

Minutes of Blo' Norton Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 28th June 2011 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall.

Those Present: John Barnet-Lamb; John Olley; Mike Bristow; Ann Lambert; Dr Caron Finlay and one member of the public

- 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 17 May 2011 – Approved as circulated and signed by the Chairman.
5. Co-option of Councillor – Mike Bristow proposed Dr Caron Finlay to become a Councillor and Ann Lambert seconded the proposal and this was agreed. The Chairman congratulated Dr Caron Finlay on her new role. Dr Finlay was given the necessary forms to complete and return to the Clerk **ACTION: COUNCILLOR DR CARON FINLAY**
- 6 To receive a report of the SNAP meeting held on 2 June and attended by Councillors Lambert and Bristow: It was noted that the majority of the meeting concentrated on Attleborough and that Sgt Darcy was now responsible for Blo' Norton. Councillor Bristow explained to the SNAP meeting the recent problems with farm gates etc being left open and PC Kate Watson assured Councillor Bristow that she would be in contact with him within 48 hours – to date he had not been contacted and the Parish Clerk would remind PC Watson. It was noted that this was the last SNAP meeting and we would be informed, following reorganisation of the new theme of meetings. **ACTION: PARISH CLERK**
- 7 To sign mandate for Bank – The new bank mandate was signed to include Councillor Lambert as a signatory. The Clerk would return to the bank. **ACTION: PARISH CLERK**
- 8 To receive Village Hall Report: Councillor Lambert was pleased to report that bookings for the hall were on the increase and £160 profit had been made (which would be split between the History group and the Village Hall committee) at the recent Poppy Party, which had not been as well attended as it was hoped. The redevelopment of the village hall continued with continuing liaison between RCC and the public. Now that plans had been drawn up, the next stage was to get quotes from builders. It was noted that the oil tank would need to be moved, which it was hoped would allow for a large patio area to be formed.
- 9 Parish Plan Meeting: Councillor Lambert reported that a meeting was to take place at the Village Hall on Monday 4 July at 3pm with Pete Smith from RCC to discuss the way forward with the Parish Plan. All would be welcome to attend.
10. To review Financial Regulations: The Parish Council agreed the current Financial Regulations and asked that they be reviewed in March 2012. **ACTION: PARISH CLERK**
- 11 To agree donation and Land Maintenance for Village Hall: Last year it was agreed to make a donation to the Village Hall and pay for 50% of the land maintenance. Councillors were happy to agree this again for the following year and a cheque was written and past to Councillor Lambert **ACTION: PARISH CLERK**
- 12 War Memorial Quote: It was confirmed that a deposit cheque was required prior to previous discussed work commencing; the Chairman reported that following the presentation to the PCC he had not had a response from them and that the Parish Council could not afford to pay

for the maintenance work on the war memorial. Councillor Dr Finlay would speak to Mr Blake who was to carry the work out to explain the current situation. It was agreed that the Parish Council could only afford to pay for the cleaning of the War Memorial.

ACTION: COUNCILLOR DR FINLAY

The Chairman agreed to write to the PCC and the War Memorial work would have to wait for an outcome.

ACTION: CHAIRMAN

- 13 To receive an update on setting up of savings account to fund ongoing maintenance of War Memorial: The Clerk had done some inaugural work into this. Following discussion she would explore Norwich and Peterborough Building Society accounts, as it was hoped to set up a bond account of some sort. **ACTION: PARISH CLERK**

- 14 To consider invoice of Clerk and payment of Tax to HMRC: It was noted that from April 2011 the Parish Council would be responsible for paying a net salary to the Clerk and tax to the HMRC. Salary slip was approved for payment.

- 13 To receive an update on Parish Accounts: The Parish Council received an update on the accounts.

14 Planning

a To note the following planning permission approvals:

To note planning permission approval in favour of Planning permission:
3PL/2010/0061/F in respect of house and removal of patio doors to south elevation.

To note planning permission approval in favour of Planning permission 3PL/2011/0308/F
– reduce width of existing vehicular access and create additional new vehicular access.

15 Such other business as the Chairperson may direct

- Anti Social Behaviour Issues – letter of May 2011 from Norfolk Constabulary and Breckland Council refers – Councillors noted this communication.
- Village Hall – Future of: Councillors were asked to consider how the Parish Council could assist with the rising cost of the basic running the village hall which amounted to approximately £3,000 per annum (electricity/water/oil/insurance) and this would be an agenda item for the next meeting. **ACTION: ALL COUNCILLORS AND CLERK**
- Road “Toll” The Parish Council had considered an idea from a parishioner with regard to assisting with speeding traffic in Blo’ Norton, with regard to making some roads “toll” roads. However, the Parish Council has no right to impede traffic on a public highway and to do so would risk arrest for obstruction. It was noted that Norfolk County Council had no plans at the present time to implement “Toll” roads.
- Following the recent low flying exercise 20-24 June training, Andrew Aves had written a thank you letter, which was noted and a copy placed on noticeboards for all to read.

The next meeting will take place on 10 August 2011 at 7.30pm, in the Village Hall