



BLO' NORTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of meeting of the Blo' Norton Parish Council on Tuesday 19th May 2009 at 7.00pm in Blo' Norton Village Hall.

The meeting opened at 7.05pm.

Present:

- Mr J Barnet Lamb
- Mr. M Bristow
- Mrs C Finlay
- Mrs. A Sutton (Clerk)

1. **Apologies for absence.** It was **noted** Mr J Olley did not attend 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 21st April 2009.** The minutes of the meeting held on 21st April 2009 were **approved**.
5. **To receive an invoice from the NRCC.** The Council **agreed** to renew its annual membership subscription to the NRCC. **Action:** Clerk
6. **To receive an invoice from the NCAPTC.** The Council **agreed** to renew its annual membership subscription to the NCAPTC. **Action:** Clerk
7. **To receive an invoice regarding the Parish Council Insurance.** The Council **agreed** to contact NCAPTC to gain guidance on preferred insurance companies. It was **agreed** to discuss and agree the Council insurance at the next meeting. **Action:** Clerk
8. **To receive an update regarding the Parish Newsletter.** The Council **agreed** to finalise the parish newsletter and approve its contents for next meeting; 16th June 2009. It was **agreed** the Chairman would contact Mrs P Wood for an update on progress. It was **agreed** to include articles, including but not restricted to, the activities of the History Group, Village Hall Committee, Little Ouse Headwaters Project and the Parochial Church Council. **Action:** Chairman.
9. **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 Thelnetnam Road have not yet been repaired. It was **noted** there is subsidence of the road along a portion of Fen Road. It was **agreed** the Clerk would contact the Highways Agency and request for action to be taken. It was **noted** a business case has been drafted with

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regards to the parish's wish to extend the 30 mph speed limit along Fen Road. It was **noted** a SAM camera would visit Blo Norton to ascertain the speed of vehicles along The Street. It was **agreed** to request the SAM camera also ascertains the speed of vehicles along both Thelnetham Road and Fen Road. **Action:** Chairman/Clerk

10. **To receive an update on the John Dyer Charity.** It was **noted** the Chairman has liaised with the Charity Correspondent, Headmaster of Kenninghall School, regarding the Charity. It was **noted** the Parish of Blo Norton would be represented on the Board of Trustees by Mrs S Nixon and Mr M Bristow. The Council **agreed** to contact the Charity Correspondent to confirm the names of the parishioners who have agreed to undertake the role of Blo' Norton trustees and to enquire as to date of the next meeting of the Board of Trustees. The Council **agreed** to include an article on the John Dyer Charity in the parish newsletter to raise awareness of the charity and the funds available for the children of the Blo' Norton. **Action:** Chairman/Clerk.

11. **To discuss the Parish Clerk vacancy.** It was **noted** interest in the vacancy has been very low and the person who expressed interest has since secured another role. It was **noted** the current Clerk would remain in situ until another Clerk is secured. It was **noted** the Council would continue to actively advertise the role. **Action:** Clerk

12. **To discuss the opportunity to retain the Parish Telephone Box.** The Council **noted** the telephone box in the village belongs to the Post Office and at anytime, if usage is deemed low, the box could be removed. It was **noted** the parish wish to retain the box and have two options to retain the landmark. It was **noted** the Council could 'adopt' the telephone box; pay £1 per annum to retain the telephone box itself in the village even if the Post Office removed the telephone. It was **noted** the second option would be for the Council to purchase the box; £500. It was **agreed** the Council would register an interest to 'adopt' the telephone box. **Action:** Chairman.

13. **Planning.** None

14. **Any Other Business.**

- a. The Council **agreed** to include the Bottle Bank and County Council Reorganisation on the agenda for the next meeting. **Action:** Clerk
- b. It was **noted** the Council must review and appoint the Parish's representatives for relevant local charities on an annual basis. It was **noted** Blo Norton is currently represented by Dr J Pitt and Mr M Scott for the Little Ouse Headwaters Project and the Fuel Allotment and Church Land Charities respectively. It was **agreed** the Clerk to correspond with Dr J Pitt and Mr M Scott to confirm they are happy to continue representation. **Action:** Clerk.

The meeting closed at 8.00pm.

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