**MINUTES OF BLO NORTON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT BLO NORTON VILLAGE HALL ON TUESDAY 18TH JULY 2023 AT 7 P.M.**

1. Attendance and Apologies

Those attending were; David Mills (Chairman), Shirley Grainger (Vice Chair), Julia Curtis, Clifford Oliver

Robin Barclay sent his apologies

2 members of the public attended

1. The minutes of PC Meeting and AGM of 16TH May 2023 were approved
2. No declarations of interest made

**Matters arising**

1. The Chestnut Tree and next steps

The PC has paid for a tree survey to see what state the tree is in. It is a Highways tree, so they are responsible for it. The tree surgeon advised 30% of the top removed. Currently waiting to hear from NCC Highways to see if they will fund the work to be done.

1. Building of gateway next door to Church Farm Barn

This is on Mr Davey’s land, planning has been agreed for this but it appears to be higher than planning agreed (it is approx. 2.4 metres high and planning agreed 1.8 metres). It is also approximately 50% wider than agreed and the agreement was that it should be 12 metres back from the highway which it is not. Mr Davey has until the end of July to make a retrospective application.

1. Flooding/repairs to ditch/drain and NCC enquiry ENQ900174680/900192525

This relates to a ditch alongside Duck Barn. There have been problems with drainage and flooding for some time. The water is not draining from the property and the Klargester outlet in the ditch is submerged backing the tank up and allowing raw sewage to drain onto the road and into the water course. The Council have dug out the ditch but did not complete the repairs to the drain which has collapsed or is fully blocked under the road leading into the ditch along Self Lane. Jack Griffiths of NCC Highways has been involved and at the moment the resident has sent all the information to Gressingham Foods who own the adjacent land as the ditch is their responsibility.

1. Update following meeting with iFarm

The Parish Council attended the meeting with iFarm. Councillor CO also attended a further meeting at Hopton. The discussion revolved around traffic and farming and how things could be improved environmentally.

1. **Finance**

Approval was given for the following;

Clerk Salary £240.00

Blo Norton Village Hall Coronation Brunch £422.00

Broadland Tree Services £168.00 – paid

Receipt UK Power Networks £14.64

BDC for Bottle Bank £142.91

Balance at Barclays on 30.06.23 **£14,507.72**

1. Any Other Business

Email received by the Chairman re tree/branch down opposite Honeysuckle Cottage. Chair proposed that the Parish Council go round the village to check the trees and see whether any need attention.

The Parish Councill will arrange a date to do this and any volunteers from the village would be welcomed.

A resident attended noted that County Broadband had made a mess of some of the trees when they were in the village installing recently.

Meeting ended at 20.00

Next meeting is 19th September 2023