

Minutes of the Blo' Norton Parish Council meeting held on Tuesday 10 April 2012 at 7.30pm
in the Village Hall

Those Present: John Barnet-Lamb (Chairman); John Olley (Deputy Chairman); Mike Bristow; Ann Lambert; Dick Edwards; Clerk 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 The Chairman and Ann Lambert declared an interest at item 6
- 4 To approve the Minutes of Parish Council meeting held on 13 December 2011 and 7 February 2012 The minutes of the meetings held on 13 December and 7 February were approved and signed. An update was provided by Councillor Bristow with regard to removal of wood from land leased to LOHP which was raised at the February meeting and following discussion it was agreed that Councillor Bristow would ask Mr Stevenson to clarify the situation in writing.

ACTION: COUNCILLOR BRISTOW

- 5 To discuss any items for Annual Parish Meeting to be held on 3 May: It was noted that invitations had been sent to History Group; Village Hall Committee; PCC; Little Ouse Headway Project; Councillor Nunn and Norfolk Constabulary. It was asked that invitations be sent to the Walking Group and Andrew Aves. Councillor Bristow agreed to prepare a report on behalf of the John Dyer Charity and the Chairman would prepare a report on the War Memorial Group.

ACTION: CHAIRMAN/COUNCILLOR BRISTOW/CLERK

- 6 To receive an update of the war memorial meeting held on 20 March The Chairman reported that the inaugural war memorial meeting was well attended on 20 March, where it was agreed, by those present, to commence a group which would attempt to gain charitable status, to be responsible for the maintenance of the War Memorial. A committee was elected at that meeting (John Barnet-Lamb (Chair); Ann Lambert (Treasurer); Raine (Secretary) and Sandra Barnet-Lamb), where it was proposed to hold two fund raising events per year. John Barnet-Lamb as Chair of the War Memorial Group asked the Parish Council to consider donating monies to the fund. He and Ann Lambert left the room whilst this issue was discussed.

It was noted that the Parish Council had already “ear-marked” monies for this purpose, when they managed to save a substantial amount on renewing annual insurance (a total of £244.12). Councillor Olley proposed that this amount be donated to the War Memorial Fund and this was seconded by Councillor Edwards and agreed by Councillor Bristow. John Barnet-Lamb and Ann Lambert returned to the meeting and were told the decision. It was noted that this money would be handed to the War Memorial Fund in the form of a cheque, once a bank account had been opened.

ACTION: CLERK

- 7 To note Highway Ranger Visit to Blo' Norton – The Parish Council had been given notification that the Highway Rangers were again to visit Blo' Norton and it was asked that the following items be asked to be included in their visit:

- The poor repair of Clay Hall lane
- Potholes near plantation (Hall Lane at junction with 1066)
- It was noted that potholes that had been repaired during the last visit had now sunk – due to heavy farm machinery that uses the road and it was asked if

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consideration could be given to more than a temporary repair being carried out.

- It was noted the road had started to break up at the junction of Self Lane and Middle Road.
- Two 30mph signs had been pushed into the hedge and it was asked if the Highway Rangers could explore and fix these.

As an aside John Barnet-Lamb would speak to Highways (as he had a reference number from previous correspondence) with regard to the poor state of Clay Hall Lane and ask if a possible site visit could be carried out. **ACTION: CHAIRMAN**

- 8 Flooding of the Fens – The Chairman reported that Thelnetham PC had now responded and they had asked that all minutes where this issue had been discussed be forwarded to them, together with names of interested parties.

John Olley said that the Environmental Agency had visited today and had taken measurements. Following discussion it was agreed that Blo' Norton Parish Council would take this forward with the Environmental Agency and would write to them in the first instance asking them to give a report as to how they consider the state of the river at the present time and if they have any plans to do any work on the river. A letter would be sent to Thelnetham Parish Council thanking them

- 9 Finances

(a) To receive an update on Parish Accounts – The Parish Clerk provided an update and reported that the annual audit had now been sent through and she would be working on this, together with the End of Year Return to HMRC.

(b) To sign new bank mandate to add Dick Edwards as a signatory - signed

(c) To consider Parish Clerk invoice – It was agreed to pay this invoice.

(d) To consider Norfolk Rural Community Council Membership – 1 April-31 March 2013 It was acknowledged that members of the Village Hall Committee were members of the Norfolk Rural Community Council and therefore it was agreed not to renew the Parish Council membership.

(e) Village Hall Donation – The Chairman reminded the Council that last year the Parish Council made a donation of £250 and paid £65 towards maintenance.

Following discussion, John Barnet-Lamb proposed that a donation of £350 be made, to include any maintenance and this was seconded by Councillor Edwards and agreed by the Council

- 10 Update re Driving over Kerbside – reference number 308323 – Councillor Lambert provided an update.

- 11 Planning – there was no planning applications received.

- 12 Such other business as the Chairperson may direct

Septic tank seepage: It was reported that there was still seepage from a septic tank and it was agreed to write to the owner in the first instance to ask for an update.

Thank you letters: It was agreed to write a letter of thanks to Neil and Joan Kibble; Richard and Sue Lloyd and Tim Stevenson as they had kindly cut the grass by the war

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memorial during the year.

Police Report: Lynne Dobson had sent a report via email to say since 1 January, one crime report had been logged in Blo' Norton; she also reminded the Council that the next SNAP meeting would be held on 17 May at 1000 hours in the Town Hall at Attleborough

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

1 May	3 May Annual Parish Meeting
12 June	14 August
9 October	11 December

The meeting closed at 20:49

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