

BLO' NORTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting on Monday 12th May 2008 at 7.30pm in Blo' Norton Village Hall.

Attendees: Paula Wood (Chairperson)
Duncan Potter (Vice Chairperson)
Mike Bristow (Councillor)
10 Parishioners
Adrienne Sutton (clerk)

1. **Apologies for absence.** John Olley
2. **Election of Officers.** Chairperson Paula Wood and Vice- Chairperson Duncan Potter were re-elected.
3. **Minutes of the Previous Meeting.** The minutes of the meeting held on 23rd April 2007 were **confirmed and signed**
4. **Matters Arising.** None
5. **Chairperson's Report.** The Chair thanked those councillors that voted for her as Chairperson again and those who supported her since her appointment at the end of January. The Chair advised 2007/2008 was memorable for the high turnover in councillors and clerks, with 4 Chairperson's and 2 Parish Clerks since May 2007. The Chair thanked them all for their contribution. The Chair advised there were two vacancies on the PC, one for a Councillor and the other for a permanent clerk. The Chair provided an updated on a number of items dealt with by the Council during the year including the boundary dispute on the land adjoining the Village Hall, the development on the plot at Church Lane, the horses grazing on the land at the corner of Fen Road and finally the zero tolerance policy which has been adopted with regard to vandalism of the village hall and it's grounds, with incidents being reported to police. The Chair noted the Council had several visits from the Norfolk Constabulary, Community Police and these would be followed up in the coming months and also that complaints from residents in the surrounding area regarding anti-social behaviour had increased of late and would be discussed at the next monthly Parish Council meeting.
6. **Responsible Financial Officer's Report.** The Responsible Financial Officer provided an update on Parish Council's accounts, noting the Parish Council account at year end has a balance of £1,383.67.
7. **Leader of Breckland Council Report.** The Leader of Breckland Council Mr William Nunn gave an update the activities of Breckland Council; in particular the review the Council Boundary Committee is undertaking regarding local

government structures in Norfolk. The Boundary Committee will provide 3 options for consideration which the Parish Council and parishioners can respond to. Mr Nunn also gave an update regarding the Planning Policy Team, the Breckland Local Development Framework and the potential to review and consider the planning envelope for Blo' Norton parish.

8. **Blo' Norton Fuel Allotment and Church Land Charities.** Michael Scott, Treasurer of the charities, presented the accounts for the two charities; copies of which were taken for display in the notice boards.
9. **Blo' Norton Village Hall Committee Report.** Duncan Potter reported on the activities and end of year accounts for the Village Hall committee. Mr Potter thanked the committee members for their dedication and hard work over the past year. Mr Potter also extended thanks to all those whom have helped raise funds for the Village Hall.
10. **Blo' Norton Youth Committee Report.** The Committee provided an update on the bus shelter project confirming £900 has been raised so far. The Committee also noted that there have been two separate complaints of anti social behaviour in the parish. It was confirmed the Parish Council would liaise with the Norfolk Police, Safer Neighbourhood Team and Housing Association to address. **Action:** Chairperson.
11. **Little Ouse Headquarters Project.** ^{notes to} Jo Pitt, Trustee, reported on the activities of this Charity covering a wide variety of events and improvements, which are advertised on the website www.lohp.org.uk.
12. **Parochial Church Council of St Andrews Church Report.** Councillor Mike Bristow, on behalf of Tim Stevenson, reported on the activities and accounts of the Parochial Church Council of St Andrews.
13. **Any other business.** A number of items were raised at various times during the meeting which will be considered by the Parish Council in due course. It was **noted** the History Group is a small and active group having been up and running for approx 2 years. It was **noted** the next meeting of the History Group is scheduled for 6.45pm on the 7th June 2007, commencing at the Village Hall.

Confirmed:

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