

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

Those Present: John Barnet-Lamb; Mike Bristow; Dick Edwards

- 1 Apologies for absence Ann Lambert; John Olley?
- 2 Public Comment - none
- 3 To receive Declarations of Interest in respect of items for consideration none
- 3a Request for Dispensation (Standing Item) - none
- 4 To approve the Minutes of Parish Council meeting held on 29 April 2014 - accepted
- 5 Matters arising from the minutes held on 29 April 2014 (not elsewhere on agenda)
- (a) Hubbards Lane (paragraph 5c): Due to the harvesting, the Chairman had not spoken to Mr Flatman with regard to putting a path alongside Hubbards Lane and this item was deferred to the next meeting. **ACTION: CHAIRMAN**
- (b) Wheelie Bin Stickers (paragraph 5d): It was agreed to remove this item from the agenda
- (c) Septic Tank (paragraph 14a): The Parish Council had written to the householder concerned and awaited a response.
- (d) Footpaths being used by horses (paragraph 14c): Following a letter from the Parish Clerk there appeared no further horseriding on footpaths and the Parish Council thanked those concerned. This issue would be monitored and further action taken, if required.
- (e) Sandpits Corner The Enforcement Team at Breckland would be submitting a formal report to the Council's Planning Manager and await instruction on how to proceed. The recommendations of the report would be either no further action on the grounds of expediency or service of formal enforcement notice.
- (f) Field at back of Fen Road: Following further reports of the land being used inappropriately, the Enforcement Team had done a site visit on Friday 8 August and said there was no one there and nothing of a habitable nature on the land. It was reminded that nuisance record sheets and been handed to Councillors at the April meeting and any residents who were affected by anti-social behaviour should complete the sheets and return to the Enforcement Team, as without the nuisance sheets as evidence, it was very difficult for the Enforcement Team to take action.
- 6 Update re Solar Panel Farm, South Lopham: The Chairman represented Blo' Norton at the Planning Meeting held at Breckland Council offices on 9 July, along with representatives from North Lopham Parish Council and South Lopham Parish Council. It was unanimously agreed to decline planning permission for the Solar Panel Farm. As yet, no appeal had been submitted.
- 7 To consider quote from Chris Hunter Tree Services re removal of stump: Following the emergency tree work carried out in June by Chris Hunter Tree Services, the Parish Council considered a quote from him of 23 June to remove a stump on the green for £60 + VAT. It was agreed for the work to be carried out **ACTION: PARISH CLERK**
- 8 Renewal of bench near Church and update on New Railings: Following the last meeting the Parish Clerk had written to Mr Lorimer asking for a timeline for the church railings to be replaced; Mr Lorimer had updated the Parish Council that the work would probably be completed in the Autumn and provided the workman could gain access behind the bench, then one could be put in prior to the railings. A budget for the replacement bench was agreed up to £400 and the Parish Clerk would source a bench. **ACTION: PARISH CLERK**
- 9 Overhanging branches in the Village UK Power Networks had been informed of overhanging branches on electricity cables and a form would be completed and returned to them. The Chairman would include an article in the next Bugle reminding everyone of the

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ways they could contact the electricity board with regard to future issues.

ACTION: CHAIRMAN

- 10 Anti Social Behaviour – This item was deferred as Councillor Lambert, who had asked for this item to be on the agenda, was not present.
- 11 Police and Crime Update Recent Crime Summaries from Attleborough and Diss suggested that anti-social behaviour had shown a decline, which it was thought was due to some targeted patrols; break-ins to sheds, particularly on allotments and a spate of break-ins at building sites were the main issues.
- 12 SNAP meeting
(a) Last meeting held on 6 August and Councillor Lambert was in attendance.
(b) To agree attendance for next SNAP meeting to be held at at Attleborough Police Station on Tuesday 26 August at 1100 hours.
(c) Items for agenda
- 13 Finances
(a) It was noted that authorisation was given outside of the meeting re payment of emergency tree work on 2 June - £216 payment made on 16 June via cheque no 100355.
(b) To consider invoice from Chairman re mileage to attend Planning meeting on 9 July and telephone calls at £2 per month – considered and agreed.
(c) To consider Parish Clerk’s invoice – considered and agreed
(d) Village Hall Donation: This was an annual donation paid by the Parish Council which included maintenance and use of the Village Hall for Parish Council meetings and business at other times as required by the Parish Council. Last year the donation was £380 and a letter had been received from the Village Hall notifying the Parish Council that there had been an increase to the cost of grass maintenance and it was asked if the Parish Council could increase our grant by £15 as our share of the increase. Following discussion it was proposed by Councillor Edwards that the Village Hall Donation be increased to £400 and this was seconded by Councillor Bristow.
(e) Dog Bins: Following discussion it was proposed by the Chairman and seconded by Councillor Edwards that a dog bin was required in the village and thought the most sensible place to site it would be on the green by the Village Hall. The cost of a dog bin would be in the region of £80 plus VAT. **ACTION: PARISH CLERK**
(f) Transfer of monies: The Parish Clerk suggested that £500 be transferred from the current to deposit account, as this was monies being held from the Blo’ Norton Youth Committee on behalf of the Village Hall and this was agreed and a letter to the bank signed.
- 14 Planning
a To note the following Planning Applications:
3AG/2014/0017 Straw Barn, Willow Farm, Clay Hall Lane.
b To consider any applications that arrived following the issue of the agenda but prior to the meeting - none.
- 15 Such other business as the Chairperson may direct
(a) Poor Internet Service: All reported of slow internet connection and the Chairman would liaise with Annette Thorpe of BT. **ACTION: CHAIRMAN**
- 16 Dates of meetings for 2014:

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