

**BLO' NORTON PARISH COUNCIL**

**Minutes of meeting of the Blo' Norton Parish Council on Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> June 2009 at 7.00pm in Blo' Norton Village Hall.**

The meeting opened at 7.05pm.

**Present:**

Mr J Barnet Lamb (Chair)  
Mr. M Bristow  
Mrs C Finlay  
Mrs. A Sutton (Clerk)  
Two members of the public

1. **Apologies for absence.** It was **noted** Mr J Olley was absent for the meeting.
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 meetings held on 19<sup>st</sup> May 2009.** The minutes of the meeting held on 19<sup>th</sup> May 2009 were **approved**.
5. **To receive an update regarding the Parish Newsletter.** The Council **received** an updated on the parish newsletter. It was **agreed** the Chairman would contact Mrs P Wood for an update on progress. It was **agreed** to ensure articles regarding the John Dyer charity and Bottle Bank were include. It was **agreed** the Council would review and agree the draft newsletter at the next meeting. **Action:** Chairman.
6. **To receive an update regarding the Highways Agency.** The Council **received** an update on the Highways Agency. It was **noted** the broken reflector signs on Thelnetham Road have still not yet been repaired. It was **agreed** the Clerk would contact the Highways Agency and request for action to be taken. It was **noted** a letter had been sent to the Highways Agency regarding the parish's wish to extend the 30 mph speed limit along Fen Road. **Action:** Chairman/Clerk
7. **To receive an update regarding the John Dyer Charity.** The Council **agreed** to contact the Charity Correspondent to confirm the names of the parishioners who have agreed to undertake the roe of Blo' Norton trustees and to enquire as to date of the next meeting of the Board of Trustees. **Action:** Clerk.
8. **To receive an invoice regarding the Parish Council Insurance.** The Council **agreed** to renew its annual insurance with Allianz. **Action:** Clerk

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9. **To approve the annual accounts for 2008/2009.** The Council **approved** the annual accounts for 2008/2009.
10. **To receive an update on the Bus Shelter project.** The Council **received** an update regarding the Bus Shelter project. It was **noted** that since March 2009 when the Council received the proposal from the Bus Shelter Committee and agreed to support the funding application, insurance and ongoing maintenance, there has been two more incidents of vandalism; one involving the Village Hall and one occurred inside the Church. It was also **noted** the Village Hall Committee has since withdrawn its support of the Bus Shelter being sited on outside the Village Hall. It was **noted** there is an urgent need to pull all parties together, including local parishioners and reach a resolution. It was **agreed** the Chairman would liaise with Bus Shelter Committee and report back at the next meeting. It was **suggested** a Youth Committee Liaison Officer from Breckland Council is invited to visit the parish and liaise with the youth of Blo' Norton. It was also **suggested** the Police are requested to make regular visits to the Parish. **Action** Chairman.
11. **To receive an update regarding the Bottle Bank.** It was **noted** a parishioner has reported, directly to the Parish Council, acts of vandalism involving the bottle bank, whereby bottles are being removed from the bottle bank and thrown/smashed in to the adjacent ditch. It was **noted** the Parish Council have investigated vandal proof bottle banks, whereby you cannot remove the bottles once they have been placed inside, however they are not available. It was **agreed** the Clerk would contact the Clerk at Hopton to understand a) if they have had any similar incidents and b) what action they took. **Action:** Clerk.
12. **To receive an update regarding the County Council Reorganisation.** It was **noted** a decision has not yet been made regarding the County Council reorganisation. It was **agreed** to bring this subject back on the agenda once a decision has been made. **Action:** Clerk.
13. **Planning.** None
14. **Any Other Business.**
- a. It was **agreed** to discuss the need for a vice chairman, if necessary appoint one, on the next agenda. **Action:** Clerk

The meeting closed at 8.00pm.

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