

Minutes of Blo' Norton Parish Council meeting held on Tuesday 7 February 2011 at 7.30pm
in the Village Hall

Those Present: John Barnet-Lamb (Chairman); John Olley; Mike Bristow; Ann Lambert

- 1 Apologies for absence – Dick Edwards and Parish Clerk
- 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 13 December 2011 – due to the Clerk's absence remitted to the next meeting.
- 5 To note update re village septic tanks - Discussion took place with regard to recent problems of Septic Tanks in Fen Road, although it was noted that no action could be taken until a formal complaint was received (not an anonymous complaint). It was acknowledged that all was being done as far as problems were concerned.
- 6 To note response from NCC Highways re Delivering local highway improvements in partnership with Town and Parish Councils – Whilst it was disappointing to note that Highways were not prepared to put a permanent speed sign in Blo' Norton, they had promised a temporary Speed Awareness Message (SAM2) sign which would display the speed of an approaching driver and stay in place for around 1 month before moving on to the next village. This sign should arrive in Blo' Norton during early Summer.
- 7 To discuss any items for website – Following discussion, it was agreed that Blo' Norton Village community organisations would be welcomed and encouraged to have their information uploaded to the website, all they needed to do was to email the clerk (bnparishclerk@googlemail.com) Village Commercial enterprises may join for an introductory fee of £15 p.a. The fee to be renegotiated after the first year. However, boundaries for inclusion set at Lophams, Thelnetham, Hopton, Redgrave/Botesdale, but all their inclusions to be paid for.
- 8 War Memorial – Board of Trustees – The inaugural meeting would take place on 20 March re setting up a Trust for continuing maintenance of the Memorial and this would be advertised in the "Bugle".
- 9 To note Street Naming and Numbering – Confirmation had been received from Breckland Council that the stretch of road from Church to Hopton Rd will be known as Hall Lane.
10. To note Ranger Visit Blo' Norton: Rangers were due to visit Blo' Norton to explore and repair (where possible) road problems. We should advise public to ring highways whenever there is a problem as well as telling us as it was thought the more complaints received, the swifter action.
11. Flooding of the Fens: Raised water levels. To date no reply had been received from Thelnetham PC. However, a letter was received via email from Mr M Ward

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(Thelnetham Councillor) prior to their meeting which had been circulated to all Councillors and the content noted. The Parish Council would deal at the appropriate juncture in the fullness of time. Blo' Norton PC took the view that whilst we all do what we can to look after the environment, Farming is our industry, and every assistance should be offered to our farming community.

12 Finances

(a) To receive an update on Parish Accounts – information provided prior to the meeting, although no report from the Clerk

(b) To sign new bank mandate to add Dick Edwards as a signatory – remitted to the next meeting

13 Neighbourhood Planning Seminars – this information was noted.

14 SNAP Meetings – The next meeting would be held on Wednesday 28 March 2012 at 10am Attleborough Town Hall and Councillor Lambert would attend, any items to be raised at that meeting, please inform Councillor Lambert prior to the meeting.

15 Planning

a To consider the following Planning Applications: - none

To note withdrawal of Blo' Norton Hall planning application

b To consider any applications that arrived following the issue of the agenda but prior to the meeting.

16. Such other business as the Chairperson may direct

Driving over Kerbside: Councillors were advised that the issue of a resident bumping over the kerb and pavement to park in garden has been raised with highways. It was noted this is a 'Breach of Highways Act'. The reference number is 308323 and said person will receive a letter advising them not to do this and offering advice as to getting a 'dropped kerb'. The Parish Council would monitor this issue.

Removal of Wood from land leased to LOHP: It was brought to the Council's attention that wood was being removed from this land in trailers by people not from this village and it was thought this could be in contravention of the Rules of the Fuel Allotment Trust. The Chairman undertook to explore this matter and would report back at the next meeting.

Dates for 2012 meetings to take place at the Village Hall at 1930 hours

		10 April	
1 May	3 May		12 June
14 August			9 October
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