

Blo Norton Parish Council Minutes of Meeting held on Tuesday 9 February 2010

Those Present: John Barnet-Lamb; John Olley; Dr Caron Finlay; Ann Lambert; Mike Bristow

1. Apologies for Absence: None
2. Public Comment: None
3. To receive Declarations of Interest in respect of items for consideration: None
4. To approve the Minutes of Parish Council Meeting held on 8 December 2009 Agreed as circulated.
5. Matters Arising

Bus Shelter: Following the decision of the bus shelter meeting it was agreed to write to the Youth Committee asking if they would be happy to be involved in a joint project to provide facilities for the younger generation of the village. This issue would be put on the next agenda for fuller discussion. **ACTION: CLERK**

6. To consider Former Highway Surveyors Land Charity (FHSLC): Councillor Finlay tabled the new tenancy agreement which was discussed. It was agreed to increase the rent to £60 for the next seven year period, when it would be reviewed. It was asked that the rent review date be inserted as 31 December 2015. It was agreed that following these amendments the draft would be returned to FHSLC. Councillor Finlay was thanked for her work on this project.

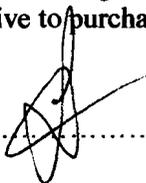
ACTION: COUNCILLOR FINLAY

7. To review Financial Regulations: The Financial Regulations were proposed by Councillor Olley and seconded by Councillor Lambert. Agreed by all present. They would be reviewed in March 2011. **ACTION: CLERK.**

8. To discuss presentation to be made on 20 February to Your Parish Your Decision Panel: A three minute presentation was to be given to NALC. It was agreed that Ann and Petal would do the presentation. It was suggested that it be an enthusiastic presentation to include the fact that Blo Norton is the smallest village in Breckland and spread over four miles, so it is difficult to promote a community spirit within the village which consists of 208 people. The St Georges Day will bring the community together – before, during and after the event. It was hoped to ask the children of the village to prepare paper mache models prior to the event which would keep them occupied during the school holidays. Then they would be able to see all their hard work put to good use during the day and afterwards the community spirit would hopefully continue and further such projects would be able to be arranged. Councillor Lambert would let the Clerk know who would be attending so that NALC could be informed. **ACTION: COUNCILLOR LAMBERT**

9. To receive an update on Speedwatch: Councillor Lambert notified the meeting of a new volunteer for SAM and both Councillors Olley and Finlay volunteered. It was noted the more people who volunteered the more on a rota and the work could be spread out. It was noted that training would be provided by Garboldisham with regard to speed guns and people would work in teams of three. Those motorists caught speeding would receive a polite letter, although if persistent offenders would receive a police warning. Volunteers did not need to have contact with the speeders, just notify the police. It was noted that even agricultural vehicles appeared to speed through the village.

10. To consider a grit bin for Blo' Norton: It was thought that whilst this was a good idea to consider, grit bins there could also be a downside. They could become a target for people to steal the grit from, if there was a shortage of grit they would not be filled by the council, so would stand empty (and were expensive to purchase). The Parish Council would remain responsible for them.



Placement of the bins would need to be agreed and they could be a target for trouble. The Council was not convinced that the villagers would make use of them. It was agreed to put an article in the newsletter asking the villagers views on grit bins. This would be an agenda item for the next meeting
ACTION: CHAIRMAN/CLERK

11. To receive an update re caravans at Blo Norton Hall: The Chairman provided an update with regard to the caravans at Blo Norton Hall, following an email from Breckland Council and it was asked for this issue to remain as an agenda item. **ACTION: CLERK**
12. To receive an update regarding the John Dyer Charity: Councillor Olley reported that following many attempts to contact the Secretary of this Charity he had finally returned an email asking for dates when the Trustees could meet up to discuss. Councillor Olley would contact Sue Nixon (Trustee) and try and meet before the next meeting.
ACTION: COUNCILLOR OLLEY/CLERK
13. To receive an update regarding the bottle bank: It was reported that a new bottle bank was now in place and the Chairman thanked Councillor Finlay for her work in this matter.
14. To discuss attendance at War Memorial Trust Conference – December 2010: It was asked that one place be reserved for Councillor Finlay. **ACTION: CLERK**
15. To receive an invoice from Village Hall Committee: This invoice was agreed.
16. To receive an invoice from Parish Clerk. This invoice was agreed.
17. To receive an update on Parish Accounts: The accounts were noted.
18. Planning – to receive and consider any planning applications received after the posting of the agenda but prior to the meeting: None
19. Such other business as the Chairperson may direct. Slide: The Chairman reported that an inspection could be made on the slide by ROSPA. It was agreed that it should just be dismantled and disposed of. Councillor Olley would speak to Mr Flatman. The Clerk would explore scrap metal companies in the area. It was agreed that arrangements should be made so that it was dismantled and taken away the same day. **ACTION: COUNCILLOR OLLEY/CLERK**

Gressingham: This local company had arranged a local councillors meeting to discuss any problems from their vehicles driving through villages. Whilst none of the Councillors recognised there to be a problem, the next meeting was 21 April and the Chairman agreed to attend.
ACTION: CHAIRMAN

Newsletter: It was agreed that the Chairman would print and the Councillors would distribute, via Councillor Lambert. **ACTION: CHAIRMAN/COUNCILLOR LAMBERT**

Councillor Training: It was agreed that Councillors Finlay and Lambert would attend the training session to be held on 25 March. A cheque was signed and the Clerk would arrange.
ACTION: COUNCILLORS FINLAY/LAMBERT/CLERK

Safer Neighbourhood Action Panel (SNAP) It was noted that the next meeting was due to be held on 25 February at Attleborough Town Hall at 1930 hours. It was realised that issues that were brought to the attention of this meeting appeared to be fasttracked and it was agreed that it would be a good idea for a councillor to attend.
ACTION: COUNCILLORS

The meeting closed at 2045 hours
The next meeting will take place on 13 April 2010 at 7pm in the Village Hall

