

**MINUTES FOR MEETING OF
BLO NORTON PARISH COUNCIL
TUESDAY 17TH AUGUST 2021 AT 7 p.m. at Village Hall**

1. Attendances and Apologies

In Attendance: David Mills (Chairman), Shirley Grainger (Vice Chair), Hannele Tanskanen, Colin Lloyd and Marian Chapman Allen and 4 members of the public

Apologies from Mike Bristow

2. Approval of Minutes of 18th May 2021 meeting The Chair read through the May Minutes which were approved and signed by David Mills
3. Declarations of interest – None declared

Matters arising from May 2021 minutes

4. Cleaning of the War Memorial

This was done in June 2021 and Saxons have done an excellent job.

5. Defibrillator for village hall

Has been installed and is monitored regularly by a member of the Parish Council. Details to be put in the defibrillator.

6. Website accessibility

Now done

7. Pension Regulator re-enrolment

The clerk and Chair have complied with this for 2021/22

Matters Arising

8. BNPC Fuel Allotment Charity

Stephanie Smith attended. To make PC aware of the charity and some changes. Set up to allocate funds for the village mainly winter fuel. Notice goes in the parish magazine annually. There are 6 Trustees and Stephanie attended to let the PC know there was a change of membership. Mr Smith stepping down and there is a new Trustee Jo-Anne Pitt and change of name to Blo Norton Fens Trust. Purpose not only money for fuel at Christmas time but to make it more widespread. Maybe educational e.g. school trips. Fund is raised from leasing land on the Fen. **DM** raised the possibility of amalgamating

this charity with the John Dyer charity. **MCA** asked whether **DM** would be speaking to Kenninghall PC which he said he would do.

9. 1 Million Trees for Norfolk

Last heard that NCC were waiting for new App to be developed to assist with where to put trees and what species to plant, also funding and allocation. **CL** has found plenty of sites for the trees 650 its now all down to funding. The App was supposed to have been ready a few months ago. If the village could be involved in a funding application then this would push us higher up the list and there is also funding available from the Woodland Trust. Million Trees for Norfolk will be over a 5 year period. Who will plant them, would it be possible to get a working party together. Julian from iFarm advised they would supply some labour. NCC wanted a plan for the planting and **CL** will give this some thought with local farmers who have confirmed they would agree to the planting on their land. **MCA** suggested that we email Stephen Askew to see whether he can make some enquiries and cc Hugh Coggles at BDC. The **Clerk** will email.

10. John Dyer Charity

The Chairman has only just got the information and will discuss with the Fuel Allotment Charity.

11. Financial

Approval was given for

NALC annual payment	£136.64 paid by BACS on 10.06.21
Grant Taylor Electrician	£104.22 paid by BACS on 10.06.21
121 computers	£37.49 paid by BACS on 10.06.21
Andrew Deptford Defib	£1824.00 paid by BACS on 26.05.21
Approval sought for Saxons Monumental	£600.00 War Memorial
Clerk Salary	£192.00 due 6 th October 2021
HMRC	£48.00 due 6 th October 2021

Receipts

Eastern Power Networks	£14.64	
VAT re Notice Boards	£304.00	
Balance of Barclays		£13,064.95

12. Planning

3PL/2021/0150/LB – Remove and replace 9 softwood windows and 1 door

3PL/2021.0962/LB – approved 6 Fairfields replacement of 3 windows and door

Any other Business

Flooding in Church Lane – **DM** finally managed to get Highways out and talk to new owners of Hilldrop Farm. Very helpful and they will be coming back to jet the culverts. Hopefully this will resolve before the flooding season.

Update from IFarm – they have cleared some of the land. Removed all the hemlock. Put in some gates which has given a view to Rose Cottage having removed the leylandii. In the 3rd month had a gathering supported by The Fox. There were children there who had never met. Nomination for new Board Member, Major Vicky Gosling who has done a course in Horticultural therapy projects. They had first intern come for a week and they stayed for a month. The student came from London and had just finished a degree. They hope to welcome him as an apprentice. Also offering business support for a young girl with a pop up café and continuing her education. Hoping to start “Meet up Mondays”, for sharing and talk. Engaged with **BDC** Mental Health Team and You are not Alone programme. Pre planning application for workshop and barn. They have an address which is not a postal address but things like manure can be delivered to the farm and not registered office. They are hoping to set up broadband. Have done some water testing of nitrates. Also organising environmental site survey with LOHP. Lot of ragwort on the field which they intend to keep one side of the field as it is the only feed of Cinnebar moth. They have had meetings with Claire from the Village Hall Committee. Have professional events manager and plan to put on some events at the hall. Have dug some test trenches Walipini greenhouses which are dug into the ground, with heat pumps to keep heat and grow Citrus fruits all year round. Continuing with application to purchase White horse. Change of Use has been declined. Tenant moving out and they will move forward with the purchase. To be run as a community pub. Looking at setting up Academy for education for environment looking for apprentices age 16 upwards for a variety of roles including, Websites or social media marketing and other skills. With winter coming they will be managing the wetland and trees while there is no nesting.

Their AGM is on Saturday 21st which will be an open meeting at 4.30 p.m. at village hall if people want to find out more.

SG asked if it was possible for them to put up a sign with details of the organisation and contact/social media information so that people in the village can find out more.

Re 1922 Housing. Asking for people to set up a committee to organise an exhibition, suggested to include John Dixon. Local demand for affordable housing in a sustainable way from local materials. To try and assist local people to come back to the village, assistance with gardening etc.

Discussion about help from farmers about land and water. Suggested that Julian speak to Jim Flatman.

SG raised the prospect of a new footpath in Hinderclay which is proposed and this opens up the possibility of reinstating the bridge over the Little Ouse with the possibility of obtaining grants together with LOHP to carry out the work.

Meeting closed at 20.00

Date of next meeting 16th November 2021

