as confirmed with Signs of the Times. However, it was noted that there should be 2 signs for Bleasby and 1 sign for Goverton.
- e. Neighbourhood Plan
The Council noted that there was to be an NSDC advisory meeting at Rolleston Village Hall on 28th July at 6.30pm. Cllr Ben Morgan, Cllr Michael Coombs, and Cllr Robert Wallin to attend.

13. Flooding in Bleasby

- a. Flood Action Group Report
The report is attached to the minutes of this meeting.

14. Land and Assets

- a. Jubilee Ponds
Various issues had been reported and are minuted in agenda item 6
- b. Update on Bridge repair to Shale Lane Dyke/ Holme Dyke.
This had been discussed and reported in agenda item 6.
- c. Replacement of flags at cost of £150.
The Council voted unanimously to authorise the purchase of the replacement flags.

15. Green Spaces Working Group Update

- a. 25/6/25 - Den building material was taken from the den building area and used to build a den and swing in one of the swims - the den platform was created up a tree that was adjacent to the water. This new den was dismantled since it was a risk to the children themselves and to other users of the ponds. A safe and dedicated area for den building has been provided at Jubilee Ponds and children should be discouraged from playing close to the water's edge. This is an old quarry/extraction pit, and the lakes are known to be particularly dangerous due to the deep, cold water and submerged hazards. Some of the lakes at Jubilee Ponds have a very deep and dangerous sludge/silt margin around the lake edges. Would it be possible for the children to return the den building material provided by Grasshoppers to the den area so that it is available for everyone to use?
- b. 25/6/25 - Remains of a large fire were found in the car park adjacent to the container. This was nothing to do with either the Grasshoppers or the carp syndicate but occurred on the same night as the den building mentioned above. Given the extreme weather conditions we are experiencing and the tinder-dry nature of surrounding vegetation, this fire is of particular concern.
- c. 7/7/25 - The following was reported by the Carp Syndicate - a couple of children throwing stones into the lake next to one of the fishermen and then 2 older teenagers actually fishing the lake with a lure rod. Please can the PC make it known that it is private fishing only at Jubilee Ponds.
- d. 11/7/25 - Notification from the carp syndicate that there is quite a strong blue green algae bloom happening on the lakes now.

Cllr Ben Morgan is to become an additional member of the WhatsApp group with the Carp Syndicate - over the years this has become the easiest and most

efficient way to communicate information relating to Jubilee Ponds between Grasshoppers, the Parish Council and the Carp Syndicate.

16. Agenda items for next meeting

Advertisements for the recruitment of 2 new councillors.

17. Date of next meeting – 8th September 2025

There being no further business, the Chair thanked everyone for attending and the meeting was closed at 21.15.

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