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**Minutes of the Meeting of Blyton Parish Council held in the Council Room on
Monday 27th July 2015 at 7.30 pm.**

Present: Councillor O Bates
Councillor R Turnbull
Councillor M Solomon
Councillor A Clark
Councillor J Daubney
Councillor B Barley
Councillor T Hedges
Councillor C Quirke
Miss J Bates (Clerk)

1/7/15 Apologies and reasons given

There were no apologies for absence.

2/7/15 To receive Declarations of interest in accordance with the Localism Act 2011 and to receive any applications for dispensation.

There were no declarations.

3/7/15 To approve the minutes of the last Meeting held on 29.06.15

It was proposed that the minutes were accepted by Councillor Clark and seconded by Councillor Barley, with all in favour, it **WAS RESOLVED** to approve the minutes.

4/7/15 Clerks Report on Matters Outstanding

The bins at the bus shelter and the Chinese have been chased again. The bank signatory forms are ready to submit, Councillor Clark has now declined to become a signatory so the forms can now be posted.

The weeds on Paddock Lane have been reported to LCC, as have the overgrowth on the speed limit signs on the entrance to the village.

Reference road closure and remembrance day, to have the road closed off properly and traffic diverted there will be a cost, the cost is unknown at present as Steve Wiles is on leave. It was agreed to put in an official request and see how much the cost would be and then decide on the next course of action.

5/6/15 Planning

WLDC 133097- Land at Blyton Grange – observations submitted

WLDC 133181 – Land to rear of 11 High Street, outline planning for one house – no objections to this application

Brown’s Holt Wind Farm – No update at present, still awaiting decision on Hemswell

6/6/15 Correspondence

General correspondence was read out and noted

Copy of a follow up letter presented to WLDC by Sue Clixby regarding the outline planning application on Laughton Road

Village Hall Committee – Request for the committee to take back the grass cutting at the front of the hall in return of a donation of a bench to go on the front from Council. Councillor Daubney & Turnbull explained that the village hall would like to improve the frontage of the hall with flower beds etc, they already have a new sign and are giving the hall a coat of paint. They accept that they will not be able to stop local youths from congregating here and a bench may encourage them, but they would be at the front of the building in sight and this is also covered by CCTV. They would if possible like an all metal bench which they feel would withstand vandalism better. At this point both Councillor Daubney & Turnbull declared an interest and would not take part in any further discussion or vote on this.

The clerk had provided pictures and costs of the different benches available and Councillor Barley proposed that a price of up to £750 (nett) be set so that the Village hall could choose a design and this could be underway rather than wait for the next meeting, this was seconded by Councillor Hedges will all in favour, and **RESOLVED** that the village hall would contact the clerk once their choice had been made and she would be able to get this ordered, and the committee would now be responsible for this area of grass.

7/7/15 Financial Matters – to approve and sign the financial statement

Bank Signatories

With payments totalling £2329.46 (inc vat of £6.09) and receipts of £160.70, it was proposed that the statement was approved by Councillor Hedges and seconded by Councillor Clark and so **RESOLVED** that the chairman would sign the statement for the record.

The Audit had finally been received from Grant Thornton after a number of small queries mainly the overpayment of the precept last year and the closure notice was on display.

8/7/15 Highways/Drainage

The clerk had spoken and read out a response from Paul Brookes (attached), which basically outlines the situation at present. He will be in contact with the IDB and let the Council know the next course of action. Reference the drainage issues around the war memorial and Laughton Road, he needs to liaise with Steve Wiles who is on leave and will do so on his return.

9/7/15 Post Office – Quotation for security improvements

The clerk still needed to meet with Richard Haley but he had been in contact to say he would be away and he was having improvements carried out at Epworth so would let her know as soon as he is able to. In the meantime Councillor Pat Mewes had given her Paul Crompton's contact details from LCC who are offering a grant of £500 for "Asset Mapping", LCC wish to map the assets that villages have in the county and for this are giving grants for £500 for you to spend on something in the village. A small amount of work is involved as they require lists of all contacts details of any group/business/association in the parish that make up the parish assets. Clerk will submit but will be calling on Councillors for input.

10/7/15 Finalised Assets Register

This was now finished and the clerk had provided a copy for each Councillor.

11/7/15 Play Area Inspection Report/Meeting Helping Hand

The clerk and the Chairman had met with Jess Troop and instructed him to carry out only the very basics of repairs, clerk to order a new swing. In this section Paul Crompton had also offered to look into funding and grants available to help with new equipment.

12/7/15 Cemetery Maintenance / Helping Hand

The clerk and Chairman had met with Jess Troop and instructed him to trim down some of the overgrowing trees and bushes, many needed a thorough tidy up – this will be carried out in the correct time of season.

13/7/15 Playing Field – Sandbeck – update and new fitness use

The clerk had drafted out a “Licence to Occupy” for the Black Horse football team with a downloaded template and brought a copy for Councillors to approve, with all in agreement the clerk to sort this out with David Horsley.

The clerk had received a request from Jamie Greaves to use the field for a new fitness venture she was running, a kind of “Boot Camp”, the only request was that she keep the Council informed as to what nights/days this would be and how many used the facility

14/7/15 Entrance to the Hemplands

The Chairman had seen Warwick Cook reference the nettles, it appears this small slip of land is “no mans land” as Mr Cook’s boundary is the ice cream restaurant wall. After a lengthy discussion it was resolved that the clerk ask Mr Troop to trim this strip. Mr Cook also told the Chairman that someone had been to see him reference the drainage discussed at agenda item 8/7/15, and so this is hoped that this will now be progressing.

15/7/15 Rights of Burial

The register had been filled in and the rights signed by the Chairman and two Councillors

16/7/15 Reactive speed sign data

The clerk apologised that this was not available as hoped due to a technical hitch – she hoped to be able to send through in the next week

22/5/15 Items of information to be noted and if necessary dealt with at the next meeting.

The Chairman reported that the grass near the bus shelter was not being cut – clerk to deal.

Also the bus sign is obscured by overgrowth from the bordering bush – clerk to write to the resident concerned.

The Chairman asked the clerk to follow up getting a photograph of Council Councillor Solomon reported that the green lane to Owlet plantation is getting difficult to pass, is there anything can be done – clerk to deal

Bob’s Hill is now very difficult to get down – clerk to deal

The hedge past the black horse requires cutting back – clerk to deal

Councillor Daubney had had a request for a bench at the War Memorial for use as a bus waiting bench, this is not near the bus stop and would not be considered at the present time, should the resident wish to put in a formal request then he would need to write to the clerk.

With all business concluded the meeting closed at 8.37pm with the next meeting being Monday 28th September 2015 at 7.30 pm.

Signed Dated