

MINUTES FOR MEETING ON November 17TH at 7 p.m. OF BLO NORTON PARISH COUNCIL

Due to the current restrictions, the Parish Council is unable to hold public meetings but they are continuing to have meetings virtually by Zoom.

1. Record of attendance; David Mills, Shirley Grainger, Hannene Tanskanen and Marion Chapman Allen
Apologies from Mike Bristow who is currently in Hospital – **DM** will arrange and send a card on behalf of the PC

2. Agreement of Minutes of last meeting of Tuesday 18th August 2020 – the Parish Councillors agreed the Minutes – **DM** will send the Clerk a signed copy as approved

Matter arising

3. Co-option of new Parish Councillor, Colin Lloyd who was introduced to the meeting. The necessary forms have been signed and lodged with Breckland DC

Update on matters from August Minutes inc

4. Notice Boards

A grant has been applied for and **MCA** advised the meeting she would check when it was coming to Cabinet.

5. War Memorial Cleaning

The Clerk has received a quote from Saxon Monumental Craft of BSE for £600 inc VAT. It was agreed and approved by all the Parish Councillors that the Council should go ahead with the cleaning of the War Memorial and the Clerk will contact Saxon and ask them to proceed as soon as possible..

6. Community Heartbeat Trust

DM has the paperwork and **SG** thought that the Lottery grant was only £200. **MCA** said she would speak to Garboldisham PC to find out where they applied for their grant and she will pass this information to the Clerk.

7. Flooding in Church Lane

DM has spoken to David Jacklin who considered it would be helpful to meet at the site in Church Lane as NCC has no plans of the drainage system. Neither do NCC retain reports of work done. So there are no available records of what work has been done. **DM** will speak to Stephen Askew to see if he is able to assist to try and get this sorted out. **CL** noted it has been an on going problem for all the years he has lived in Blo Norton and it would be nice to get it dealt with. The Clerk had previously tried to contact the owners of the adjacent land without success where the problem stems from.

8. Equal Opportunities Policy

This has been drafted and approved and will be signed off by **DM** and put in the document folder on the website.

Financial

Approval was given for the following payments

Clerk Salary	January 2021	£192.00
HMRC	January 2021	£48.00
NALC Website training	Nov 2020	£15.00 split with NLPC

Receipts

BDC Precept Sept 2020 £2700.00

Balance of Barclays Account 30.10.2020 **£13,770.70**

**The 2021 PRECEPT must be agreed and returned to BDC by 31st January 2021
The PC to consider whether this needs to be increased given potential spending including;**

- I) Notice Boards**
- ii) War Memorial Cleaning**
- iii) Purchase of Defibrillator for Village Hall**

Planning

3PL/2020/0402/F Erection of General Purpose agricultural bldg	Approved
3PL/2020/0605/F Change of use from agric land to residential	Approved
3PL/2020/0533/HOU Single storey rear extension and 1st Floor extn	Approved

SG noted comments have been made by LOHP regarding the Chicken Farm application outside of Blo Norton Parish regarding the flooding risks into the streams which run into the Little Ouse at Scarfe Meadows

MCA advised the meeting she had been contacted by telephone by a Resident of Blo Norton to ask why the PC only met quarterly and during these difficult times it would be of more support to the village to meet bi monthly. **DM** noted that there were rarely any attendees at meetings pre Covid but that the PC would give this further consideration.

CL asked about any tree planting initiatives in the village. **DM** noted that the difficulty in Blo Norton is that you can only plant on the verges and no one wants to take responsibility. The Clerk will put on next Agenda. **MCA** suggested contacting the Tree Officer at BDC.

Meeting closed at 19.32

Next Meeting 16th February 2021