

Minutes of the Blo’Norton Parish Council meeting held on Tuesday 12 April 2011 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall

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

- 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 8th February 2010 – the minutes of the meeting were approved as circulated.
- 5 To discuss Annual Parish Meeting – meeting was two weeks today; it was noted that John Dixon; PCSO Helen Maxwell and Tim Stevenson would be attending. Mike volunteered to report on the John Dyer Charity. A report would be received from Dr Jo Pitt who was unable to attend or send a representative. It was asked that an invitation be extended to Mr Andrew Aves. It was agreed to invite Mr Lorimer and Andrew Aves; Mike Bristow to deliver John Dyer report. Send invite to Sue Nixon
- 6 To consider donation to MacMillan Cancer Support – it was agreed that no monetary support would be given to charities in the future – although alternative support would be offered – ie put notices on our noticeboard and articles in the newsletter. It was also suggested that a policy be considered at the first meeting of the new Parish Council to assist in dealing with such correspondence and this was agreed. **ACTION: CLERK**
- 7 To consider donation to Age UK – it was agreed that no monetary support would be given to charities in the future – although alternative support would be offered – ie put notices on our noticeboard and articles in the newsletter. It was also suggested that a policy be considered at the first meeting of the new Parish Council to assist in dealing with such correspondence and this was agreed. **ACTION: CLERK**
- 8 To consider War Memorial Quote and setting up of savings account to fund ongoing maintenance Councillor Finlay reported on the meeting she and Councillor Lambert had attended with Keith Brett regarding maintenance to the War Memorial; Keith has maintained and repaired the village war memorial twice in the last twenty years and suggested that it needed cleaning and some painting. The quote was approximately £480 and this would include clean down cross and die war memorial using pressurised water to remove moss and lichen. It was noted that a water supply would be required and Sue Lloyd would be approached. It was also discussed at that meeting about a regular maintenance contract every three years, to ensure the war memorial always looked pristine – this would also assist with the budgeting of the cost as well as a discount offered and a quote was awaited. It was noted that it was the Parish Council’s right to maintain the war memorial if we chose to and all the Councillors were keen to commit to this. It was noted that Councillor Barnet-Lamb and Councillor Finlay were due to attend a PCC meeting on 27 April to discuss funding of the current maintenance, as the PCC held monies for this project. **ACTION: COUNCILLORS BARNET-LAMB AND FINLAY**
- 9 To note acknowledgement from Norfolk Accident Rescue Service with regard to donation – Councillors acknowledged the receipt from Norfolk Accident Rescue Service. It was reiterated that a small donation was given as everyone in the village could benefit from the work of the Norfolk Accident Rescue Service.
- 10 To discuss Blo’Norton Hall Hedging – Following the planting of hedge around the boundary area of Blo Norton Hall at the end of March and the disagreement between the contractors

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and some parishioners, Councillor John Barnet-Lamb thanked Councillor Lambert for her intervention and work in this matter. Councillor John Barnet-Lamb reported that he had spoken to Councillor William Nunn and it was hoped that they would be able to meet with the landowner to discuss further. It was noted that the contractors were asked to stop planting trees before they had finished and there remained approximately seven trees not planted. It was noted that this was an ongoing issue and an update would be forthcoming. Councillor Barnet-Lamb would write a further letter to Mr Lorimer, the land owner.

ACTION: COUNCILLOR BARNET-LAMB

- 11 To discuss letter received by Parish Council re problem with Septic Tanks within the Village - An anonymous letter had been received by the Parish Council. It was noted that there were quite stringent rules of confidentiality if someone writes to us and puts the name on it in confidence we can not discuss outside of the parish council. We cannot report back any one should write to councillors put their name attempt to act on it. It must be understood that the Parish Council cannot respond to anonymous mail. However, where respondents wish to remain unidentified outside of the Council, this can be arranged. The Chairman reported that he had spoken, at length, to Ruth Ellerby, Environmental planning at Breckland Council and she was already dealing with some issues highlighted in Blo' Norton. It was agreed that a "Drainage and Sewage Awareness article" would be prepared for the next newsletter. Useful links from Breckland Council website were:

Breckland Council – Drainage and Sewage <http://www.breckland.gov.uk/content/drainage-and-sewage>

Breckland Council – pollution
<http://www.breckland.gov.uk/content/pollution-0>

Drainology –
<http://www.drainology.co.uk/Homebuyers.html>

- 12 To receive Village Hall Report – Councillor Lambert provided an update which was very much "work in progress" the most recent being the heating. The doors were next to be explored. It was noted the next coffee morning would be on Sunday 17 April and that the Poppy Party was being planned.
- 13 To receive invoice from NALC re election and PAYE training: Invoice approved and cheque signed for £45. It was noted that a bursary was received for part payment of this training.
- 14 To receive invoice for NALC subscription 2011/12 - £89.64: Invoice approved and cheque signed for £89.64 for an annual subscription.
- 15 To receive an invoice for Norfolk Rural Community Council Membership subscription April-March 2012 - £25: Invoice was approved – Village Hall Committee agreed to pay 50% of the invoice, as they made use of grants from the Norfolk Rural Community Council through the Parish Council being members.
- 16 To receive an update on Parish accounts and to note Annual Audit has been received. – Parish Council received an update on the parish accounts, where it was noted that there had been more outgoings than incomings – mainly due to the rising costs of insurance etc. It was noted that the deposit account still held £150 of John Dyer money and this would be transferred to the John Dyer account that had now been opened by the Trustees.
- 17 Planning
a To consider the following Planning Applications:

3PL/2011/0262/F – Broadway House land adj Oak House, The Street: Minor material amendment to pp 3PL/2010/0061/F in respect of position of house and change window on south elevation

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Councillor John Barnet-Lamb had spoken, at length, to both Liz Starling and Sue Arnold of Planning Department at Breckland Council on Monday 4 April with regard to this planning – which if explored closely appears to be a completely new plan – as opposed to a minor material amendment. Therefore, none of the previous correspondence about the original plan would be carried forward but new correspondence would need to be sent. It was noted that if the property had been in another county, it would probably need to be demolished due to it being built in the wrong place. Councillor William Nunn was aware of the views of the Parish Council and local residents and it was agreed to object to this planning and a letter would be sent to planning department incorporating the following issues: built forward of the building line; has the correct drainage been installed, considering The Street floods easily; height of building destroys the privacy of neighbouring properties, so much so that another planning application has been received from the property opposite this. This house is being built where the planning envelope is being removed and therefore it would now not be allowed to be built. It was noted that Planning do have the authority to withhold planning permission

Councillor Barnet-Lamb reported that a letter had been sent to Building Control with regard to the property being built in the wrong place and was amazed at the blase attitude of the response that came back from building control.

It was agreed to return responses to both Planning Department and Building Control, ensuring they are copied to Councillor Nunn and the local MP. Thought would be given to involving the press.

3PL/2011/0308/F – Cedars, The Street - Reduce width of existing vehicular access and create additional new vehicular access – It was noted because of the house being built opposite, the owners of the Cedars want to increase their hedge across so they cannot see so much of the house opposite. What they are proposing is attractive and safer – so would definitely vote for approval. **ACTION: CLERK**

- b To receive and consider any planning applications received after the posting of the agenda but prior to the meeting
3PL/2011/0220/F – Cornfield Cottage – Detached double garage/cartlodge – response required by 19 April – the repositioning is better, would appear to be entirely timber, very much inkeeping with the area – approved. **ACTION: CLERK**

18 Such other business as the Chairperson may direct

Further nomination for Treasurer of Poors and Church Lands Charities following sad death of Michael Scott – it was agreed to seek nominations and notices would be put on the notice boards. **ACTION: CLERK**

Recreation Contributions: This document was noted

Street Naming and Numbering – letter of 7 April received 8 April – need confirmation of street name – following debate it was agreed that the road referred to was locally known as The Street.

Councillor Finlay: The Chairman thanked Councillor Finlay for her work as a Parish Councillor and she agreed to be co-opted on to the Parish Council at the next meeting.

The next meeting will take place on 17 May 2011 at 7.30pm, in the Village Hall

The Annual Parish meeting will take place on 26 April
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