

**Minutes of the Meeting of Blyton Parish Council held on Monday 27th November 2017
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

Also Present Councillor J DeVita
Councillor T Hedges
Miss J Bates (Clerk)

1. To Elect a Chairman, following which the Chairman will take the Chair and make the Declaration of Acceptance of Office

Councillor Barley was elected as Chairman. Proposed by Cllr Clark and seconded by Cllr Turnbull.

2. To elect a Vice-Chairman

It was agreed that a Vice-Chairman would be appointed at the AGM.

3. Apologies and reasons given

Apologies were received from Councillor Hedges who also tendered her resignation due to work commitments. The Chairman confirmed that he would speak to WLDC to confirm the arrangements for co-opting members to fill the two current vacancies.

4. 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

Declarations of interest received as follows:

Councillor Turnbull – Blyton Village Hall & Horticultural Society

Councillor Daubney – Blyton Village Hall

5. To approve minutes of the last meeting held 30th October 2017

It was proposed that the minutes were accepted by Councillor Harrison and seconded by Councillor Daubney, with all in favour, it **WAS RESOLVED** to sign the minutes.

6. Clerks repot on matters outstanding

- Request for School crossing – response received from the County Council via Sir Edward Leigh MP indicating that the request has been unsuccessful.
- Highways works (bottom end of High street) – Followed up with LCC Highways and awaiting a response.

- Drain (outside 1A Gainsborough Road) – Raised with LCC Highways.
- Speed tests – Further speed test held on the 3rd November with 11 drivers recorded speeding within an hour.
- Allotment rents – Remaining allotment rents to be collected.
- Grass verge (outside 4 Gainsborough Road) – Verge now cut and concerns dealt with.
- Water meter (Sandbeck Lane Playing Field) – Charmian to contact Tony Codd.

7. Planning

- **WLDC – 136889** – Old Hall Farm – Listed building consent to remove black paint from oak beams and internal stud partition on landing – No issues raised.
- **WLDC 136961** – 4B Gainsborough Road, Blyton – Replacement Garage – No issues raised.
- **WLDC 136671** – Approval of reserved matters for 19. Dwellings Laughton Road – **PERMISSION GRANTED by WLDC** with conditions.

8. Correspondence

To note general Correspondence:-

- Street Lighting Survey – survey shared via Facebook.
- Lincolnshire Police Community Speed Watch project – Information shared.
- Street sign on Laughton Road removed – Councillors to investigate.
- Slurry lagoon (Blyton Carr) – Issues raised with WLDC.

9. Financial Matters:

To approve and sign the financial statement

With payments totalling £1,752.24 and receipts of £161.50, it was proposed that the statement be approved by Councillor Clark and seconded by Councillor Harrison with all in favour, **RESOLVED** that the chairman would sign the statement for the record.

Grant considerations

Grant applications reviewed and agreed as follows:

- West Lindsey CAB - £75.00
- Blyton Village Hall - £1,000.00
- Blyton Horticultural Society - £600.00
- Blyton Evergreens - £800.00
- Victoria Club – Further detail requested on how last years grant was spent as unclear within the accounts provided.
- Blyton cum Laughton School – Offer to purchase items of equipment up to the value of £1,000.00 once the internal building works have been completed as the Council cannot issue a S137 grant to the school.

Grant decisions mutually agreed, and formally proposed by Cllr Barley and seconded by Cllr Clark with all Councillors in favour.

Budget & Precept setting

Councillors reviewed the 2017-18 draft budget and acknowledging the increased costs for grass cutting and general maintenance and the village desire to improve play equipment, it was agreed that the precept would be increased to £32,500 for 2017-18. Proposed by Cllr Barley and seconded by Cllr Harrison with all Councillors in favour.

10. Action Plan

The Chairman updated Councillors on discussions with Thonock Estates regarding potential locations for a new play park. The Councillors agreed that they would enquire to see if Thonock estates would consider selling any land to the parish and seek grant funding to create a new play park as they could not commit to supporting a new housing development within the village that might bring a section 106 agreement.

11. Remembrance Sunday – Squadron 203 donation and poppy wreath

It as resolved to reimburse the Squadron 203 with a donation of £75.00 and the poppy wreath with a donation of £30.00.

12. Village Hall lamp quotation

Councillors resolved to pay the quote of £250 to replace the lamp at the Village Hall.

13. Consideration of acknowledgment of outgoing Chairman

Councillors agreed to investigate the idea of a plaque on the Council room to commemorate the 60 years service provided to the village.

14. Clerk applications

The Chairman informed Councillors that three applications have been received for the post including two permanent applications and a temporary application. It was agreed to interview the two permanent applicants on Monday 11th December 2017. Interviews will be conducted by Cllr Barley, Cllr Daubney and Cllr Harrison.

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

No items raised.

With all business concluded the meeting closed at 9.15pm with the next meeting on Monday 29th January 2018, in the Council Room at 7.30pm.

Signed Dated