

MINUTES FOR 13TH MAY MEETING OF BLO NORTON PARISH COUNCIL

Due to the current restrictions and social isolation the Parish Council is unable to hold public meetings but they are continuing to discuss and deal with matters as they arise and Minutes will be put on the Boards and Website

A date for the AGM will be announced in due course

1. Record of attendance and apologies – Mike Bristow sent his apologies all other Parish Councillors were in attendance. Marion Chapman Allen was also in attendance
2. Agreement of Minutes of last meeting of Tuesday 18th February 2020 – DM read the Minutes from February and these were approved

Matter arising

3. Update on matters from February Minutes inc

- a) Notice Board update – funding scheme

Marion Chapman Allen advised the meeting that if you google Brecklandgrants, Norfolk Community Foundation will come up. The Breckland Officer will be helpful and there are grants of £5,000 available c

- b) Enquiries regarding Care of the War Memorial

DM advised that John Barnet Lamb has been unwell and the War Memorial does not appear on the Charity list as the funds held are under £5000. That being the case we can transfer care of the charity to the PC as discussed previously. DM was due to open a new account at Barclays to place the funds £1800 approximately. Account to be opened after lockdown. MCA advised that the War Memorial Trust were offering generous grants for cleaning and upkeep and DM noted that NALC data which came in today mentions this so information can be gathered from them. Applications for grants must be in by end of June for the current submissions, with the next submission due by the end of December

4. The Community Heartbeat Trust – defibrillator for Village Hall

The Clerk has received the Project Guide from Heartbeat Trust together with Lottery funding guidance and application which can be circulated for consideration if felt appropriate.

The Clerk updated the meeting about her conversation with Heartbeat Trust and it was agreed the information would be circulated.

The Clerk had spoken to them following the last meeting and they had clarified the capital cost.

Councillor HT said she would be happy to monitor the defib if one is purchased.

5. Request for thanks to the Refuse collectors – email to BDC. The Clerk had been asked to send a note of thanks for their continuing support in the community which she has done.

MCA noted that BDC are looking to renew recycling contract, Serco has been successful and they have contract for recycling for next 4 years.

6. BNPC response to Covid19 – update on what the PC has done/doing for the community and whether it is appropriate to apply for Community Funding

DM reported that a contact list has been delivered to every household in the Parish offering help with shopping and collection of medication. Contacts were made with who it was thought might need help. Only one person needed help collecting food and medicine from Botesdale Health centre.

Councillor HT had responded to a telephone request for a resident to be offered help. This was done; no current problems were reported but the offer of help was accepted gratefully “for the future if any problems cropped up” . Other than that everything seems to be well organised. SG advised the meeting she has also collected medication for some residents.

MCA offered to update the meeting on the local funding BDC has been providing and she reported that Garboldisham shop has been delivering shopping and medication.

7. Church Lane flooding – whether this is on going or have been resolved.

A meeting on site with DM and David Jacklin from Highways had been arranged. This could not proceed due to lockdown.

Financial matters

Retrospective approval was given for payment of

Clerks Salary £192.00 (April 2020) paid by BACS

HMRC £48.00 (April 2020) paid by cheque

NALC annual subscription £136.64 (paid by BACS on 30.04)

Came and Co Insurance £372.28 to be paid

Approval for Annual Governance which has been agreed and will be filed with JKF in due course and inspection details posted on website and notice boards.

Balance of current account on 30th April 2020 £12,959.41

Receipts received

VAT refund with regard to SAM2 for £733.40 now received

BDC – Precept now received

Any other business

Village Hall funding – the committee applied for a BDC S106 funding to have a patio laid and some refurbishment of the floor.

They also got a substantial grant £15,000 but is not clear what work has been done with that. The Clerk will email/phone them for an update of the work done and to try and arrange a Zoom meeting with the committee and DM.

FS advised that she thought there was money available for village halls currently to try and keep communities together.

MCA has been working with village halls and to encourage them to apply for grants that are available.

Planning applications

The Clerk had advised that an application has been circulated this evening re permission to have a mobile caravan sited whilst building work is continuing.

Comments were made by the clerk on 3PL/2020/0402/F with no objections, Ref OWQC60822 on the 14th May 2020

SG has reported quite a lot of potholes recently and these appear to have been noted and hopefully will be dealt with.

Meeting closed at 19.45

Next Meeting 11th August 2020