

Minutes of the Blo' Norton Annual Parish Council and Parish Council meeting held on Tuesday 26 May 2015 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall.

Those Present: John Barnet-Lamb (Chairman); John Olley (Deputy Chairman); Mike Bristow; Marion Chapman-Allen and three members of the public

Prior to the commencement of the Annual Parish Council meeting the Clerk ensured that declarations of acceptance were signed, together with Disclosable Pecuniary Interests and Other Registrable interests

- 1 Apologies for absence Richard Edwards and James Button
- 2 Election of Chairman: Councillor Bristow nominated Councillor John Barnet-Lamb as Chairman and this was seconded by Councillor John Olley. There being no further nominations, it was put to the vote and all in agreement.
- 3 Election of Deputy Chairman: Councillor Barnet-Lamb nominated Councillor John Olley as Deputy Chairman and this was seconded by Councillor Bristow. There being no further nominations, it was put to the vote and all in agreement.
- 4 Public Comment - none
- 5 To receive Declarations of Interest in respect of items for consideration - none
- 5a Request for Dispensation (Standing Item) - none
- 6 To approve the Minutes of Parish Council meeting held on 7 April 2015 – The minutes of the meeting held on 7 April were agreed as circulated
- 7 Matters arising from the minutes held on 7 April 2015 (not elsewhere on agenda)

There were no matters arising from the minutes held on 7 April.

- 8 Parish Clerk's Update: The Clerk tabled her report and was pleased to note that the village sign had now been repaired by Highways. It was noted the three way direction sign near Sandpits Corner was damaged with two pieces missing and the finger post near the 1066 had also been damaged. Pot holes had appeared near The Banks and on Redgrave Road and the Clerk would report this information to Highways. **ACTION: THE CLERK**
- 9 New Vicar: The Chairman had recently attended the PCC meeting where it was asked that the Parish Council note the civil element of the Vicar becoming the Chair of the Fenland Charity. The Chairman proposed this and Councillor Bristow seconded. All in favour.
- 10 Elizabeth Truss, MP meeting – 17 July 1700 hours

This meeting has been organised following request from residents at the Annual Parish Meeting and the items for discussion would be Hopton Surgery and Broadband

Initial discussion took place as to how best to use the 90 minutes that Elizabeth Truss, MP had allowed for the meeting and it was agreed as not all Councillors were present a planning meeting would be organised in the near future. It was also agreed that the Chairman would speak to Fiona Walker, Elizabeth Truss's senior adviser to check the preference of Elizabeth Truss, MP.

ACTION: CHAIRMAN/CLERK

[Secretary's Note: Planning meeting organised for 3 June/correspondence received from Fiona Walker]

- 11 Police and Crime Update – no update

12 SNAP Meeting

- a Last meeting 26 May 1100 hours: Issues discussed at the meeting included current priorities (ASB Attleborough Town Centre and Speeding) and new priorities (Anti Social Behaviour in Attleborough town centre, recreation grounds and Gaymers and estates)
- b Date of next meeting: Monday 24 August at 1100 hours, Attleborough Police Station

13 Finances

- a To consider and sign Audit – this was considered and signed. The Clerk would return to Mazars
ACTION: THE CLERK
- b To consider insurance quote from Came and Company – the insurance quote was agreed and the cheque signed which the Clerk would return to Came and Company. **ACTION: THE CLERK**
- c To consider request for donation from MAGPAS – It was clarified that this was the annual request and it was agreed to donate £25.00, as in previous years. A cheque was signed and the Clerk would return to MAGPAS
ACTION: THE CLERK
- d Computershare It was noted that Computershare had written to the Parish Council with regard to the 2.5% consolidated stock which the HM Treasury had announced would be redeemed in its entirety on 5 July – this is worth around £33 to us which will be paid into our bank account
- e Recycling Payment for 2014-15 – It was noted that a total of £103.55 was paid into our bank account as of 28 April with regard to recycling for 2014-15
- f Precept payment – It was noted that £2,817.08 was paid into our bank account on 8 April

14 Planning

There were no planning issues.

15 Such other business as the Chairman may direct

- a Map – At the Annual Parish Meeting it was asked that the Parish Council consider the provision of a village map for the convenience of ramblers and others. It was agreed to explore this option and match funding from Breckland for the provision of a suitable cabinet to put such a map in. Councillor Bristow would provide a map and the parish council would look at its suitability.
ACTION: COUNCILLOR BRISTOW AND CLERK
- b Relocation of Timber Hill Walk in Centre and GP Practice – It was noted that the walk in centre and GP Practice were relocating from Castle Mall, Norwich to Rouen House, on Rouen Road from 1 June. It was noted the new location was a short walk from the existing site of approximately 200 metres away.
- c Parking on The Street: The issue of inconsiderate parking was raised along The Street where there was also cars for sale on the highway and also in the area of Sandpits Corner. It was asked to obtain the views of the police as to how this should initially be dealt with. **ACTION: CLERK**
[Secretary’s Note: An email had been sent to the police asking for their advice on 26 May and a response was awaited]

16 Dates of meetings for 2015

18 August

3 November