

**BLABY PARISH COUNCIL  
MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL  
Held at Blaby Civic Centre, 22-24 Leicester Road at 7.30pm on  
Tuesday, 13<sup>th</sup> August 2019**

**PRESENT:** Mr G Harding (Chairman),  
Mr P Akroyd, Ms J Bellm, Mrs L Bolton, Mrs M Broomhead, Mrs S McFadden, Mr P Muton,  
Mr M Sheikh, Mrs V Jepson (Manager) & 6 Parishioners.

1144      **1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence are received from Cllr Mr M Harbot & Cllr Mrs S Skeemer the reasons for which are approved.

1145      **2. TO RECEIVE MEMBERS DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST & REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATIONS IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE CODE OF CONDUCT**

The following disclosures of interests were made:-

Mrs M Broomhead	Burial Rights	Personal
Mr G Harding	Burial Rights	Personal
Mr P Muton	Burial Rights	Personal

1146      **3. PRESENTATION FROM APB – BLABY HALL**

The Chairman introduced Mr Tim Shattock from APB Property Consultants and Mr David Franklin from Franklin Ellis with regards to the recent planning application received for the demolition of three barn buildings at Blaby Hall.

Mr Shattock & Mr Franklin stated they were acting on behalf of the Sowden Group Ltd who are the new owners of Blaby Hall.

A planning application has recently been submitted for the demolition of three barn buildings and it is proposed to build 6 new dwellings on this site, the new development will be in-keeping with the existing buildings with the main entrance coming from Church Street.

Members are concerned about the traffic and would like the developers to look at an alternative access possibly coming from Sycamore Street rather than Church Street.

Blaby Hall is currently being renovated and Snowden Group Ltd along with APB Leicester will occupy part of the building with the remaining being put up for let once the renovations have been completed.

Mr Shattock and Mr Franklin were thanked for attending the meeting.

Once the planning application is received members of the Parish Council will consider it in the usual way and put in any comments they may have.

1147      **4. TO CONSIDER CASUAL VACANCIES**

We have received 1 councillor applications from Mr Marcus Wareham (South Ward). Currently we have 10 seats filled out of 16; there are 2 vacancies on the South ward and 4 on the North Ward. The Chairman read out Mr Wareham's application.

**AGREED:** Members considered and accepted Mr Wareham's councillor application for the South Ward of Blaby Parish Council.

Mr Wareham is welcomed to the meeting and signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office.

1148      **5. MINUTES**

**a) To Receive, Approve & Sign the Minutes of the Meeting held on the 9<sup>th</sup> July 2019.**

The minutes of the meeting held on the 9<sup>th</sup> July 2019, were considered for accuracy and agreed to be a true record. Proposed by Cllr Mr P Muton, seconded by Cllr Mrs M Broomhead and passed unanimously.

**RESOLVED:** The Chairman signed the minute of the 9<sup>th</sup> July 2019, as approved, as a true and correct record.

**b) To Receive & Adopt Committee Minutes held during July 2019:-**

All Members were issued with a copy of the following minutes:

• **Planning – 9<sup>th</sup> July 2019**

The minutes of the Planning committee meeting held on 9<sup>th</sup> July 2019 were considered for accuracy and agreed to be a true record by members of the Planning committee. Proposed by Cllr. Mr P Muton, seconded by Cllr Ms J Bellm and passed unanimously.

1149      **6. FOR DECISION**

**a) To Report Update on Land off Winchester Road – Adoption of Public Open Space**

Members have been issued with correspondence received from Mr Thorley, Jelson Land and Planning Director and Blaby District Council's Planning Monitoring Officer with regards to the land off Winchester Road where the Parish Council were due to adopt this public open space.

A site visit was carried out by members of Blaby Parish Council and numerous concerns were reported to Jelson and Blaby District Council about the poor condition of the land.

Mr Thorley, Jelson Land and Planning Director has requested a meeting is held with members of the Parish Council to discuss the issues raised in the letter.

**AGREED:** A meeting is to be arranged with Jelson, The Chairman of the Parish Council and the Chairman of the Estates & Community committee.

**b) To Consider the Hire of Oakfield Park - 13<sup>th</sup> August & 22<sup>nd</sup> August 2019**

Inflatable Fun

Blaby District Council would like to hire Oakfield park for and inflatable fun event.

**AGREED:** Members are happy for Blaby District Council to use Oakfield park for their inflatable fun days.

Blaby District Council & Dogs Trust

Blaby District Council and the Dogs Trust would like to hire Oakfield Park for a dog event on Thursday, 22<sup>nd</sup> August 2019.

**AGREED:** Members are happy for Blaby District Council and the Dogs Trust to use Oakfield Park for their dog event, which is to be held on Thursday, 22<sup>nd</sup> August 2019.

1150 **7. FOR INFORMATION**

**a) Cheque Rota.**

**RESOLVED:** Cheques are to be signed at the end of the Council session by Mr P Muton & Mrs M Broomhead.

**b) Written Reports of Representatives/District Councillors & County Councillors.**

Cllr Mr Sheikh

Cllr Mr Sheikh submitted his report for the Annual Parishes Liaison event which he attended on Monday, 8<sup>th</sup> July which was held at County Hall.

**Parishioners Time – None.**

1151 **8. AUTHORISATION OF THE COUNCIL'S ACCOUNT**

All members have been issued with a copy of the August accounts.

**ACCOUNTS AUTHORISED AT PREVIOUS MEETINGS**

Sign Here	£69.88	Oakfield Park Gym Equipment Sign
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**ACCOUNTS PAID UNDER STANDING ORDER 13C**

Blaby District Council	£528.00	August 2019 Rates – BCC – Ground Floor
Blaby District Council	£197.00	August 2019 Rates – Cemetery
Blaby District Council	£54.00	August 2019 Rates – Server Room
Blaby District Council	£250.00	August 2019 Rates – Acorn Room
Blaby District Council	£85.00	August 2019 Rates – Oakfield Park
Blaby District Council	£201.24	BCC – Trade Waste & Paper Collection – 01/08/2019

**ACCOUNTS RECOMMENDED FOR PAYMENT**

Falon Nameplates	£1,860.30	135 x Grave Markers.
CSL Business Machines Ltd	£93.57	Photocopier Charges 20.06.19 – 23.07.19
Rossells Security Ltd	£132.00	Paxton door system annual service
Sharnford Horticultural	£254.74	Ride on Mower Materials
PHS Group	£115.20	Provision of Goods & Services.
DVLA	£260.00	12 Months Road Tax Citroen Belingo
Southern Electric – Gas	£216.88	Gas - Leicester Road – 30.04.19 – 25.07.19

Southern Electric - Elec	£306.97	Electric – Cemetery – 01.05.19 – 29.07.19
Grange Windows	£252.00	Replacement Glass – Oaks Community Room
Water Plus	£87.83	Northfield Park – 03.04.2019 – 10.07.2019

**COMMERCIAL CARD**

Tesco	£66.87	Vehicle Fuel
Morgan’s Locksmiths	£56.47	Oakfield Park – Door Handle.

**DIRECT DEBITS/STANDING ORDER/BACS**

Erud IT Ltd – 1 <sup>st</sup> August 2019	£221.36
Support Fee, Cloud Email Safeguard & Office 365 Premium	
Elas Business Support – August 2019	£146.40
PWLB – Blaby Civic Centre (498869)	£11,372.55

**RESOLVED:** The August accounts were agreed to be a true record. Proposed by Cllr. Mr Sheikh seconded by Cllr Mr Akroyd and passed unanimously.

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**9. CORRESPONDENCE:**

**All correspondence has been issued to Members.**

**a) Blaby District Council**

- Draft Blaby Tourism Growth Plan

Members have been issued with a copy of the first draft of the Blaby District Tourism Growth Plan. This plan has been produced by consultant, Stewart Walker based on the initial workshop held at Fosse Park in April and a range of 1-2-1 meetings / discussions.

**b) Leicestershire County Council**

- Have Your Say on the Council’s Priorities

The Council is facing financial challenges and want to ask town and parish councils to help them shape plans and prioritise future services.

Members are asked to complete the survey.

- Meeting Notes – 10<sup>th</sup> July 2019

Members have been issued with meeting notes from the 10<sup>th</sup> July 2019.

**c) CSP E-newsletter**

All members have been issued with a copy of the Community Safety Partnership e-newsletter dated July 2019.

**d) Blaby & District Social Centre – Minutes, 18<sup>th</sup> July 2019 & Agenda, 15<sup>th</sup> August 2019.**

1153 **10. Correspondence Received After Issue of Agenda: For Information Only.**

**a) To Consider the Hire of the Oaks Community Room**

Sadie from Barry Botts Jewellers would like to hire the Oaks Community Room situated on Oakfield Park every Thursday evening 6pm – 7pm.

**RESOLVED:** Sadie from Barry Botts Jewellers is approved to hire the Oaks Community room situated on Oakfield Park on Thursday evenings from 6pm – 7pm priced at £12.00 + VAT per hour.

**AGREED:** A key for the Oaks Community Room is to be issued for these events and a key declaration document is to be signed and kept on file.

**b) Sports Award**

Blaby District Council is pleased to announce that nominations for their upcoming Sports Awards are now open, this year they are celebrating ten years of Sports Awards.

Members are encouraged to ask people to nominate a group or individual that deserve recognition for their contribution to sport and physical activity.

**c) Grass / Wild Flower Verges - LCC**

There has been an increase in the level of interest from members of the public regarding grass verges and the possibility of either reducing the level of cuts to enable the existing flora and fauna to flourish or to plant wildflower areas.

Members of Leicestershire County Council are happy to discuss with the Parish Council if they wish to develop their own wildflower area.

**DECLINE:** The Parish Council do not wish to discuss this matter.

**d) Blaby District Parish Council Groups**

All members have been issued with a copy of the Blaby District Parish Council Group meeting notes from the 5<sup>th</sup> June 2019 and agenda for the 4<sup>th</sup> September 2019.

**e) Christmas Lights**

All members have been issued with quotations for this year's Christmas lighting scheme.

**RESOLVED:** A meeting is to be held on Thursday, 15<sup>th</sup> August with the manager, events clerk, Cllr Ms Bellm and Cllr Mrs Broomhead who are authorised to appoint the winning contract for the Christmas lighting scheme for the next 3 years.

**f) Council Insurance**

Our Council policy is due for renewal on the 1<sup>st</sup> September 2019. They have based the renewal quotation on the sums insured (index-linked by 4%) and the covers detailed in the Council's current schedule of insurance.

The Council's renewal premium as £6,332.36, including insurance premium tax (IPT). This takes into consideration the Council's long-term agreement which expires on 31st August 2020.

**RESOLVED:** Accept the insurance quotation received priced at £6,332.36 for the following year.

1154      **11. CHAIRMAN'S TIME**

Thank you all for attending.

**MEETING CLOSED: 8.38PM**