

Minutes of the Meeting of Blyton Parish Council held on

Monday 27th September 2021 at 7.30pm

Present: Councillor B. Rollett (Chairman), Councillor A.Codd, Councillor L.Clarke, Councillor J Daubney, Councillor R. Turnbull, Councillor R. Dent

Also Present Helen Pitman (Clerk).

1. Apologies and reasons given: Cllrs C. Daubney & C. Quirke.

2. To receive declarations of interest in accordance with the Localism Act 2011 and to receive any applications for Dispensation. Members may make any declarations at this point but may also make them at any point during the meeting:None.

3. Co-option of councillor: No interest shown.

4. To approve minutes of the last meeting held 19th July 2021: The minutes were signed as a true record.

5. Clerk's report on matters outstanding: The clerk informed council that:

The defibrillator pads have finally arrived.

A new litter bin has been installed free of charge outside the Parish Room.

A smart meter is to be installed in the parish room on 11th November.

Damage to the bridge has been reported some time ago to LCC but nothing has been done. Clerk to chase.

6. Planning:

143092 has been refused.

143503 Old Railway Station, Station Road: No objections/comments.

7. Correspondence: None.

8. Financial Matters:

Resolved to pay: H. Pitman (salary/expenses) £533.49; Axholme Pest Control £249.60; J. Troop £1508; A Deptford £118.80; Glendale £383.16; Wicksteed £72; PKF Littlejohn £360; N Barnett £50.

To be paid by internet banking. Proposed, Cllr Dent. Seconded, Cllr J. Daubney.

The Clerk confirmed the audit is now complete and the external auditors are satisfied that the AGAR is in accordance with Proper Practices.

9. Report from Outside Bodies: No district councillors present.

10. Update on play park refurbishment. Cllr Dent said there are problems accessing CCTV footage to view recent incident. However this will be resolved shortly. Cllr Codd asked that the new bulb for the front light be installed as soon as possible Clerk to arrange.

Council agreed to wait until the spring to install new seating and resurfacing.

11. To consider the renewal lease document for the playing field: Council resolved to accept the lease and that the clerk sign on its behalf. Proposed, Cllr Codd. Seconded, Cllr Turnbull. Clerk to take to Sills and Betteridge for them to witness.

12. To review allotment rents: To increase by £2 to £10 and £12 respectively. Proposed, Cllr Dent. Seconded, Cllr Clark.

Council agreed to Mr Steers request to have a bee hive on his allotment but to review again in 12 months.

13. To review Post Office rent: To increase to £10 per session. To be reviewed again next year.

14. To review employees pay: To increase cleaner's remuneration to £200 half yearly and the clerk was awarded a 50p per hour increase. Proposed Cllr Clark. Seconded, Cllr Dent. Resolved.

15. To resolve on this month's Facebook posts: Council vacancy.

16. Items of information to be noted and if necessary dealt with at the next meeting:

It was agreed to continue to meet in the village hall until end of March 2022.

Painting of the phone box to be undertaken by local contractor. Cllr Codd to contact.

Metal cable cover on road outside school has dropped and needs reporting to LCC Highways. Also road sinking in front of access to ice cream parlour and two large potholes on Church Lane.

With all business concluded the meeting closed at 8.25pm.

