

Minutes of the Blo' Norton Parish Council meeting held on Tuesday 14 August 2012 at  
7.30pm in the Village Hall

Those Present: John Barnet-Lamb (Chairman); Mike Bristow; Ann Lambert and one member of the public

- 1 Apologies for absence: 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 the meeting held on 12 June – Proposed by Ann Lambert and seconded by Mike Bristow as being agreed as circulated.
- 3 Matters arising from the minutes of the meeting held on 12 June
  - a Pigs on Road: Mike Bristow said the pig owner was Kevin Bloomfield.
  - b Street Name Clarification: Small Meadow Lane/Broadway Lane: The Clerk had been in correspondence with Ben Binder, Street Naming, Breckland Council, together with Mr Leigh who had produced evidence stating that Broadway Lane was originally Small Meadow Lane; Breckland Council had surveyed residents – two consultation forms had been sent out and both returned objecting to the change. Under Breckland Council rules if more than 25% of the properties on a street object to the change, the rename would be dropped. In this case, 2 objections means 100% not in favour, so the Official Rename process has been stopped for this street. Breckland Council acknowledged that evidence was provided by Mr Leigh in regards to it being called Small Meadow Lane, however if the residents were not in favour the rename could not proceed.
  - c Sponsorship of Little Ouse Headwaters Project Newsletter: At our Annual Parish Meeting, Dr Helen Smith from LOPH stated that they sponsored the Garboldisham and Blo Norton News – however it was stated that Blo' Norton residents voluntarily delivered the Garboldisham and Blo Norton News to households in Blo Norton although received no payment for it. It was suggested that a letter be sent to Garboldisham Parish Council asking what happened to this funding and the Clerk would organise this. **ACTION: PARISH CLERK**
  - d War Memorial maintenance: Following a letter the Parish Council sent to Mr Blake, the Parish Clerk spoke to Mr Blake who apologised profusely but due to the weather had not been able to complete the work on the war memorial. He explained he needed three dry days for the war memorial to dry out and then ideally three dry days afterwards. He realised how frustrating this was for his clients as he now had a backlog of work due to the weather and would keep us informed of when to expect him. He said he would also provide the information requested in the Parish Council letter. It was agreed that the Chairman would put this information in the Bugle to ensure residents were kept up to date and the Parish Clerk would put a note on the website. The Parish Clerk would also remind Mr Blake about the requested information in the letter sent to him.  
**ACTION: CHAIRMAN/PARISH CLERK**
  - e Sam 2 Sign: Following previous correspondence the Parish Council were informed via a letter of 12 January from Highways promising us a temporary speed sign in “early summer”, following a reminder by the Parish Clerk, David Jacklin from Highways had now confirmed that the SAM2 sign would be erected in Blo' Norton as soon as possible and asked if the Parish Council had a specific site in mind? This issue was discussed, as it was due to the lack of a safe, specific site the Community Speed programme never really commenced in Blo' Norton. Following discussion the suggestion was along the Street near West Barn and the Chairman



would speak to Colin Biggs to see if he would be content at this proposal.

**ACTION: CHAIRMAN**

- 6 Updated Code of Conduct – to adopt the new updated code of conduct: The updated Code of Conduct which had previously been emailed to Councillors was proposed by Mike Bristow and Seconded by Ann Lambert that we adopt. Also the Openness and Transparency on Personal Interests – a guide for Councillors was also noted and previously emailed to Councillors.

7 Attleborough SNAP meeting

a To note the minutes of the meeting held on 26 June: The minutes were noted, especially as the main subject matter appeared to be speeding traffic. The Chairman reported that he had spoken to Robert McCaw, Chairman of South Lopham Parish Council, who had been successful at getting the authorities to explore speed cameras for South Lopham – however, whilst this may assist Blo’ Norton in a small way it was thought it required attendance at the next meeting to get our voice heard.

b To note the date of the next meeting: Wednesday 24 October at 1400 hours Venue TBA (although probably Town Hall, Attleborough): Ann Lambert volunteered to attend to highlight speeding in Blo’ Norton and she would be happy to take others who wished to attend.

**ACTION: ANN LAMBERT**

c “SLOW DOWN IN OUR VILLAGE” wheelie bin stickers – This issue had been raised at the SNAP meeting, where PCSO Helen Maxwell advised that there was a printing company that could provide these stickers and that Breckland Council had given permission for them to be placed on wheelie bins provided that the bins are only left out on the day of refuse collection and brought in by the next day at the latest. The minimum order would be 50 and the cost would work out at just over £1 per A3 size sticker. There was also a list of terms and conditions that went with the stickers. The Councillors felt this was a good idea, although too expensive and the Clerk was asked to find out if we could print a small amount ourselves, on A4 which would cut costs. The Chairman would put an article in the Bugle and the Clerk would put an article on website asking those interested in a sticker to put on their wheelie bin to email the clerk ([bnparishclerk@googlemail.com](mailto:bnparishclerk@googlemail.com)) prior to a date, so that we could get an idea of numbers to print.

**ACTION: CHAIRMAN/PARISH CLERK**

- 8 River Little Ouse Headwaters Recommendations for Restoration [standing item] John Olley had kindly printed a number of copies of Dr Holmes report and they were handed out for Councillors to read prior to the next meeting, when Dr Jo Pitt would be invited along to answer questions. The Clerk would formally invite Dr Pitt to the next meeting.

**ACTION: PARISH CLERK**

9 Finances

a To receive an update on Parish Accounts: The Parish Clerk provided an update.

b To consider Parish Clerk invoice: The invoice was agreed and a cheque signed.

- 10 Update re Meadowside The Parish Council had received correspondence stating that Flagship would be the lead authority in this matter and if they required the input of any other agency, then they would make the appropriate referral.

- 11 Local Government Boundary Review – Letter received and emailed to Councillors with regard to a briefing session on 25 October if any Councillors wished to attend.

- 12 Planning - There were no planning applications to consider.

- 13 Such other business as the Chairperson may direct

a Street Trading – Designation of Consent Streets: Breckland Council was considering whether to amend existing street trading controls by designating all streets in its area as “consent” streets. This would mean anyone who wished to operate as a street trader in Breckland would be required to hold a valid Street Trading Consent. An annual fee of £412.18 for the initial application and £404.45 for subsequent renewals would be required. The Parish Clerk had spoken to David Osborne at Breckland who had confirmed it would not affect “household

produce sellers” providing that stalls were off the road and on private property – although he said the Committee may consider these sellers at a future date. It was agreed that the Chairman would put a short article in the Bugle reminding those who sold jam and produce that stalls were required to be off the road and on private property and the Clerk would email Breckland with the Council’s concerns that household produce sellers should not be included under any circumstances.

**ACTION: CHAIRMAN/PARISH CLERK**

- b Crime Statistics: PCSO Lynne Dobson could not attend the meeting in person and had provided the following crime statistics: From June to present- Nil
  
- c Community Ranger Update: The Community Rangers had visited Blo’ Norton on 29 June when the following works had been carried out:

- Middle Rd - Erect Sign Posts
- Church Lane - Siding out Top of Kerb
- Church Lane - Hand Sweep Carriageway
- Church Lane - Hand Sweep Channel
- The Street - Erect Sign Posts
- The Street - Fill Potholes

It was noted there were still many potholes around the village and Councillors and residents alike were reminded they could log on and report these at [http://www.norfolk.gov.uk/Travel\\_and\\_transport/Roads/Road\\_maintenance/Potholes/index.htm](http://www.norfolk.gov.uk/Travel_and_transport/Roads/Road_maintenance/Potholes/index.htm)

- d Broadband Update: Following the Annual Parish Meeting, the Clerk had received an update to say this matter was being progressed.
- 14 Dates for 2012 meetings to take place at the Village Hall at 1930 hours: It was agreed to change the date of the next meeting from 9 October to 16 October and then the following meeting would be 11 December.

