

BLEASBY PARISH COUNCIL

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Bleasby Parish Council Meeting

Monday 8th July 2024 at 7.30 pm, in Bleasby Village Hall

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

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

In Attendance: Denise Bryant, Clerk, and 1 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 Morgan

3. Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

4. Minutes of the meeting held on 10th June 2024

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

5. Public Participation

A member of the public brought along the 2 flags which are flown on the Glebe Field. He is seeking to replace them and wanted to emphasise the need for more expensive flags as they would be more long lasting. They will next be flown on 31st August as this is the anniversary of the 2 Lancasters colliding and on the Battle of Britain date. The Chair highlighted that this will be voted upon later in the agenda.

6. District/County Council Reports

Councillor Melton was asked for an update on the village electricity generation on the weir. Cllr Melton reported that the original application was financially viable due to the higher feed in tariff. He noted that the project may be being delayed to see if new regime will have a different mindset. The Clerk was asked to remind Cllr Melton with an email. Cllr Melton also noted that The Acre was now for sale but also that the appeal was still in process.

Cllr Melton asked if Bleasby PC would be interested in a tree planting project in the village. To be viable the project would need at least half a hectare of land, but this could be made up of several parcels of land which could be parcels of privately owned land, not just council verges. Cllr Coombs agreed to talk to parishioners to see if areas of land can be identified and report back to Cllr Melton.

Cllr Saddington reported that the interactive sign is being moved. She also confirmed that the Ross Walker meeting was scheduled for 14th August 2pm and that everyone would meet at The Waggon.

Cllr Saddington was thanked by Cllr Coombs for the donation of £200 for the bee project.

Cllr Andersen thanked Cllr Saddington for organising the re-surfacing of the road at Goverton heading towards Thurgarton.

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.
There were no other matters

8. Planning

- a. No planning applications have been received on the date of this agenda.
- b. Any other matters appertaining to planning including decisions.
 - i. 24/00464/FUL Use of ancillary residential accommodation as independent dwelling - Field Mill, Station Rd.
The council noted that this application had been permitted.
 - ii. Update on The Acre appeal.
This appeal is ongoing is ongoing. Bleasby PC to monitor.
- 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.
No other matters were notified to the Council.

9. Correspondence

- a. Letter from D Robinson of The Acre regarding access to Borrow Bread Lane. Clerk to email Mr Robinson with the title deeds and title plan for his information.
- b. Confirmation that £200 has been received from Cllr Saddington, NCC for the Bee Project. Cllr Saddington was thanked for the donation.

10. Update on matters from previous meetings.

- a. Grip improvements on High Cross. Dates for Ross Marshall meeting.
Agreed dates of 14th August at 2pm meeting at the Waggon. Cllr Saddington to attend.
- b. Ditch to level crossing clearance – update.
Ulyett Landscapes are scheduled to clear the ditch with a digger on 10th and 11th July.
- c. Speedwatch at Bleasby.
No update as Cllr Morgan not present.
- d. Village Entrance Signs. License update.
The Clerk has spoken to Louise Poole-Richardson at NCC Via. The license application is ongoing and has been submitted to NCC Highways. When the licence has been granted, formal quotes will be sought. Cllr Roscoe to mock up the artwork.
- e. Village Electricity generation on the weir – a village project.
Update from Cllr Melton to be given at the September meeting.
- f. Casual Vacancy on the Council.
Ongoing.
- g. Borrow Bread Lane
It has been noted by the Council that a contractor of BT Openreach appears to have been digging up Borrow Bread Lane without permission. Clerk to investigate.

h. Recruitment of person to open school gates.
Application received. Vouched for by Cllr Winn. Application to be accepted. Cllr Coombs to progress.

11. Flooding in Bleasby

a. Flood Action Group Report.
Received from Peter Cast.

“After a prolonged period of drier weather with only one Flood Warning issued, on 21st May 2024, the Group is pleased to report that, thanks to BPC (and to NCC) much of the stage 1 recommendations for Zone 1 to 3 of our Flooding Amelioration Strategy are either in place or, at least, in hand.

Whilst any risk of complacency is being countered by ongoing ditch excavations and a moving article by one of our seriously affected wardens (Carol Burton) – along with historic accounts of local flooding by our flooding coordinator (Barbara Cast) in Bleasby News, we would now like to focus attention upon Zone 4 (Station Road) whilst conditions and time allow opportunity for confirming and hopefully implementing a course of action.

The Council’s ongoing support is very appreciated, and it is hoped that the Council’s forthcoming meeting with Ross Marshall and Sue Saddington will enable Stage 1 to be completed and Stage 2 proposals to be widely considered by all agencies so that a finally agreed proposal can be implemented.”

The Council agreed that a date should be arranged for Cllrs to walk around the flooding areas with John Hall and Peter Cast. Clerk to arrange dates.

b. Trash pump update
Cllr Coombs to source the pipe needed.

12. Land and Assets

a. Jubilee Ponds

i. Renewal of signs on Jubilee Ponds/ Borrow Bread Lane to state “Bleasby PC Property”

The wording “Bleasby PC Property” cannot be added to the existing signs. Clerk was asked to get quotes for new signs for September meeting.

ii. Revised quotation from Green Oak re yew/holly hedge on Borrow Bread Lane.

The Council considered the quotation and decided to postpone the decision.

iii. Proposal for a container to provide separate storage (flood storage equipment to be separated from garden equipment, marquees etc). Approx costs £2,300 including delivery.

Cllr Coombs detailed that this green container would be sited at Jubilee Ponds and that two ideal locations had been identified. The issue is that all the Parish Council event and flood equipment is currently stored in the flood store or held in various houses within the village. The various locations coupled with the event equipment and flood equipment being stored together makes management of flood incidents difficult as the flood equipment becomes too difficult to access. The purchase of the container was proposed by Cllr Coombs and seconded by Cllr Andersen. The Council voted unanimously to agree. Cllr Coombs to progress.

- b. Glebe Field
 - i. Approval of purchase of replacement Australian and Polish flags, £270 inc VAT.
Unanimous vote to agree the purchase of the more long-lasting flags.
- c. Ferry End.
Nothing to report.

13. Village Projects Update

- a. Response from Cllr Saddington re request for resurfacing of the road from Thurgarton through Goverton.
Cllr Saddington update minuted in District/County Council Reports.

14. Green Spaces Working Group Update

- a. Parish Council lawnmower – service and cutting blade update
Ongoing.
- b. Remainder of Glebe Field benches renovation
Ongoing and noted.
- c. Cllr Coombs noted that gates on Glebe Field needed replacement/renovation. The main gate needs to be replaced and the gatepost and rail on side gate need renovating. Cllr Coombs to update the Council at the September meeting.

15. Agenda items for next meeting

Craft Fair - update on progress.

Tree project update - Cllr Melton and Cllr Andersen to update.

16. Date of next meeting – 9th September 2024

There being no further business, the Chair thanked everyone for their attendance and closed the meeting at 21.09 hours.

I declare that the above is a true account of the meeting held on 8th July 2024 (approved at PC Meeting held on 9th September 2024)

Signed

Date

***Chair
Bleasby Parish Council***

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