

BLEASBY PARISH COUNCIL

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Bleasby Parish Council Meeting

Monday 10th June 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) (arrived 20.27) and Cllr Melton (NSDC)

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

Minutes

1. Chair's Welcome

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

2. Apologies

There were no apologies for absence.

3. Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

4. Minutes of the meeting held on 13th May 2024

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

5. Public Participation

A member of the public commented on how well the Parish Council were doing looking after the village. He also commented on the poor traffic management in the village as he felt that VIA and Severn Trent's traffic management liaison with each other is lacking. Currently major thoroughfares are affected by roadworks preventing access for local users, emergency vehicle access and school traffic. He also noted that once the works have been completed, the signage is not removed. The Council were asked to pass these comments to the NCC councillor.

A second member of the public thanked the Parish Council for maintaining the War Memorial Garden for D-Day. The Parish Council thanked the member of the public for flying the flags for D-Day.

It was noted that the Village Hall Management Committee are no longer going to organise Bleasby Village Open Gardens due to insufficient resources. The Committee wished to highlight to the village that additional volunteers are needed for the Committee to enable them to operate effectively. This was also impacted by a decline in users of the Village Hall which needs to be frequently used so that it can remain viable.

The Parish Council was asked if it could advertise for volunteers for the Village Hall Committee also for additional activities to be run in the Village Hall. Cllr Andersen committed to look for additional Village Hall usage and to put together adverts for more volunteers.

6. District/County Council Reports

Cllr Melton was asked for an update on the Southwell Swimming Pool. He reported that there had been protracted negotiations but that the result had been a breakdown of trust between the various parties. Therefore, NSDC Officers had proposed that NSDC should withdraw their offer of a capital injection and give the Trust the ability to make the repairs themselves. This had been approved by the NSDC Cabinet and so the Trust had been granted funds to repair the pool and ensure it was operational.

Cllr Melton committed that he would report to the Parish Council regarding the electricity weir project at the next PC meeting.

Having arrived Cllr Saddington was asked about the issues regarding road closures. The road going to Thurgarton was highlighted as this road was closed over the weekend affecting emergency vehicles. It was felt that this road could have been kept open. Sue Saddington committed to ask them to clear it as soon as possible.

Cllr Saddington was asked about the donation to the Bee funding. Cllr Saddington agreed to chase.

Cllr Roscoe asked Cllr Saddington about changing the status of some of the Rights of Way to become bridleways. Cllr Saddington stated that it may have to go through consultation. She recommended that Cllr Roscoe contact Neil Lewis and Gary Wood (NCC Highways management) to ascertain what would be involved. Cllr Saddington suggested that it could be funded via the local LIS scheme.

Cllr Saddington agreed to chase Jo Horton regarding the S115 license for the village entrance signs.

A member of the public asked about interactive street signs. There are now 2 interactive signs, one being placed in front of the other. The temporary one needs to be moved and located on the road entering Bleasby from the Fiskerton direction. Cllr Saddington agreed to chase this.

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.
It was approved that the Clerk should move £5,000 from the savings to the current account.

8. Planning

- a. No planning applications have been received on the date of this agenda.
- b. No other matters appertaining to planning including decisions.
- 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. Amended information for application 24/00464/FUL – Field Mill, Station Rd. The Council debated this amended information. It was decided that the Council would continue to object. Vote: 2 abstentions, 4 votes to continue to object.

9. Correspondence

- a. Email from Nicola Bennett regarding horse riding on Jubilee Ponds and Shale Lane footpath becoming a bridlepath.
The Council believed that it is no longer possible to safely ride around the ponds but committed to working with NCC to increase the number of bridleways in and around Bleasby. The Clerk to write to Nicola.
- b. Roberta Desbrulais – permission for Art and Craft Event, Glebe Field, Sept 15th. The Council agreed to support this initiative and to donate £250 to support the event. Vote unanimous.
- c. Email from Chris Price regarding the frequency of verge cutting in Bleasby. Having debated the query, the Council asked the Clerk to respond that the Council is responding to the overwhelming view of the villagers that they wish to have the village kept nicely and that wilding is being encouraged in the council-owned Jubilee Ponds.
- d. Wright Vigar Terms of Engagement renewal letter for signature.
This was agreed and signed by the Chair.
- e. WI Application to use Glebe Field for picnic on 16th July 6.30pm to 10pm. No glass aware. Move to church in bad weather. (Lynda Ogilvie).
The Council voted unanimous to approve this event.

10. Update on matters from previous meetings.

- a. Grip improvements on High Cross. A further meeting is needed with Ross Marshall of NCC. Clerk to chase.
- b. Clerk to chase Ulyetts regarding the additional work needed to clear the ditch down to the level crossing.
- c. Speedwatch at Bleasby. Cllr Morgan will send information for inclusion in Bleasby News.
- d. Village Entrance Signs License has been applied for. Cllr Saddington agreed to chase.
- e. Village Electricity generation on the weir – a village project. Cllr Melton to update us as minuted above.
- f. Casual Vacancy on the Council – ongoing.

11. Flooding in Bleasby

- a. Flood Action Group Report
Sluice gate and grip meeting with Ross Marshall update. Clerk to chase Ross, minuted above.
- b. Trash pump update – ongoing.

12. Land and Assets

- a. Jubilee Ponds
 - i. Renewal of signs on Jubilee Ponds/ Borrow Bread Lane to state “Bleasby PC Property”. Cllr Coombs to investigate adding this to existing signs.
 - ii. Quotation from Green Oak re tree planning on Borrow Bread Lane - Need new quote for yew hedge or holly hedge approx. 30m instead of trees. Clerk to progress.

- iii. Bleasby News article re Borrow Bread Lane ownership. To be discussed at a later meeting.
- b. Glebe Field – no action
- c. Ferry End – no action

13. Village Projects Update

- a. Request for resurfacing of the road from Thurgarton through Goverton.
Cllr Andersen stated that it has been done in the past that they lobbied to get the road resurfaced from Goverton to Manor Farm. Clerk to ask Cllr Saddington if this can be done.

14. Green Spaces Working Group Update

- a. The May working party was held on 18/05/24. The team did painting/maintenance of gates, fence and bench on Glebe Field.
- b. Regular path cutting and maintenance sessions were done at Jubilee Ponds to compliment routine maintenance carried out by Contractors
- c. The next working party scheduled for Sat 15 June.

The PC lawn mower needs a service and a new cutting blade. Cllr Coombs to progress.

The remaining benches at Glebe Field need to be renovated as only one has been done.

15. Agenda items for next meeting

None noted.

16. Date of next meeting – 8th July, 2024 (apologies received from Cllr Morgan)

There being no further business, the Chair thanked everyone for their attendance and closed the meeting at 21.36 hours.

I declare that the above is a true account of the meeting held on 10th June 2024 (approved at PC Meeting held on 8th July 2024)

Signed

Date

***Chair
Bleasby Parish Council***

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