

Minutes of meeting held on 13 July at 7pm in the Village Hall

Those Present: John Barnet-Lamb; Caron Finlay; Mike Bristow; John Olley; Ann Lambert and 1 Parishioner

- 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 1st June 2010 – approved as circulated. It was noted that the road signs at Thelnetham had been replaced.
- 5 To receive an update re Village Hall meeting – The Village Hall Committee would be delighted to accept the suggested Parish Council donation together with fifty percent of the maintenance costs and the Parish Council apologized for not paying these costs previously. Two cheques were handed to Councillor Lambert.
- 6 To discuss Breckland Local Development Framework – Site Specific Policies and Proposals Preferred Options Consultation Document – Due to the conservation area, wet area and flood plane, Breckland Council had suggested that the infrastructure of Blo' Norton did not lend itself to any future development apart from individual planning applications which would be explored on their own merit. Therefore, it was accepted that the proposed changes with regard to removing boundaries should be supported. **ACTION: Chairman/Clerk to send letter to Breckland Local Development Framework.**
7. To receive an update re Former Highway Surveyors Land Charity (FHSLC) new tenancy agreement – Councillor Finlay had made contact with the Solicitor, who had refused to speak with her because she was not the Chairman nor Clerk. **ACTION: Chairman/Clerk to email Sue Lake NALC asking that Councillor Finlay be permitted to speak direct.**
- 8 To receive an update regarding the John Dyer Charity – Meeting of the Trustees had now been held and Councillor Bristow had updated the accounts back to 2003. Due to staff changes, there was only currently one member of staff who had the authority to sign cheques and therefore at that meeting it was proposed that Councillor Olley become a cheque signatory, which was agreed. It was noted that Darryl Jones had resigned as Secretary to the John Dyer Charity although remained a Trustee. Actions from the meeting included the opening of two bank accounts – one for Kenninghall and another for Blo Norton, Kenninghall received 2/3 of the funding and Blo Norton were due to receive 1/3. There was an issue of a cheque not being issued to Blo' Norton due to not having enough signatories and this would be pursued. It was thought that the Charity owed Blo' Norton approximately £800. A further meeting would be held in a few months time. The Chairman thanked both Councillors Bristow and Olley for pursuing this issue.
- 9 To receive an update on Gressingham Duck Farm It was noted that the planning application for the water treatment had been granted.
- 10 To receive an update on the SNAP meeting – 24 June 2010 from Councillor Lambert Councillor Lambert reported that South Lopham were also represented at the meeting and jointly reported on issues of heavy traffic, particularly lorries racing through South Lopham and Blo Norton. The Police stated that provided traffic was

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within the speed limit there was nothing they could do and the discussion around the speed limit should be between highways and parish councils. It was noted at the SNAP meeting that the best measure to slow traffic was the sign which flashed speed up, the alternative was to take a registration and the name of the company (if it was a company vehicle) and report to the company concerned. It should be common sense as to what was a sensible speed and what is the actual speed limit. The issue of speeding in Blo Norton would not be treated as a priority by the SNAP meeting.

- 11 To receive an update on playground equipment for the village – following the last meeting the Chairman proposed that a sub committee of the Parish Council be set up to include representation from the Parish Council, Village Hall, Youth Committee and two parents (one with children under 10 and one with teenage children) to explore the feasibility of what should be placed on the play area to support all the children in the village. It was agreed that Councillor Lambert would represent the Village Hall and be the Funding Representative and Councillor Finlay would represent the Parish Council. The Chairman would approach Mr and Mrs Wickes with regard to becoming a member of the Sub Committee, once Councillor Lambert had spoken to them.

ACTION: Chairman/Councillor Lambert

- 12 To receive an update with regard to Traffic Issues in Blo' Norton – The response received from Richard Deller at Highways was disappointing and it was agreed to respond to him. Mr Biggs suggested that the South Lopham had been successful in reducing speed from 60mph to 30mph to cover the built up environment and to his knowledge, this had been done with no evidence of injuries/collisions/accidents. Therefore, it was suggested that the reduction had been brought about by the perception of danger – which is the same perception that could be argued in Blo Norton. It would need to be reiterated to Mr Deller that SAM does not work with the infrastructure of Blo Norton. It was agreed to draw up a list of issues and topics so that they could be used in future correspondence. These would include: number of houses is the same as in The Banks; speedwatch did not register the correct speeds of vehicles which slowed down on approaching the warning signs; speeds are inappropriate – whilst Highways may assume responsibility when a fatal accident happens the Parish Council will not. Should not have to wait for a serious incident to occur before Highways take action. The Chairman asked for Mr Biggs assistance in drafting a further letter to Highways. The draft letter would be sent to all Councillors for their comments and input and it was planned to send the letter week commencing 19 July. The Chairman would also email Councillor Nunn with these concerns

ACTION: Chairman/Mr Biggs

13. To consider dog bins within the village – Councillor Lambert stated that it would cost approximately £200 per bin and the company would be responsible for emptying them on a weekly basis, although Councillor Lambert would confirm if there was a cost involved in this.

ACTION: Councillor Lambert

It was noted that funding could be arranged through Pride in Breckland Scheme which could cover up to £300. It was thought the bins could be sited near the Fens and one along by the Village Hall. The Chairman would contact Dr Pitt to explore the possibility of the Little Ouse Headwater Project assisting with Funding.

ACTION: Chairman

It was noted that the next funding panel for Pride in Breckland was due to take place in September and Councillor Lambert was asked to draft a funding application. The Chairman would speak to the Dog Warden. This issue would be further discussed at the next meeting.

ACTION: Chairman/Councillor Lambert/Clerk

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14. To consider donation to Norfolk Accident Rescue Service – The Chairman proposed that this item is brought forward to the January meeting. **ACTION: Clerk**
15. To consider donation to Victim Support – This item was not supported.
16. Norfolk Fire Authority Safety Plan – 2011/14 – Consultation – The Chairman reported that he would complete the questionnaire received and return. **ACTION: Chairman**
17. New Keystone Community Grants Scheme – apply for up to £500 It was agreed that this item would be filed and brought back when extra funding was required. **ACTION: Clerk**
18. To receive an update on Parish accounts – The meeting received an update on the Parish Accounts.
19. Planning
- a To consider Planning Application 3PL/2010/0604/F – proposed steel framed extension linked to the end of an existing agricultural building – There were no objections to the proposed building. **ACTION: Clerk**
[Secretary's Note: Emailed response to Planning Department]
 - b To receive and consider any planning applications received after the posting of the agenda but prior to the meeting
20. Such other business as the Chairperson may direct

Newsletter feedback: It had been suggested by some parishioners that this could be received electronically. It was noted that the Village Hall would be launching their website at the BBQ in August and it was suggested that an electronic copy of the newsletter be placed on it.

Village bbq 7 August – It was noted that Hopton First Responders had asked if they could have a stand at this event and Councillor Lambert extended the invitation to the Parish Council in relation to speeding traffic or other topical issues.

Smallworth common: Councillor Olley report flytipping at the Common which had been reported to Breckland Council but would be reported again. **ACTION: Clerk**
[Secretary's Note: Emailed Breckland Council and completed fly tipping report form]

The next meeting will take place on 10 August 2010 at 7.00pm, in the Village Hall

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