

Minutes of the Meeting of Blyton Parish Council held on Monday 30th July 2018 in the Parish Room at 7.30pm

Present: Councillor B Barley (Chairman)
 Councillor M Harrison
 Councillor J Daubney
 Councillor C Daubney
 Councillor R Turnbull
 Councillor B. Barnett
 Councillor A Codd
 Councillor C Quirke
 Councillor R Dent

Also Present Helen Pitman (Clerk)

1. **Apologies and reasons given** None.
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. **To approve minutes of the last meeting held 25th June 2018** Signed as a true record. Proposed, Cllr J. Daubney. Seconded, Cllr Codd.
4. **Clerk's report on matters outstanding** The clerk reported that the trees at the cemetery had been inspected by a tree surgeon and none were dangerous or needed attention at this stage. The phone box has been purchased by Community Heartbeat Trust, a charity who install defibrillators. The clerk has spoken to them and advised that the box needs some attention and as owners they are responsible. She has also advised that there is a defibrillator in the village. Clerk to contact again to remind them and ask when a defibrillator is to be fitted as it is unsightly. WLDC has paid £300 into council's account for the bench. To be discussed in item 10. Potholes have been repaired but no tree work by ACIS. The clerk has agreed a new cheaper electricity contract with NPower. Council to review the Post Office rent at next meeting. **Agenda**
5. **Planning** None. Clerk to request update re conditions on land at Laughton Road app no 137936 and previous.
6. **Correspondence:** None.
7. **Financial Matters:**
 Resolved to pay: H. Pitman (salary & expenses) £840.84; B. Barnett £40.
 The chairman signed the financial statement. Cllr J. Daubney to undertake internal audit. The clerk confirmed VAT for the last financial year has been reclaimed.
8. **To discuss & resolve on letter from BcL Fundraising re funding for signage:**
 Concerns were raised about whether the figures would be moved regularly and felt other options should be explored. The village hall committee has given permission in the past for parents to use the car park and council suggests this is made known to parents via the newsletter and that they are encouraged to do so.
9. **To receive report on drainage issues:** The clerk has received a response from Paul Brooks which raises questions about whether security of onward flow of the existing surface water drainage in the car park entrance or the open watercourse to the north east side of the site, and on which the drainage of the site depends, is understood or demonstrated by the applicant in the drainage strategy. He has agreed to a meeting with council. The clerk has also contacted the planning officer who approved the application inviting him to the meeting but no response has been received. A further email has been sent and copied to Mark Sturgess and Cllr Mewis.
10. **To resolve on site for memorial bench and wording for the plaque:** Bench to be sited

looking up Kirton Road at other end of the green to the war memorial. It was agreed that the plaque should read "In memory of Nigel Thompson " with dates. Cllr Harrison to speak with the family to obtain these.

11. To discuss & resolve on some form of commemoration for the late Owen Bates:

The clerk read out a letter from a parishioner suggesting a road in the village should be named after Mr Bates. This was thought to be a fitting tribute by council, particularly as a developer has written asking council to name a road on its new development on Laughton Road but council thought the family should decide on a name. Cllr Quirke to speak with the family and get back to the clerk with a suitable name.

12. To discuss the approach made to council from White's Recycling: Clerk to invite a representative to the next meeting.

13. To discuss & resolve on request from resident for use of the playing field for exercising of a horse: Council resolved not to agree to request.

14. To discuss & resolve on this month's Facebook posts: The chairman to decide on a date for a meeting to form committee for play area and this to be published on website and Facebook; reminder that grant applications need to be received for October budget meeting.

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

Allotments: at least three are not well maintained and there are two people on the waiting list. Tenancies are up for review again in October when rent is due. **Agenda**

SID: The clerk has contacted Unipart Dorman and obtained instructions on how to operate/download statistics. Cllr Dent is to obtain a Bluetooth device to enable him to download direct from the system when in situ. The clerk to contact Graeme Butler regarding how to obtain statistics for the static speed signs. **Agenda**

A breakdown vehicle attending a double decker bus that broke down on Kirton Road has ripped up the tarmac. The clerk to report and send a photograph to LCC for repair.

16. To resolve to move into closed session to discuss tenders for football pitch improvement: No quotes received. The clerk has researched the licences with Blyton Bombers and the Black Horse team. Both need renewing and contact details were confirmed. No request for pitch improvement has come from either of the teams. Cllr Harrison to make enquiries as to whether a parishioner/team member has a roller to do the job rather than employ someone.

With all business concluded the meeting closed at 8.55pm with the next meeting on Monday 24th September at 7.30pm.

Signed Dated