**MINUTES OF BLO NORTON PARISH COUNCIL**

**TUESDAY 21ST NOVEMBER 2023 at 7 p.m.**

**VILLAGE HALL, BLO NORTON**

1. Attendance and apologies

In attendance; David Mills, Shirley Grainger, Robin Barclay; Clifford Oliver, Julia Curtis

1. Declarations of Interest

Non declared

1. Minutes of 18th July 2023 approved

**Matters arising**

1. **Christmas tree for village**

Councillor Curtis raised this. Possibly near the church. Or any other Christmas decorations. Discussed erecting it safely and possibly using battery lights. The residents in attendance (3) agreed that this would be a good idea. Near the memorial is central point. The Chairman will approach Petal to confirm the Church would be in agreement. Clerk will order 10’ tree with stand and ask for that to be delivered to the Memorial in Blo Norton**Purchase of Salt/Grit box**

Discussed purchase of at least 1 to go at top of Church Lane. To check where we get the grit (NCC/BDC) Clerk will check with Glasdon about costs.

1. **Parishioners in need over winter and festive period**

To ask the residents to check on neighbours especially those who they know live alone. Clerk will do a notice asking everyone to check on their neighbours.

1. **Purchase of lap top from John Dyer charity**

A resident in the parish has a daughter with learning difficulties and school has suggested the purchase of a laptop from the John Dyer Charity. The Clerk will contact Kenninghall Chairman so we can reimburse the Chairman who has made the purchase.

1. **IFarm**

There were some discussions and Juliet is taking matters forward in an appropriate manner.

1. **Update re Chestnut tree**

The tree belongs to Highways the PC commissioned a tree surgeons report which advised the tree needs to be reduced in height. Not progressed further. Not heard from Highways, it is their tree but concern would be that they would chop it down. Does it have a tree preservation order on it. Clerk will check.

1. **Drainage and flooding – Mr JB**

The issue raised by resident and was reported ENQ900192525 now appears to have been resolved as the ditch has been dug out. Gressingham Duck Farm has accepted responsibility. It will need on going maintenance.

1. **Meeting dates in 2024**

These were circulated.

**Financial**

1. Approval was given for the following

Clerk Salary (October) £172.00

HMRC £20,00

Remembrance wreath £20.00

Village Hall annual payment £3,000.00

**Receipts**

Precept (September 2023) £2835.00

Balance of Barclays account (31.10.2023) £16,738.00

1. **Planning applications**

**3PL/2023/062/HOU – Erection of cart lodge with ancillary accommodation above APPROVED**