**MINUTES OF BLO NORTON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING**

**HELD AT BLO NORTON VILLAGE HALL ON TUESDAY 19th JULY 2022 AT 7 PM**

1. Attendance and Apologies

In attendance: David Mills, Shirley Grainger, Julia Curtis, Clifford Oliver

Marion Chapman Allen attended

2. Approval of Minutes of PC meeting of 17TH May 2022

3. Any declarations of interest – none declared

**Matters arising**

4. Parish Council Vacancy and co-option

An advertisement has been placed in the Garboldisham and Blo Norton News for August to fill the Vacancy and if no response Clerk will draft a flyer for the September issue. 115 houses in the village so need one for each property,

5. Tree planting

The Chair will contact Colin Lloyd who was dealing with the tree planting previously. Colin had planned where the trees were going to be planted and has now moved and resigned from the PC.

The Clerk had circulated an email re Jubilee Trees – similar to what Colin was doing except there is a cost albeit with a discount.

A Resident keen to see replacement tree planted at the village hall as one was lost earlier in the year.

6. Village Hall

Vera Marny who is on the Village Hall Committee attended the meeting, Clare has resigned. John Dixon has agreed to assist in the short term. She also has Mandy who runs the Dance Class. They are now a committee of 3. Have to have 2 committee members by law. Vera has a few other people in mind to ask. They have been unable to find a builder to provide estimates for the work they want to do. They want to do some work on the toilets and upgrade them. They also want to paint inside and out. They plan a website. They have a Facebook page which is regularly updated. Vera is running it like a business. They have a few ad hoc hires, but it is mainly regular groups. Would like some help with bookings and general maintenance. They are very competitive on rates. Monday and Friday it is hired afternoon and evening. It is also hired out on a Wednesday and Thursday evening. Vera hires it on a Saturday morning. The Village Hall has its own separate insurance.

7. AD Plant Dean Farm Bio Digester

Clerk went to the meeting at Bressingham. NCC Highways, Breckland have objected to the planning. Given its location. There will be a further meeting at Kenninghall when Richard Bacon MP will attend. MCA updated the meeting re the planning and next steps and the developers right to appeal.

8. Surveyors Charity

This relates to tranches of land, consisting of small areas farmed out to various Parish Councils for worthy projects. The land in Blo Norton was used by the Smith Family. PC realised that they had not received the payment for the land for some time. Someone is now using it for feeding pheasants. Expressed an interest in taking it on. The Chairman has been trying to contact him to sort out the payment of £55 pa.

**9. Financial – approval was given for the following**

ii) Clerk Salary (July 2022) £192.00

iii) HMRC (July 2022) £48.00

iv) Jubilee Celebrations £264.42

v) 121 Computers (ink) £ 9.98 (Clerk)

Receipts BDC bottle bank £197.93

Barclays Balance £13,503.97 – 30th June 2022

**8. Planning Applications**

**3PL/2022/0559/LB** Variation to 3PL/2021/1284/LB revised position and dimension of garden room

**3PL/2022/0306/O** Erection of detached house, site Adj Astwood, The Street

**3PL/2022/0563/Var** Variation of condition 2 on 3PL/2021/1283/F re garden room dimensions

MCA explained to the meeting about delay in planning/building because of Natural England intervention.

**Any other Business**

P. Councillor Oliver raised the subject of Pylons. This is a South Norfolk issue. MCA explained what she knew about the plans for bringing the power from the coast to Essex. The nearest one is likely to be near Blooms at Bressingham.

Meeting closed at 19.50 p.m

Next meeting Tuesday 20th September 2022