

**MINUTES OF
MEETING FOR BLO NORTON PARISH COUNSEL
TUESDAY 9TH JULY 2019 AT VILLAGE HALL BLO NORTON
7.30 p.m.**

1. Those in attendance – David Mills (Chairman), Julie Crossley (Clerk) Frances Sibson, Mike Bristow, Shirley Grainger – apologies from Hannele Tanskanen

One member of the public attended

2. Agreement of Minutes of meeting of 14th May 2019 read to the meeting and approved and signed by David Mills

3. Any declarations of interest – none declared

Matters Arising

4. Follow up on report off north end of Hubbards Lane

Two parish councillors attended and advised that the problem was that traffic turning left toward Sth Lopham were encroaching on the verge. **DM** Contacted Highways authority and spoke to someone at NCC, to consider best way forward. The piece of land is unsurfaced road maintained by Local Authority. Not been used or maintained in several years. Impassable. Residents are just trying to keep their garden tidy. Not high on the Council's priority list.

5. Sam 2 speed sign

Donations are being collected. The funding has been agreed and order for sign and post has been placed. Should be in place in a few weeks. Locations have been agreed and awaiting confirmation from the Highways authority. Residents have been approached to approve locations. Sign has to be moved every 4 weeks with rechargeable batteries.

Volunteers required on a rota basis. Need to be relatively fit and able to lift and place the sign into place.

6. Village hall funding

Historically PC has paid the village hall £3,000 p.a. To arrange a meeting with the Village Hall Committee to discuss the future plans and what needs to be done. Clerk to email the village hall committee members to invite them to attend to discuss further.

Financial Matters

Approval was given for;

Clerk Salary	£192.00
HMRC	£ 48.00
Remembrance Wreath for PC	£ 20.00
Payment had been received Eastern Power Networks	£14.38

Balance of Account on 08.07.2019

£11,881.18

Planning Applications

Nothing to report other than discussion about some holiday cottages on Fen Road one of which has had residents move in and there may be an application for permanent occupancy.

Any other business

Member of the public raised the issue of the defibrillator at Dutch Barn Nursery. St John Ambulance attended and spoke to someone there and asked to borrow the defibrillator for a course which was agreed. This was then declined possibly as not being used for an emergency and may not have been covered by insurance. Villagers attending the course did not know where the defibrillator was. Gate is closed. Note saying press "call". Concern about timing and how long it would take to get the gate open and get the defibrillator. Asked PC to follow up to see if it could be put in more public place. **JLC will write to Dutch Barn on behalf of PC** to see what the situation is and whether it could be placed on village hall wall.

Mid Suffolk Council are apparently producing a Recreation Disturbance and Mitigation for Disturbance of Habitats Strategy (RAMS) along the lines of the existing RAMS for the Essex Coast. These impose levies on new housing to mitigate the effect of more people wanting to access sensitive habitats.

Mid Suffolk District Council has designated an area surrounding the Little Ouse Valley Fens which extends from the Little Ouse and Reeves tributary to approx 1km South of the Bury to Diss road as a Protected Habitats Mitigation Zone to impose the levies. That is the SE quadrant of the LOHP area. SG has asked MCA to find out if Breckland Council are planning anything similar which may cover the Blo Norton and Garboldisham LOHP areas.

Councillor **MB** advised the meeting that Reverend Derrick Shepherd who had served he parish for 15 years had sadly passed away.

Meeting closed at 20.30

Next meeting is 10th September 2019