

Minutes of Blo' Norton Parish Council meeting held on Tuesday 12 June 2012 at
7.30pm in the Village Hall

Those Present: John Barnet-Lamb; John Olley; Mike Bristow; Ann Lambert; Dick Edwards 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 – Ann Lambert declared an interest at item 8. The Chairman asked that this item be moved to the end of the meeting and this was agreed.

4 To approve the Minutes of Parish Council meeting held on 10 April 2012 – The minutes were approved and signed.

5 Matters arising from Annual Parish Meeting 3 May

a) Broadband update – The Clerk had been in contact with Ann Steward who is the County Portfolio Holder for Economic Development and Karen O’Kane, Programme Director - Better Broadband for Norfolk at Norfolk County Council with regard to the concerns from the floor at the Annual Parish Meeting and confirmed with Councillors that the postcodes given in Ms O’Kane’s email did cover Blo’ Norton and the only one missing from the list was IP22 2QP. The Clerk would respond to Ms O’Kane reminding her of the concerns that some of the postcodes were on the Suffolk Exchange for Broadband and this is where the problems arose. ACTION: CLERK

b) Street Name Clarification: Following concern from a resident over the re-naming of Small Meadow Lane to Broadway Lane without consultation, the Clerk had been in contact with Ben Binder, Spatial Information Officer at Breckland Council and had now emailed the resident concerned asking them to contact Breckland Council with information with regard to the naming of Small Meadow Lane and/or asking for information to be sent to the Clerk to liaise with Breckland on the resident’s behalf. The Clerk was asked to remind the resident. ACTION: CLERK

c) Sponsorship of Little Ouse Headwaters Project Newsletter – At the Annual meeting we learnt that the LOPH newsletter was delivered with the Garboldisham news to Blo’ Norton and the LOPH paid Garboldisham. It was understood that a percentage of this money was for Blo’ Norton and the Chairman had drafted a letter which approval was given at the meeting to send to Garboldisham.

Matters arising from meeting held on 10 April - none

6 River Little Ouse headwaters Recommendations for Restoration – The Parish Council were now in receipt of an electronic copy of Dr Holmes report which was mentioned at the Annual Parish Meeting. Councillor Olley volunteered to print ten copies which would be passed to the residents most affected to read and then Dr Jo Pitt would be invited to attend a future meeting for discussion. This item would become a standing item on the agenda for the foreseeable future.

ACTION: COUNCILLOR OLLEY/CLERK

7 Finances

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- (a) To receive an update on Parish Accounts – The Parish Clerk provided an update.
- (b) To agree and sign audit – the audit was agreed and signed by the Chair. It would now be forwarded to the Auditors.
- (c) To consider Parish Council insurance invoice – agreed and cheque signed
- (d) To consider Norfolk Association of Local Councils Subscription 2012 – agreed and cheque signed
- (e) Blo' Norton Parish Council – consultation on appointment of external auditor for 2012/13 – all were in agreement should stay with current auditors.

8 Update re Meadowside – The Council was updated with regard to recent issues and it was noted that the Chairman would write to the appropriate agencies

ACTION: CHAIR

9 Planning – there was no planning applications received. However, it was noted that the Clerk had asked Active Technologies for an update in relation to Willow Farm and had been told that the Environmental Agency had raised concerns over the water table on site that Active Technologies would need to investigate so the Application had been withdrawn until they could satisfy this concern. Active Technologies would let the Parish Council know when the application would be resubmitted.

To discuss response to Garboldisham's planning response re Willow Farm – Garboldisham Parish Council had copied the Parish Council into their response re Willow Farm planning and in response, the Chairman read out a letter that he proposed to send to Garboldisham. The meeting agreed this letter could be sent.

ACTION: CLERK

The member of the public present (David Higgins?) asked for permission to speak re Willow Farm, where it was learnt that it was originally an egg laying property and then a turkey rearing farm before becoming an agricultural contractor's home. It was unsure when permission was given for Willow Farm to become a pig farm.

10. Such other business as the Chairperson may direct

Escaped Pigs: Councillor Olley raised the issue of coming across an escaped pig on his way to work one morning and asked if we could write to the owner of the land at Sandpit Corner, Fen Road. It was noted that Barbed Wire had been placed along the 5 bar gate which is only 4ft high and felt this was an accident waiting to happen as if young children let's say get entangled on this. Breckland Council had been informed and would liaise with Environment Health.

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

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9 October		11 December