

Minutes of Blo' Norton Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 7 December 2010 at 7pm in the Village Hall

Those present: John Barnet Lamb; Mike Bristow; Ann Lambert; Andrew Aves; Major Gary Walker
One member of the public

1 Apologies for absence – Dr Caron Finlay John Olley

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 19th October 2010 - Agreed

5 To receive an update on low flying training from Major Gary Walker Ground Liaison Officer at RAF Marham - Major Gary Walker thanked the Parish Council for the opportunity of attending tonight's meeting and explained that in order for both air and ground crew to qualify they needed to be trained to the highest degree in a similar environment to what they may face and Norfolk's country side was similar to part of the area of operations in Afghanistan. Many working scenarios are practiced in training to assist when the crews are in active service, including flying at 250ft occasionally. All the training carried out has a purpose which is to ensure that the crews are qualified.

Major Gary Walker recognised that the low flying training did cause inconvenience to villages and this was not intentional and he took the opportunity to apologise and state that all training in particular areas was kept to a minimum. He added that the American bases also used part of this area to fly the F15s, of which he had no control.

Andrew Aves would remain the contact person if there were any concerns with the training over the village and it was noted that due to the infrequency of the training it scared many of the village animals, although the training did try and avoid villages. The Chairman thanked Major Gary Walker and Andrew Aves for their time and information and was delighted to be presented with a picture of a Tornado which it was agreed would hang on the wall of the bar area in the Village Hall.

For those who are interested and have internet access <http://www.raf.mod.uk/rafmarham/> has information on RAF Marham and <http://www.raf.mod.uk/equipment/tornado.cfm> has information on the Tornado aircraft.

6 To receive an update with regard to Traffic Issues in Blo' Norton – No further update.

7 To consider NCC Budget Consultation (public consultation will close on Monday, 10 January, 2011) – this information was with regard to the forthcoming spending cuts; reading through the information, the only issue that may affect Blo' Norton was that the mobile library would visit the village once every four weeks instead of the present three.

8 To receive an update re dog bins within the village – The Dog Warden had attended a site meeting and the position of three dog bins had been agreed – Thelnetham Road/Village Hall andCouncillor Lambert had applied for grants towards the bins and awaited an outcome.

9 To receive an update re Village Hall – It was disappointing that the Race Night was not as well supported as the Village Hall Committee had hoped. There was a coffee morning to be held following the Church Service on Sunday 12 December; tickets for the 100 Club were also being sold.

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10. To receive an update on Parish accounts – Update provided. It was noted that monies had been transferred from the Current Account to the Deposit Account as suggested at the last meeting.

11 Planning

a To note Planning Application – 3PL/2010/1006/LB – Installation of Central Heating system and associated works – noted

b To consider planning application 3PL/2010/1238/F – Erection of 3 polytunnels, 2 glasshouses and change of use of building to retail unit – The Chairman welcomed a local person setting up business in the Village and drew the attention of the meeting to the proposed traffic plan which showed an estimated maximum of five vehicle movements per hour in each direction along a road designated as a 30mph speed limit, although through the SAM traffic calming measures it was a known fact that traffic drove at higher speeds on this part of the road. It was suggested that perhaps the verges to the driveway could be altered so that there was a better vantage point and the Chair agreed to write to Planning. **ACTION: CHAIR**

c To receive and consider any planning applications received after the posting of the agenda but prior to the meeting – None

12 Such other business as the Chairperson may direct – It was noted that the Ford had not been repaired and the Chair would write to the Council. **ACTION: CHAIR**

John Dyer: It was noted that the Accounts had been submitted to the Charity Commission which had accepted them. The Bank had sent forms so that monies could be transferred to the Blo' Norton Trustees as it had been decided to have three separate accounts.

Play Ground Sub Committee: Councillor Lambert asked if this issue should still be pursued and the meeting agreed that a committee would be required if such a project was undertaken. However, it was noted that despite an email to the Youth Committee there had been no further correspondence with regard to transferring monies collected to the Parish Council. This would be an agenda item for the February meeting.

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