**MINUTES OF BLO NORTON PARISH COUNCIL**

**TUESDAY 19th MARCH 2024 at 7 p.m.**

**VILLAGE HALL, BLO NORTON**

1. Attendance and apologies

In attendance were; David Mills (Chairman), Julie Crossley (Clerk), Julia Curtis, Clifford Oliver, Marion Chapman Allen

Apologies received from; Shirley Grainger and Robin Barclay

1. Declarations of Interest – None declared
2. Minutes of 16TH January 2024 were approved

**Matters arising from January meeting**

1. **Update re Purchase of Salt/Grit box**

The Clerk will email NCC Highways to arrange delivery of grit

1. **Drainage and flooding –**

Current problems have been cleared but concern that problems will continue with heavier rainfall.

Some of the culverts appear to be blocked. Some of the work done has not been sufficient. One of the residents has sent a video regarding the problem. Unaware regarding the manner in which the job was left.

The Clerk will email Highways and report the issues on the reporting system regarding the issues and ask them to come out and review. Find out how often the drains are jetted out and cleared.

Ask them to look at Fen Road as well where the drains are also blocked.

District councillor MCA was asked about any future proofing re BDC. There is an emergency team who will come out if houses are flooded. But have no say regarding drainage issues.

Idea to invite Steve Askew to May meeting to discuss flooding concerns.

Also discussed appropriate signage for when the road is flooded. Clerk will check and see if some can be purchased and where from.

1. **Chestnut tree cost of works and quotes**

Work on the tree is due to commence on the 2nd April at a cost of £700 plus VAT

1. **Maintenace of trees planted for Queens canopy**

Working parties have been arranged and there will be 2 or 3 sessions.

**Financial**

1. Approval is sought for the following

Clerk Salary (April 2024) £240.00

Retrospective purchase of salt/grit box £102.00

**Receipts**

Balance of Barclays account (29.02.2024) £13,238.02

1. **Planning applications**

None received

1. **Any Other Business**

Quotes for Blo Norton News. Cheapest to do 2 sheets of A4 £59.00

Noise issues have been reported – motorcycles on Michael Daveys land. If they have permission not much can be done. Usually happens on a Saturday.

The Clerk will contact SNAP and the police constable who deals with this area. And perhaps they can have a word with Mr Davey.

MCA advised that if any building work that is commenced which contravenes the plans to let her know.

One of the councillors advised that there was a new portacabin put on iFarm recently and to ask him what their future plans are and to invite Julian to the May meeting.

Meeting closed at 19.50