

**MINUTES OF  
MEETING FOR BLO NORTON PARISH COUNCIL  
TUESDAY 13TH NOVEMBER 2018 AT VILLAGE HALL BLO NORTON  
7.30 p.m.**

1. Notice of attendance and apologies  
Marion Chapman Allen and Stephen Askew sent apologies  
In attendance David Mills (Chairman), Julie Crossley (Clerk), Shirley Grainger, Blake Weltman, Mike Bristow, Hannele Tanskanen  
2 members of the public attended
2. Approval was given for Minutes of last meeting of 11<sup>th</sup> September 2018
3. Any declarations of interest – non declared

**Matters Arising**

**4 SAM 2 speed signs – update**

Parish Councillors have been canvassing in the village regarding support for the application to the Parish Partnership Scheme for 50% of the cost of the SAM2. **SG** has received financial contributions so far in the sum of £230.00. **DM** and his wife have spoken to 20 out of 32 properties and financial commitments of £480 have been made. **HT** had been to Fen Rd, some residents queried if the funds could be used for road repairs and some queried if the speed signs actually reduced traffic speed. **HT** collected £60 in contributions.

Financial donations made by residents will be split between the SAM2 and Village Noticeboard.

**DM** advised that he was applying for a blue tooth module. This would allow data of vehicle speed against time of day to be downloaded at any time without having to open the cover of the unit – something to be avoided in wet weather.

Member of the public queried where it would be positioned to catch the correct data. Asked if any of the businesses have contributed. **SG** confirmed she is to visit these. **DM** had discussed locations. One opposite church is a good position, one at the other end coming into the village from the west by the Quiet lane. Westcotec man very helpful.

**BW** queried the distance the sign might need to be sited to obtain the correct data. First reading is kept – important one as that is the speed initially detected. The sign will be moved every 4 weeks with 3 sites allowing the camera to be positioned on either side, thus giving 6 locations.

The application has to be completed and sent to NCC by December 8<sup>th</sup>. **DM** has discussed the application with Steve Askew who has been most helpful. There is some further work to be done to get the application in on time.

The total cost of the SAM2 is £3667 plus VAT and if successful the Parish partnership will fund 50% of the cost.

#### **5. New Notice Board – update**

There was a mixed reception for contributions towards the sign but **DM** collected £260. Some residents have noted the sign is quite dilapidated. There will be keys for a new notice board. It will stand on its own.

Concern has been raised about tiles on the roof of the current shelter. The current Board itself can be challenging. Member of public raised concern about appearance. Will it be appropriate? **DM** confirmed it will be a standard size.

#### **7. HSBC and Barclays Bank**

The Clerk updated the meeting about HSBC in that David Mills is now the only named person on the Mandate and unfortunately HSBC declined to provide a balance at her visit on 7<sup>th</sup> November 2018

**DM** had been in touch with Barclays, and the new Business Manager. The new Barclays Account should be open by 20<sup>th</sup> November 2018. **DM** will liaise with The Clerk once account details are known.

#### **8. Wreath for remembrance day**

Ann Lambert ordered the wreath. Invoice to be sent to clerk

#### **9. Highways update**

The pot hole and drain damage has been repaired now in Church Lane.

Member of the public raised issue on Sandpit Corner, finger posts need replacing. They are damaged when the hedgerow is cut down. These are only plastic. Clerk to report to NCC

Cutting hedge on T junction by village hall. This is on the bends and the hedge needs taking back. This is the responsibility of the landowner. Clerk confirmed she would write to residents if addresses can be provided.

30 mph at Blo Norton House remains in the ditch but has been reported. Highways have said that the hedge needs to be cut, it would appear that the Council have reviewed it as there are yellow arrows on the road.

#### **11. Precept and budget consideration for January 2019**

Budget prepared and to be considered for decision for precept which is due to be made in January 2019.

Biggest outlay is for the village hall at £3000 per annum.

**BW** queried that was a growing surplus and whether some of these could be used to pay the balance for the SAM2 and new village sign. **DM** confirmed that this would be the case but wanted good commitment from residents to use in support of the application.

## **12. War memorial inscription and request from Robert Foreman**

The Clerk read out email from War Commission confirming there are no rules about whose details can be put on the War Memorial. It was noted that there is a War Memorial Committee. She will Email Ann Lambert and ask her her view about Mr Foreman's request. He has confirmed that his relative was born in Blo Norton and baptised in St Andrews Church.

If Mr Foreman's request is agreed it was suggested he be asked to contribute to the cost of the Stonemason. The Clerk will approach Perfitts at that time.

Clerk to respond to Mr Foreman

## **13. Financial matters**

Payment of the following costs were approved.

£2,000 Village Hall  
£9.98 50% of ink cartridges for 121 Diss

## **Any other Business**

MB raised the question of whether there should be election of Chairman in November. The Clerk advised that **DM** had volunteered to take on the role of Clerk and this had been agreed at the July meeting. The Council were asked if they were in agreement that he should continue in this role until the May AGM when he would stand down. . All agreed

The Clerk advised that an email had been received from MCA to advise that the Application for the Visitor centre has been recommended for approval with tight conditions. Once this is official **MCA** will send details to the Clerk to circulate to the Council. **DM** had been unable to find out what the conditions might be. The decision was supposed to have been made in June 2018.

Meeting closed at 22.35

Next meeting Tuesday 8<sup>h</sup> January 2019

Signed..... Dated.....