

**MINUTES OF
MEETING FOR BLO NORTON OF PARISH COUNCIL
TUESDAY 8th JANUARY 2019 AT VILLAGE HALL BLO NORTON
7.30 p.m.**

Member of Press and Public are welcome to attend

1. Record of attendance and apologies – apologies received from David Mills, Michael Bristow
Those in attendance: Blake Weltman, Hannele Tanskanen. Shirley Grainger, Julie Crossley (Clerk) one member of the public
2. Agreement of Minutes of last meeting of 13th November 2018 these were approved and signed as correct.
3. Declarations of interest – none declared

Shirley Grainger agreed to chair the meeting

Matters Arising

4. SAM 2 speed signs –

Written update provided from David Mills which the Chair read out. Sam2 proposal has received very good support from the parishioners, with 42 having promised a total of £1,205 towards the cost. The application has received very positive support from the District Councillors involved as a direct result of this support. The application will be decided toward the end of the 2018/19 financial year and we should hear the results of our application in March.

5. New Notice Board – update

The proposed new village notice board has similarly received good support; in this case 41 parishioners expressed support and have promised a total of £425.00 towards the cost. The application will be submitted shortly.

7. HSBC and Barclays Bank – update

The clerk reported that the Barclays account is now open and that she has spoken to the Business Manager at HSBC regarding transfer of the funds. **DM** has been advised of the next steps and hopefully the new account will be ready to use shortly.

8. Precept and budget consideration for January 2019

The Parish Councillors had had an opportunity to review the budgets for the previous years and agreed that no projects were likely to be undertaken in the coming financial year and agreed that the precept should remain at £5400. The precept form was completed for returning to BDC.

9. War memorial inscription

Ann Lambert attended on behalf of War Memorial Trust. She has spoken to the retired Church Warden about this. Officially the War Memorial belongs to the village. War Memorial Trust is there to maintain it. This was following the Church advising that they could not continue to maintain the Memorial. The Trust was then set up and they raise funds and take care of cleaning the Memorial. It was felt that family or Parish Council should pay the cost of the inscription. However it is not clear whether permission is needed and from whom. The Clerk will contact Breckland Council to see if they can advise and Mrs Lambert will speak to Mr John Barnet-Lamb Chairman of WM Trust to see if he is aware. An estimate should be sought from an insured contractor for the cost of adding further names.

The applicant has asked Perfitts to provide a quote. This may not be straightforward. He has also suggested that a second name should be added but this will need to be researched.

There was also a query that the gentleman was called up from Harleston and not Blo Norton. Should Harleston be approached. All the names currently on the memorial are the names of soldiers who went to war from Blo Norton so is the criteria where you were born or where they were when he was called to war.

It was agreed that the PC await the estimate for the engraving and return with this to the meeting. AL will find out who to approach as it is a Grade II listed building and who we need permission from either from Breckland Council or War Commission regarding whether the names can be added.

War Memorial Trust may discontinue if no further interest is found. They would propose that the funds and responsibility are transferred to the Parish Council to take over the maintenance of the Memorial. The Trust clean the Memorial themselves when convenient but the gilding needs re-doing every 10 years or so. There is currently just over £1000 in the fund which could be ring-fenced to continue the maintenance.

AL will contact John Barnet- Lamb to see if he can assist further.

Clerk will contact Marion Chapman Allen about permission to add to the War Memorial.

Financial matters

10. £192.00 Clerk salary
£48.00 HMRC

Approval was given for the above payments to be made once the Barclays account is in funds.

Planning Applications

None to discuss

Meeting closed at 20.07

Next meeting Tuesday 12th March 2019

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