

BLO' NORTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of meeting of the Blo' Norton Parish Council on Tuesday 18 August 2009 at 7.00pm in Blo' Norton Village Hall

The meeting opened at: 7pm

Those Present:

Mr J Barnet-Lamb (Chair); Mr M Bristow; Dr C Finlay; Mr J Olley; Miss M Collins (Clerk);
Four members of the public

1. **Apologies for absence** None.
2. **Public Comment** - It was noted that concerns were voiced at the Parish Council meeting by a number of parishioners regarding the proposed development at Oak House, The Street, Blo' Norton (3PL/2009/0684/0). The concerns raised by Parishioners were as follows:
 - a. The proposed building was too far forward of the building line
 - b. The proposed building would put extra strain on services ie sewage and water.
 - c. The building was too high.
 - d. It would add to the safety problems of the Street ie vehicular access.
3. **To receive Declarations of Interest in respect of items for consideration.** None
4. **To approve the Minutes of Parish Council meeting held on 14th July 2009** - Approved
5. **To consider the Draft Standing Orders** The Chairman asked Councillors to consider the Draft Standing orders for a detailed discussion at the next meeting in October.
Action: Councillors/Clerk
6. **To receive an update re Newsletter** The Council received an update with regard to the Newsletter. Positive feedback had been received. It was **agreed** that further newsletters would be produced. Whilst more expensive it was **agreed** to produce the newsletter in colour. The Chair had enough articles to commence preparing the next newsletter which he hoped would be published in October. Two members of the public kindly donated monies towards the publishing costs and the Chair thanked them for their generosity. The Chair also donated monies towards the publishing costs and it was **agreed** that the Parish Council would sponsor the printing costs to produce black and white copies. **Action:** Chair
7. **To receive written confirmation of the Clerks Role/responsibility and salary.** The Council received written confirmation of the Clerk's Role/responsibility and salary. It was asked that the contract include a confidentiality clause prior to signature at the next meeting.
Action: Clerk
8. **To receive an update with regard to Hopton bottle bank.** The Council received an update on the siting of Hopton bottle bank (Village Hall land). Councillor Finlay suggested some alternative bottle banks. The issue of the bottle bank would be explored. **Action:** Clerk
9. **To receive an update regarding Highways Agency** - The Council received an update with regard to the visit made by the Highways Agency to Blo Norton on 23 July. It was agreed to obtain an update from them. **Action:** Clerk
10. **To receive an update on Parish accounts** - The Council received an update on Parish Council's accounts and noted the Parish Council's account is in credit by £1131.18

11. **To receive an update for the Parish to have on-line banking facility** information awaited.
12. **To receive an update re the Youth Committee** - Awaits a meeting. It was agreed this item would be brought back to the agenda when a meeting had been confirmed. **Action:** Clerk

13 **Planning**

- a **Oak House** - 3PL/2009/0684/O The Council **received** the planning application for Oak House development. It was noted the Council object to the development. It was **agreed** to respond to the Planning Department detailing the objections. **Action:** Clerk
- b **Construction of new pedestrian footbridge across Little Ouse River - SE/09/0982**
The Council received the planning application for Betty's Bridge, Theltenham, Suffolk. The Council **agreed** there were no objections for this proposal.

Planning Boundary: The Chairman would speak to Breckland Council as a matter of urgency with regard to removing the planning boundary. If necessary an open meeting would be arranged to discuss this issue. **Action:** Chair

14. **Such other business as the Chairperson may direct**

- a **Invitation to New Councillor:** The Chairman asked Ann Lambert if she wished to become a Councillor for Blo' Norton. Mrs Lambert stated she was already on the Village Hall Committee and providing no one objected to her being on both she would be happy to become a Councillor. There were no objections. Matter to be progressed. **Action:** Clerk

The meeting closed at: 8:05pm

The next meeting will take place on 13th October 2009 at 7.00pm, in the Village Hall