

Minutes of the Blo' Norton Parish Council meeting held at the Village Hall on Tuesday 23 February
2016 at 1930 hours

Attendance: Councillor John Barnet-Lamb (Chairman); Mike Bristow; James Button; Stephen Askew; Marion Chapman-Allen plus four members of the public

Absent: John Olley (Deputy Chairman)

Guest: Joan Keeble for item 6

- 1 **Apologies for absence** Councillor Edwards
- 2 **Public Participation** – To adjourn the meeting to allow public participation and any District Councillor Reports – Marion Chapman-Allen reported that Breckland Council were raising awareness of contamination within black bins and promoting that they are used carefully. Promotion to encourage parents to stop smoking outside schools which is thought to assist in encouraging children not to smoke will be by an art competition. The Government had increased the new homes bonus from £1m to £3.5m. The bonus encouraged councils to take more development opportunities. Stephen Askew reported that Snetterton Recycling Centre would close by 2019/20 and would be replaced by three sites along the A11 corridor. The Council were currently looking for suitable locations during this year. Budget was passed yesterday and it was noted more money would be put towards broadband.
- 3 **To receive Declarations of Interest in respect of items for consideration on the agenda**
 - (a) Request for Dispensation (Standing Item) None received
- 4 **To approve the Minutes of Parish Council meeting held on 8 December 2015** were approved as circulated.
- 5 **Matters arising from the minutes held on 8 December 2015** (not elsewhere on agenda)
 - (a) Map (paragraph 15a) – The Chairman stated he would like the village map, which Council Bristow has, placed on an acrylic board that could be placed by the church. The Parish Clerk would check if she could find a supplier. **ACTION: PARISH CLERK**
 - (b) Potholes Middle Road (paragraph 6c): Councillor Button had photographed the potholes, although they were repaired prior to him being able to send to highways.
 - (c) To consider Village Hall agreement with regard to Donation/Maintenance/Rental (paragraph 7c) – this item was now completed.
 - (d) Parish Precept Requirement 2016/17 the Clerk had returned the requirement form to Breckland Council
 - (e) Village Sign (paragraph 15b) – Councillor Button had spoken to Eleanor (daughter of Sylvia Corble) who would be happy to complete the work on the village sign providing the cost of materials was paid for by the Parish Council. It was noted that Thora Tassey had originally painted the sign and Francis Finchman may know if there was any spare paint. The Chairman reported that the sign had now been removed and thanked Chris Davey for doing this. It was noted the post would need to be replaced, prior to the sign being reinstalled. The notice board cover was in need of much more maintenance than first thought and Chris Davey had kindly volunteered to do the work. Marion Chapman-Allen reminded the Parish Council that Breckland Funding and Breckland Pride Funding should be researched as this may be able to assist with costings.
- 6 **90th Anniversary Prince Frederick Victor Duleep Singh**

The Chairman welcomed Joan Keeble to the meeting to discuss the 90th Anniversary proposals of Prince Frederick Victor Duleep Singh

Joan Keeble explained that the Village Hall/Church and History Group had organised for the

village to hold an anniversary exhibition on 13 and 14 August to celebrate the 90th Anniversary of Prince Freddy. The plan was for the village hall to have an exhibition of the life and times of Prince Duleep's family and would be open between 10-5 on the Saturday and 10-4.30 on the Sunday. There would be a flower festival in the Church which would have an Indian theme and this would be manned by the PCC. Refreshments would be available at both venues. Peter Bance would give a talk in the church.

It was hoped many people would attend the celebrations throughout the weekend, so there would be a steady flow of people through the two days. Mr Lorimer had kindly agreed that his field could be used for car parking and Geoffrey Leigh had masterminded the exhibition, which would comprise of photos and pop up boards. John Dixon would co-ordinate publicity and the Church had planned to have a few stalls. All profits would be split three ways between the Village Hall, the Church and the History Group.

Joan explained that the church had public liability insurance cover for the building and church yard and assumed the village hall had the same coverage. The Chairman suggested that the insurance companies be informed of the event for health and safety purposes.

First aid – a number of people within the village were attending a first aid course and two nurses would be within the village for most of the time. There was also a qualified St John Ambulance trained officer within the village.

It was noted that Blo' Norton Hall was expected to be rented out and occupied that weekend, so visitors would not be allowed to visit the headstone, unless they rented the hall out.

7 **Parish Clerk's Update:**

- (a) Hopton Surgery – Action group meeting would be held next month. Planning permission yet to be granted. It appeared if Stanton surgery were not interested, other practices would be.
- (b) Breckland Local Plan Preferred Directions Consultation 11 January – 22 February 2016
It was noted that links to this had been uploaded to the front page of the Parish Council website.
- (c) Queen's Birthday Celebrations – April 2016: There was no current interest to organise a beacon, booklet explaining about how to organise had been circulated to Councillors.

8 **Transparency Code for Smaller Authorities**

- (a) Confirmation that funds were granted to Blo' Norton for a laptop and scanner: It was confirmed that £480 was paid into the Parish Council bank account on 26 January to purchase a laptop and scanner and to pay mileage for attendance at a recent training session. The Parish Clerk was currently liaising with PC Business World to organise purchase.

9 **Police and Crime Update**

No update from Norfolk Constabulary

10 **SNAP meeting**

- (a) Last meeting held on Tuesday 24 November
- (b) To agree attendance for next SNAP meeting – Friday 11 March at Attleborough Police Station, 1100 hours – no one able to attend
- (c) Items for Agenda – speeding cars on The Street.

11 **Finances**

- (a) External Audit for Smaller Authorities – opt in/opt out It was noted that no action needed

to be taken.

- (b) To consider Cheque for Village Hall: Cheque was signed and sent to Treasurer, Village hall committee
- (c) To consider Parish Clerk's invoice Agreed and signed

12 Planning

- (a) To note the following Planning Decisions

The following planning decisions were noted

- 3PL/2015/1381/F – Broadway House
- 3PL/2015/1440/F – The Gables

- (b) To consider any applications that arrived following the issue of the agenda but prior to the meeting.

Planning Consultation PC 3PL/2016/0144/VAR

The Chairman invited Colin Biggs to speak on this item. Colin was concerned that the planning consultation appeared to be vague and unclear with loose interpretations such as “days yet to be arranged”. He was concerned about what time the premises would actually close and the additional vehicles this would bring along The Street.

The Chairman agreed to speak with the owner of the Dutch Barn Nurseries and Marion Chapman-Allen agreed to speak to Licencing at Breckland Council.

ACTION: JOHN BARNET-LAMB and MARION CHAPMAN-ALLEN

[Secretary's Note: Marion Chapman-Allen had spoken to Josie Hoven in Licensing who confirmed the hours were such as to not to have to apply for any Temporary Event Notices and the music was only to be held inside the café not outside. Only acoustic music was planned and the licence was for consumption of alcohol until 2100 hours; drinking up time could take place after this but as the café closed at 2100 hours the assumption was that there would not be too much delayed drinking up time]

13 Such other business as the Chairperson may direct

- (a) Hedge Trimming: It was asked that Blue Door Housing Development be written to asking for their hedge to be trimmed and ditch to be maintained.
- (b)

14 Dates of meetings for 2016:

Tuesday 26 April 2016 – Annual Parish Meeting

Tuesday 3 May 2016 – Annual Parish Council Meeting, followed by Parish Council mtg

Tuesday 26 July 2016 – Parish Council Meeting

Tuesday 18 October 2016 – Parish Council Meeting