

**MINUTES OF BLO NORTON ANNUAL PARISH MEETING TO BE HELD AT BLO  
NORTON VILLAGE HALL ON TUESDAY 18TH MAY 2021 AT 7 PM FOLLOWED BY  
THE PARISH COUNCIL AGM  
DUE TO CONTINUED SOCIAL DISTANCING RULES NUMBERS MAY BE LIMITED**

1. Apologies from Shirley Grainger and Mike Bristow  
Attendance – David Mills, Hannelle Tan , Colin Lloyd,  
Marion Chapman-Allen and 6 members of the public
2. Minutes of previous AGMs held on 15<sup>th</sup> May 2018 and 14<sup>th</sup> May 2019 were approved. No objections were raised
3. Parish Councils Chairpersons report was read out by **David Mills** which included the effect of Covid on the village, the purchase of the Notice Boards and Sam2 and Church Rd flooding, Broadband connections, flyer in local newsletter circulation to 125 households.
4. Report from Councillor Marion Chapman Allen, BDC the main points were read out and the **report is on the PC website**
5. Report from NCC Councillor Stephen Askew – main points were read out and the **report is on the PC website**
6. Report from Mike Bristow re John Dyer Charity **no report received**
7. Report re Village Hall **no report received**. The Chair noted the new doors recently installed. Still major works to be undertaken. **MCA** noted they would have received a grant from BDC. Used to have a lot going on at the village hall. She thought it would be an excellent thing for Blo Norton to ask the PC if they could support these 2 people on the Committee and give them some support and encouragement. Ask the PC to look in better weather to try to liaise and encourage more people to join them as a committee and try and get things going again and bring the community together. Member of the public noted that they had offered 5 pairs of hands to paint the village hall.
8. Report from LOHP Chair **report on website**
9. Report re the War Memorial **no report available** the Parish Council has now taken over from the Charity. The funds are going to be placed into a separate fund. The War Memorial is due to be cleaned in June.
10. Report from John Dixon re the Blo Norton History Group – **read in person the report will be put on the website. Membership is £15.00. Trip expenses are additional.**
11. Report from PCC – was read at the meeting and the **report is on the PC website** and raised the issues of fund raising to maintain the Church and to keep it open and that the community needs to help if it wishes the church to remain open.
12. Julian Thompson – re plot at Fen Road/Thelnetham Road to discuss iFarm on Sandpits Corner – a business but not for private profit. Operating in Blo Norton and other villages. To combat loneliness and social isolation. Started in 2018 and incorporated as a business in Feb 2020. Access for all, young and old. Workshops, cooking and growing, renewable energy and sustainable technology. Growing organic food. Sharing communal meals. They have an asset lock, they include the White Horse in Thelnetham which they are hoping to

buy as a community pub. Be holding residential courses and market gardening. Income will come from grant funding and income from the pub. Shortly launching website. Ideas maybe a repair shop/pop up cafe/men's shed (not exclusive to men) library of things for loan. Providing mentoring and support/arts and crafts. Coaching on digital skills. Currently clearing the site, once done they can open up a little and make things safer. Removing leylandi. Non permanent structures, storage and site office, will have camping on land and applying for camp site licence to restore land and work on projects. Like to apply for planning for a barn and workshop. 10.5 acre site. ifarm.norfolk on Facebook. Not planning to have animals at this stage.

The question of the hedge planting and trees was raised by a member of the public.

13. Public Discussion – Member of public attended, noted the 1922 Council houses, 100 year anniversary. Felt that it should be something the community could benefit from, look at history and see what can be done. Home for heroes after WWI.

### **Blo Norton Parish Council AGM to be held after the Annual Parish Meeting**

1. Agreement of Minutes of last meeting on Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> February 2021 approved
3. Any declarations of interest – none declared

### **Nomination for Chairman made by Colin Lloyd and seconded by HT and nomination for Vice Chairman Shirley Grainger made by HT and seconded by DM**

#### **Matters arising**

4. War Memorial Cleaning, the Clerk has spoken to Saxon Monumentals and they hope to start the cleaning in early June
5. Defibrillator for village hall – decision to be made. Clerk will contact supplier and get definitive figures.
6. Tree planting – email to Tom Russell Grant re NCC initiative – offers to plant 500+ already made – to be put in the flyer
7. Website accessibility – to be compliant the Clerk will arrange to have Microsoft Word put on the laptop cost reduced as to be shared with NLPC
8. Annual Return for Charity Commission re Former Highway Surveyors Land – now up to date.
9. Church Road Flooding covered in the Chairmans report

#### **Financial**

10. **Approval of the Annual Governance and Accountability Return internally audited**

Approval is requested for

I)	Came and Co Parish Council Insurance	£552.12/BHIB	£516.37/Zurich	£434.40
ii)	Clerk Salary (July 2021)			£192.00
iii)	HMRC (July 2021)			£48.00
iv)	Notice Boards – retrospective			£1,680.76

#### **Planning Applications**

3PL/2021/0099/HOU Single storey rear extension Church Farm Barn **Approved**  
3PL/2020/1311/F Replacement dwelling The Hollies **Approved**

**Meeting ended at 21.10**

**Next meeting 17<sup>th</sup> August 2021**