

BLEASBY PARISH COUNCIL

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Bleasby Parish Council Meeting

Monday 13th January 2025 at 7.30 pm, in Bleasby Village Hall

Present: Cllr Coombs (in the chair), Cllrs Roscoe, Wallin, Winn, Andersen, and Morgan, and Cllr Saddington (NCC) and Cllr Melton (NSDC). 2 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 Cllr Lovatt

3. Declarations of Interest

None were received.

4. Minutes of the meeting held on 9th December 2024

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

5. Public Participation

A new resident of the village who has moved to Manor Close is keen to get involved in Bleasby matters. The Clerk was asked to introduce her via email to the relevant groups in the village.

A member of the public asked about the Elston "20 is plenty" project which could be associated with Bleasby Speedwatch. Cllr Melton stated that he would be supportive of this in Bleasby. Additionally, Cllr Saddington stated that whilst it was not NCC policy to have 20 mph limits in villages unless it was near a school she was in support of the project. She did point out that the limit was not enforceable unless the police were present.

A member of the public asked about the roadway exit from the new M&S in Newark and the fact there was no easy capability to turn right out of the junction. Cllr Saddington commented that the retail areas had not been well planned from a traffic perspective. Cllr Saddington has requested traffic lights be installed which are being considered. This is becoming more important given the additional retail outlets that are potentially planned in Newark.

6. District/County Council Reports

Cllr Saddington reported that Bleasby Rd at Goverton is to be hotboxed commencing 24 Feb. The Rolleston to Fiskerton Rd (Staythorpe Rd) will also be hotboxed commencing on 12th March.

Cllr Saddington had investigated the Bleasby grips with NCC officers. The officers had expressed that they need to know the impact of the flooding to both the carriageway and to property prior to any works. This would enable them to determine the risk factor. Cllrs Andersen and Coombs agreed to send photographic and video evidence of the flooding impact to NCC. Cllr Saddington also pointed out that Bleasby PC can only fund and undertake the work themselves if they use a NRSWA qualified contractor with traffic management set up by a professional contractor with the appropriate Chapter 8 qualifications and experience. Further she added that the Council would need a permit.

Cllr Saddington agreed to respond to the letter from the parishioner about speeding in Lower Goverton.

Cllr Coombs reported that he had visited the bridge at the back of the Old Hall and wanted to report that it needed repair as it was now dangerous. This was added to the list of bridges needing attention in the village which include the bridge over Shale Lane Dyke. Cllr Morgan committed to visit each bridge to get a what3words location marker so each bridge can be accurately located. Cllr Saddington also requested that the relevant footpath numbers were be supplied so she could progress with NCC. Cllr Coombs committed to supply the Clerk with the footpath map. Cllr Coombs also agreed to put barrier tape on the Old Hall bridge to stop it being used before it is repaired.

Cllr Melton reported that he has tried to contact Sean Davies about the TPO's on Borrow Bread Lane. Cllr Melton contacted Matt Finch who gave him alternate names (Lee Robinson and Oliver Scott). Cllr Coombs reported that there appeared to be a lack of NSDC follow up to planning conditions regarding tree replacement. Cllr Melton agreed that tree replacement conditions should be inherited by new owners. The Clerk was asked to write to Cllr Melton to inform him of the issues at Bleasby.

Cllr Melton reported that he had a site meeting with Cllr Andersen at Bleasby about the tree planting project in Bleasby. Cllr Melton spoke to Matt Adey at NSDC about the areas that had been chosen. Matt Adey recommended a site meeting with Lynne Preece (seconded to Sherwood Forest Trust). It was agreed that the meeting should be held in the March/April timescale. Cllr Andersen to work with Cllr Melton to organise further meetings.

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 agree budget for 25/26.

The budget was reviewed and agreed with 5 votes for and 1 against.

- d. To note and approve the precept request for 25/26.

The precept increase was set at 5% which resulted in a precept request of £20,401 for 2025-26. This was agreed with 5 votes for and 1 against.

- e. To approve annual increase in Clerk's salary.

This was agreed with unanimous vote.

- f. Any other matters appertaining to finance.

There were no other matters.

8. Planning

- a. There are no planning matters for consideration at the date of the production of this agenda.
- b. Any other matters appertaining to planning to include decisions. None
- 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. None

9. Correspondence

- a. The Council had received a copy of a letter to Notts CC re speeding in Lower Goverton.

Cllr Saddington to respond directly to the parishioner with the Council on copy.

10. Update on matters from previous meetings.

- a. Tree planting in Bleasby

This was discussed by Cllr Melton in the District Council report and minuted in item 6.

- b. Grip improvements on High Cross.

This was discussed by Cllr Saddington in the County Council report and minuted in item 6.

- c. Speedwatch at Bleasby

Cllr Morgan reported that there had been a good reaction to the village communications and that numerous volunteers had now expressed interest. The equipment needs to be obtained, and Cllr Morgan agreed to approach Thurgarton PC to see if it would be advantageous to jointly own the equipment.

- d. Village Entrance Signs update.

Cllr Roscoe reported that a date for a follow-up meeting on the design of the signs has yet to be agreed. The meeting date was agreed to be 20th January in the village hall which the Clerk confirmed was available. The Clerk reported that the application for NCC LCF funding has not been approved yet.

- g. Update on signage for the slipway at the end of Boat Lane. Ongoing

- h. Hedgehog sign costing. Ongoing.

11. Flooding in Bleasby

- a. Flood Action Group Report.

The Flood Action Group report had changed resulting from the recent flooding event. The report is attached to these minutes. Cllr Coombs is to meet with Peter cast to discuss the issues raised in more detail.

12. Land and Assets

- a. Jubilee Ponds

- i. TPO's on Borrow Bread Lane.

This was discussed by Cllr Melton in the District Council report and minuted in item 6

- ii. Clarification of Fishing rights on Jubilee Ponds. Ongoing

- iii. Borrow Bread Lane

The Council are preparing a response regarding this issue.

- b. Update on Bridge repair to Shale Lane Dyke

This was discussed by Cllr Saddington in the County Council report and minuted in item 6

13. Green Spaces Working Group Update.

The next Grasshoppers working party is scheduled for 18th January with a focus on Centenary Wood.

14. Agenda items for next meeting

15. Date of next meeting – 10th February 2025

There being no further business, the Chair thanked everyone for their attendance and closed the meeting at 21.43 hours.

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