

**BLISLAND PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES
EXTRAORDINARY FULL COUNCIL MEETING
AT BLISLAND VILLAGE HALL ON
WEDNESDAY 26th OCTOBER 2022 AT 7.00 PM**



Press & Public are invited to attend the above meeting.		
COVID BRIEFING: The Agenda noted that current Cornwall Council Covid restrictions advised for council meetings. These were followed.		
CHAIRMANS WELCOME: Cllr Stephanie Meads opened the meeting at 19:00 and welcomed Members and public attendees, including members of the Neighbourhood development Plan Steering Group.		
AGENDA REFERENCE	DESCRIPTION	Actioner
22-10/1	PERSONS PRESENT/APOLOGIES Present: Councillor (Cllr) Meads (Chair), Cllr Dickin (Vice Chair), Cllr Lowden, Cllr Montague, Cllr Spencer, Cllr Shephard, Cllr Teasdale Clerk: Victoria Burton-Davey Also present: Cornwall Cllr Jennifer Cruse, Lynne Clayton, Peter & Beth Cauldwell, Peter Keen, Katherine Odenwalder, James Hill, Veronica Stansfield, John Stansfield, Christine Noden JP	
22-10/2	MEMBERS DECLARATIONS Registers of Interests were declared. Blisland Parish Council (BPC) RESOLVED to grant Dispensations to Cllr Teasdale and Cllr Montague to discuss and vote on Neighbourhood Development Plan (NDP) matters, as residents of the Parish. (This as advised by Cornwall Council's Monitoring Officer.) Proposed: Cllr Lowden Seconded: Cllr Dickin All in favour: yes	Clerk
22-10/3	PUBLIC FORUM Beth Cauldwell spoke on the proposed NDP boundary to which she, and Peter Cauldwell (also present), objected on several grounds.	

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22-10/4	Neighbourhood Development Plan (NDP) The meeting RECEIVED information, DISCUSSED and RESOLVED a course of action: a) Chair Cllr Dickin introduced the Agenda item and its purpose: to protect Blisland Parish regarding future development, the Conservation Area, the Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB) designation, and its Dark Skies designation. b) She went on to report on the recent Statutory Consultation and how the responses had informed the proposed amendments c) She then reported on recent the Public Consultation and how the responses had informed the proposed amendments Cllr Dickin asked Members for their comments on the responses and proposed amendments circulated prior to meeting. Cllr Lowden outlined his objections to the proposed extended development boundary and his concerns around the choosing of that boundary. There was a lengthy discussion involving several Members. Cllr Meads and Cllr Dickin reassured the Meeting that they did not believe that the NDP evidence base contained inaccuracies and that the documents had all been published on the BPC website, many of which had been available for several years. d) Proposed amendments to the Blisland Neighbourhood Development Plan BPC RESOLVED to implement the proposed amendments to the Blisland NDP which had been circulated prior to the meeting. Proposed: Cllr Spencer Seconded: Cllr Green All in favour: Yes e) Approval of the Blisland Neighbourhood Development Plan for submission to Cornwall Council in accordance with NDP Regulation 15:	Steering Group
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Cllrs Voted to add this clarification inserted 10/11/2022	Cllr Lowden asked that it be Minuted that he did not agree with figures in the NDP Housing Policy Rationale. Cllr Shephard asked for clarification that the NDP referendum [which would take place if the Blisland NDP was accepted by Cornwall Council] would mean that all residents in the parish would get a vote on what was essentially a “Blisland-centric issue”? Cllr Dickin and Cllr Meads confirmed that <i>all</i> Parish residents would be allowed to vote. The Meeting went back to Cllr Lowden’s point (above) with the support of documents projected onto a screen for all to see. Cllr Meads told the Meeting that she understood that survey responses had been reflected accurately in the NDP evidence base. She stressed that all the information had been discussed at previous BPC meetings, and had been publicly available for a substantial amount of time. Cornwall Cllr Cruse was allowed to address Cllr Lowden’s concerns: she stated that Cornwall Council would do ‘due diligence’ when they scrutinised the Blisland NDP and would pick up if any discrepancies were in the evidence base. Cllr Lowden said that he believed the Council had added documents to the BPC website recently, stating that “the minutes of the NDP [Steering Group meetings] between 2015 and 2019 had not been on there [the BPC website] because the Parish Council didn’t want them on there.” The Clerk reminded Cllr Lowden to take care, as what he said could be construed as accusing the Parish Council of withholding information from the public. She asked him to consider his words more carefully [as no evidence to support the paragraph above was presented to the meeting]. Cllr Lowden asked for a clarification of his meaning above: that in the May2015 BPC FCM Minutes at 32/15 – it was proposed and voted that the “Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group Minutes are removed from the Parish Council website.” This proposal received the support of the council at that time. Proposed: Cllr Lowden Seconded: Cllr Teasdale All in favour: Yes Cllr Dickin clarified that a small amount of scope for additional housing had been identified through public consultation, and that <i>many</i> factors had fed into the choice of proposed NDP development boundary, not just the 2015 and 2019 public consultations, including the Cornwall Council recommendation that effects on Blisland’s AONB designation had to be a <i>major</i> consideration.	
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	The need for, and percentage of, affordable housing in any development in the Parish was raised and discussed. Blisland Parish Council (BPC) RESOLVED to APPROVE the amended Blisland Neighbourhood Development Plan for submission to Cornwall Council Proposed: Cllr Spencer Seconded: Cllr Montague Abstained: Cllr Shephard because of questions raised in the meeting Objected: Cllr Lowden and Cllr Teasdale on the grounds that they did not agree with the proposed NDP boundary extension siting. Rest in favour: Yes	
22-10/5	OPEN MEETING CLOSED @20:07 Time was allowed for projector to be cleared from the room and the public attendees to leave.	
22-10/6	EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC BPC RESOLVED that in accordance with s.1(2) of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, the Press and Public be excluded from the meeting during the consideration of the following business owing to the confidential nature of that business. Proposed: Cllr Spencer Seconded: Cllr Montague All in favour: Yes	
22-10/7	CLOSED SESSION BEGAN @20:13	
22-10/8	Village Green The meeting RECEIVED closed Tenders for works to 15 trees; 8 tree stumps; and planting of 3 trees on and around Blisland Village Green. The meeting discussed the quotes and chose a contractor to undertake the works. BPC RESOLVED that the Clerk would engage the chosen contractor with a contingency for cutting wood produced into logs for the use of residents. Proposed: Cllr Teasdale Seconded: Cllr Montague All in favour: Yes	Clerk
22-10/9	CLOSED SESSION ENDED @20:32	

Signed Chair of Meeting _____ 10/11/2022