

Minutes of the Blo' Norton Parish Council meeting held on Tuesday 5 November at 1930 hours in the Village Hall.

Those Present: John Barnett-Lamb; John Olley; Mike Bristow; Ann Lambert; Richard Edwards and Chris Curtis (Senior Enforcement Officer Breckland Council) and two members of the public

1 Apologies for absence – No apologies

2 Public Comment - None

3 To receive Declarations of Interest in respect of items for consideration - None

4 To approve the Minutes of Parish Council meeting held on 23 July 2013 and extraordinary meeting held on 9 September 2013 – Agreed as circulated and signed

5 Matters arising from the minutes held on 23 July 2013 (not elsewhere on agenda)

(a) Footpaths in General – it was noted that one of the “no horse riding” signs erected by the Parish Council had been knocked over and the Chairman and Councillor Edwards would re-organise another sign

Hubbard's Lane: Councillor Edwards asked the Clerk to check on progress of clearance of Hubbards' Lane.

ACTION: CHAIRMAN/COUNCILLOR EDWARDS

ACTION: CLERK

[Clerk's Update: Email of 11 November sent to Richard Deller, Highways Department]

(b) Blo' Norton Hall Moat – the Chairman stated that a member of the PCC was to meet with Mr Lorimer w/c 11 November to discuss church railings and this issue could now be removed from the agenda.

(c) Neighbourhood Watch Scheme – Councillor Lambert stated that a neighbourhood watch scheme would need to be localised, with a co-ordinator having a maximum of 20 dwellings – therefore different areas would need to be set up within Blo' Norton with a number of co-ordinators. It was thought it unlikely that volunteers would come forward to take on this responsibility, as was the case in the majority of villages. The Police had advised if there was a good communication system in the village it was probably as close as a village could get to setting up an official scheme, as many schemes did not work, once set up. Therefore, it was agreed that emails would continue to be sent around to notify the community when there was a problem within the village and of course word of mouth.

(d) Field at back of Fen Road – it was noted that this was an ongoing issue that Breckland Council Enforcement team were aware of.

6 Affordable Housing – Email correspondence of 3 October had been received from Andy Love, an architect whose client owned land adjacent to Fairfields on the Street. Following correspondence with Richard Bland, Senior Enabling and Projects Officer at Breckland Council, Mr Love had been advised to contact the Parish Council to investigate the possibility of providing a small development of Affordable Homes – four to six houses – on a site within Blo' Norton. Following discussion, it was agreed the Parish Council would write to Mr Bland to ask for the criteria of affordable homes, prior to the Parish Council making a decision and it may be that we invite Mr Love to attend our next meeting in February to discuss.

ACTION: CLERK

7 Better Broadband – Councillor Olley attended a meeting in September at Council Askew's home, where Karen O'Kane from Norfolk County Council was present to provide an update. Karen O'Kane had been tasked with the roll out of this project. At the meeting it was reported that priority was given to rolling this programme out to larger towns initially, where there were more businesses that relied on broadband. It was expected that better broadband would be provided to Blo' Norton by 2015. Although it was noted where fibre optic was not an option, dishes would be used, similar to television dishes. It was reported that you could obtain the most up to date information by logging on to the Better Broadband website – where a postcode could be input to find out when to expect the upgraded

broadband (<http://www.betterbroadbandnorfolk.co.uk/>)

- 8 Police and Crime Update – It was noted that since PCSO Lyn Dobson had left Norfolk Constabulary, our point of contact was now PC 837 Paul Borman, Beat Manager - Attleborough Safer Neighbourhood Team, Attleborough Police Station, London Road, Attleborough, Norfolk NR17 2DW Telephone 101 ext 2710 or email: bormanp@norfolk.pnn.police.uk

9 SNAP meeting

(a) Last meeting 23 October – Councillor Lambert attended the meeting and provided an update. The meeting discussed the following issues: Anti-Social Driving: This was not just young drivers but included lorries not using their designated routes or anyone found driving erratically and/or dangerously in the village. Registration plate number should be taken, together with a description of the vehicle and reported to PC Paul Borman (contact details above). Police would issue a Section 59 notice and if there was a repeat offence in twelve months they could seize the car with a £150 fine and £20 per day fee added. If it was not collected they reserved the right to crush the car. If a lorry was using the village as a cut through take the name of the company and phone the company direct, in the first instance as managing directors of companies are responding to this approach. Otherwise report to the police with a registration number and they would investigate and the driver could be fined up to £300. Also, all such instances could be reported to the Parish Clerk, preferably by email: bnparishclerk@googlemail.com

(b) To agree attendance for next SNAP meeting – next meeting 6 February at Attleborough Police Station and would organise an attendee prior to then

(c) Items for agenda - items to be notified in due course

10 Finances

(a) To receive an update on Parish Accounts – the Parish Clerk provided a verbal update.

(b) To consider Parish Precept 2013/14 – Following discussion, it was agreed to decrease the Parish Precept to £2850

(b) To consider Parish Clerk invoice - agreed

- 11 Query re payment to Village Hall – at the Parish Council meeting held in June 2010 it was agreed by the Parish Council that the donation to the Village Hall from the Parish Council should include use of the Village Hall for the Little Ouse Headwater Project. Following payment of the donation to the Village Hall this year, correspondence had been received from the Honorary Treasurer querying this arrangement and the Parish Council was asked if we wished to reconsider the decision made at the June 2010 meeting, as it was confirmed that the Little Ouse Headwater Project were only charged the charity rate when they used the Hall. Following discussion it was agreed that our donation to the village hall should not include use of the Hall for Little Ouse Headwater Project.

- 12 Future of Recycling in Breckland – The Clerk had received correspondence from Breckland Council of 25 September stating that the kerbside collection would extend to include the collection of glass partway through 2014/15. Whilst the Community recycling bank scheme would continue to operate in 2014/15 on the same basis as now only compensatory payments in lieu of the potential reduction in tonnage collected through the banks would be made. Whilst there were no plans to universally remove recycling banks across the District, this would be reviewed within a year of the commencement of the new services.

- 13 Notice – Norfolk Putting People First Consultation – The Clerk had received correspondence of 23 September from Norfolk County Council with reference to this consultation, which would run for a period of 12 weeks from 19 September to 12 December. Further information could be found about the consultation from the following website: www.norfolk.gov.uk/puttingpeoplefirst

- 14 Openness and Transparency on Personal Interests: A Guide for Councillors – Correspondence of 26 September refers – revised English guide for councillors on openness and transparency on personal interests and a revised illustrative text for a code of conduct for members and co-opted members of local authorities. This information had been emailed to all Councillors on 22 October and was noted.

15 Planning

- a To note the following Planning Applications: - none to date
- b To consider any applications that arrived following the issue of the agenda but prior to the meeting.
- c The following Planning Decisions were noted:
 - 3PL/2013/0771/LB – Replace main and rear lean-to roof coverings, soffit, capping and moulding detail, fascia board, stained softwood barge – 1 Fairfields
 - 3PL/2013/0772/LB – Replace main and rear lean-to roof coverings, soffit, capping and moulding detail, fascia board, stained softwood barge – 2 Fairfields
 - 3PL/2013/0773/LB – Replace main and rear lean-to roof coverings, soffit, capping and moulding detail, fascia board, stained softwood barge – 4 Fairfields
 - 3PL/2013/0774/LB – Replace main and rear lean-to roof coverings, soffit, capping and moulding detail, fascia board, stained softwood barge – 5 Fairfields
 - 3PL/2013/0741/F – Erection of two single storey, self catering holiday chalets

16 Such other business as the Chairperson may direct

- (a) Village Hall Committee – following Councillor Bristow's resignation as the Parish Council representative – Chairman John Barnet-Lamb put himself forward as the Parish Council representative and the meeting agreed to this
- (b) AGM Village Hall – it was noted that the Village Hall AGM would be held on Tuesday 12 November and those present were encouraged to attend.
- (c) Wheelie Bin Stickers: Whilst there had been no demand for these stickers, Councillor Edwards asked that the Parish Clerk to obtain some, as funds seemed to be flush

ACTION: CLERK

17 Dates of meetings for 2014:

11 February, 6 May, 12 August, 14 October

Annual Parish Meeting: 22 April

Annual Parish Council Meeting: 6 May