**MINUTES FOR BLO NORTON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING**

**ON TUESDAY 15th NOVEMBER 2022 AT BLO NORTON VILLAGE HALL AT 7p.m.**

1. Attendance and Apologies

J. Crossley (Clerk), David Mills (Chairman), Shirley Grainger, Oliver Clifford, Julia Curtis

4 Members of the public attended

1. Minutes of PC Meeting of 20th September 2022 were approved
2. Declarations of Interest – none declared

**Matters Arising**

1. Parish Councillor vacancy

This will go on the January 2023 agenda as those interested were not available to attend.

1. Ash die back and trees in danger – Tree Planting

Parish tree planting project. iFarm supporting PC in delivery and they have ordered 950 trees to be delivered in December. Slight delay due to hot summer. Being planted in 4 acres of local farmers land at Middle Road. Had some expressions of interest for further planting.

iFarm trying to get a grant for a Community orchard which iFarm will maintain.

Like to propose broadening this to plant orchard on other pieces of land. iFarm volunteers hope to get the trees planted before Christmas. Queens canopy has been extended to 23rd March 2023.

Councillor Grainger had seen a Facebook post about trees available in Earsham and she will pass details to Julian.

LOHP have reported that the trees are being dealt with at present by contractors.  Priority has been roadside trees as we had one tree on New Fen come down on the road the other week with the strong winds we had. They have been into New Fen and Bettys Fen to do the roadside trees, they should then be onto Blo' Norton Fen boardwalk hopefully sometime next week and then back to Bettys Fen. I would like to say that sometime within the next couple of weeks I'm hoping we can reopen the boardwalk on Blo' Norton Fen once it has been made safe (we (LOHP) need to do some tree work first before we can do that as well)

1. Update on White Horse

The White Horse, they are now brewing their own beer, they have a book club and music night. Meet up Mondays free tea coffee and cake. Variety of ages and extending opening hours for a Warm space 0900 to 1700 every Monday no need to buy anything.

They are hoping to issue their share issue in the next few weeks.

1. John Dyer Charity update and donation to resident

John Dyer set up a local charity involving lots of villages to help local residents. £500 pa and this is split between 2 villages Blo Norton and Kenninghall. BNPC gets 2/3rds Now currently with Barclays Mandate Team.

The Parish Council have made a payment to local resident for educational needs for £100 from the Parish Council account which will be reimbursed once the Trust account at Barclays is open.

1. Potential cinema evenings

Enquiries were made with Palgrave Community Centre . They got some lottery funding as cost to purchase projector and sound system in region of £8,000. Register with film company and they purchase DVD from £99. Clerk will find out further information.

1. Any other business

Discussion about spending and in particular the money being spent on the village hall and whether consideration should be given to building a new hall with perhaps a dental clinic with accommodation. Would a new hall be used more than the present one? What does the village want to see the hall used for. What is the best way to communicate with residents.

Thomas gave an update on housing and the Fairfield Houses. He had a meeting with the History Group and had hoped to be able speak at the Fairfield event but this unfortunately did not happen. He is hoping to re-arrange this for next year with the aim of proposing affordable housing to encourage younger families into the village who are currently unable to afford to stay local.

1. **Finances**

**Approval was given for**

Clerk Salary £192 (6th January 2023)

HMRC £48.00 (6thJanuary 2023)

Village hall £3,000

Remembrance Wreath £20.00

**Receipts**

Precept £2835.00

**Balance at Barclays £16,036.92 (31.10.22)**

**Discussion re budget and precept for 2023/2024**

1. **Planning**

**3PL/2022/0306/O** Erection of detached house Adj Ashwood The Street **APPROVED**

Meeting closed at 20.05

Next Meeting is **17th January 2023**