

Minutes of the Meeting of Blyton Parish Council held on Monday 26th February 2018 in the Council Meeting room at 7.30pm

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

Also Present Helen Pitman (Clerk)
 County Cllr C. Peratton-Williams

1. **Apologies and reasons given** None
2. **Co-option of Councillors** No interest to date. Council agreed to advertise vacancies on Facebook and noticeboards around the village.
3. **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.
4. **To approve minutes of the last meeting held 29th January 2018** Signed as a true record. Proposed, Cllr Turnbull. Seconded, Cllr Harrison.
5. **Clerks report on matters outstanding** The clerk reported on actions from the last meeting. All resolved apart from replacement sign designating Laughton Road. The chairman will speak with Mr Bates to ascertain exact site of previous sign and WLDC will replace. Concern was raised by Cllr C. Daubney regarding the width of footpaths. Clerk to request Mr Troop cuts back grass verge to allow pushchairs etc.
6. **Planning** The clerk reported that there were no planning decisions or new applications. Concerns were again raised re caravan in field by Wharton Hill layby. Clerk will again contact the enforcement officer as an eviction notice was served over six months ago.
7. **Correspondence**
 Lindsey Age UK funding request declined as decisions have already been taken re grant for next financial year.
8. **Financial Matters:**
 Resolved to pay:
 Payments: H. Pitman (salary & expenses) £514.46; HMRC £118.60; LCC £8376.00; D. Hurdwell & Sons £350.94; LALC (suns) £330.93; Total Signs & Graphics Ltd (plaque) £226.33
 Receipts: Post Office rent £133.50; Bank interest £1.60.
 Clerk has brought accounts up to date and passed books to Cllr J. Daubney to undertake the intermediate audit. Council agreed to defer adding additional signatories until new councillors are co-opted.
9. **Action Plan - Play Area Update following further communication from Savills** The chairman gave the background to discussions thus far. The latest approach to Thonock Estates regarding possible purchase of land by the parish council for a playing field met

with a similar response to before ie Thonock's are still pursuing a planning application with S106 agreement to provide a playing field for the village. Councillors agreed that the chairman go back to them to ask whether Thonock Estates have a piece of land within the village that they don't wish to develop but would be suitable for council to purchase to use as a playing field. If this is not forthcoming there are other plots within the village that council could consider. To be discussed at next meeting. Clerk to research possible funding opportunities.

- 10. To resolve to adopt revised Code of Conduct** Council resolved to adopt.
Proposed, Cllr Barley. Seconded, Cllr Quirke. All signed the declaration.

11. To draw up a list of priorities for the coming year

1. The play area
2. Address ongoing drainage issues- ensure repairs to existing drainage gets actioned, Cllr Peratton-Williams dealing and will report back at next meeting.
3. General appearance of the village - With reduced LCC funding the parish is having to do more to maintain the village ie grass cutting, weed spraying, litter. To discuss additional grass cutting at next meeting.
4. Litter - Additional bins to be requested. Litter pick to be held on Saturday 12th May. To be announced at the Annual Parish Meeting,
5. Facebook - use of the council's Facebook page to be discussed as a monthly agenda item. Monthly posts to be agreed. Also to go on the website. This month's items are council vacancies; change of date for the annual parish meeting to 23rd April; litter pick date.

- 12. To discuss complaint re bonfires at the allotments** Clerk to send a letter to all allotment holders requesting that no commercial waste, only waste from the allotments is burned and must ensure that fires are attended to and are extinguished before leaving the site.

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

Clerk needs to register and pay for one green bin at the cemetery
2018 Grant to the Victoria Club- information supplied shows that there is still £375 remaining from the 2017 grant. Council agreed to confirm that £600 grant for 2018 be for a new carpet as requested and paid direct to the supplier on receipt of the invoice
Co-option of councillors
Playing field
Drainage issues
Additional grass cutting
Facebook posts

With all business concluded the meeting closed at 9.10pm with the next meeting on Monday 26th March 2018, in the Council Room at 7.30pm.

Signed Dated