

**Minutes of the Monthly Meeting of Blyton Parish Council held in the Village Hall on
Monday 27th April 2015 at 8.50 pm.**

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

Also present: Warwick Cook
Alison Cook
Mrs I Stafford
Mrs Gleadall
Mrs Leaning
Mrs Kirman
Mr and Mrs Harrison
Mr and Mrs Codd
Mr Daubney

The Chairman welcomed all Parishioners and as they were all there in connection with the Planning Applications at item 5/4/15 he asked Mr Cook to speak first.

Warwick went on to explain the planning application that he had submitted reference 132762, the business needed to expand for the future generations and the holiday let was the way in which they wished to move forward.

He explained about the traffic, access, the drainage and that the project would take possibly 10 to 12 years to complete. Mr Harrison voiced his concern over the flooding, this is a major issue in the village at this end and the Ice Cream Parlour had indeed been the sufferer of this on more than one occasion. Mr Cook explained that the issue was due to the water that came down from the south end of the village, the drain that ran along the back of the high street behind Saxon Court, the Chairman fully agreed with Mr Cook that development where the holiday lets were planned would make no difference on the drainage, it's the top end of the village that needs addressing. The water from the development will be routed to connect with the washdyke at the end of Station Road nearer to the railway bridge.

The next Planning application was then considered 132782, as with the other development flooding was a main concern, as well as sewerage and the volume of traffic a development like this would increase. Susan Clixby had not been able to stay for this but had asked that Mrs Kirman voice her opinions. She runs several businesses from the land adjacent to the proposed development and when she applied for planning herself on the land in between was turned down. The general consensus from the public was that the infrastructure would not cope, the traffic was a major issue, some kind of traffic calming needs putting into place first before any more development can take place here, and as Bovis homes on the opposite side floods on a regular basis this also needs looking at. The chairman thanked all for their comments and all would be considered when this was discussed in the meeting. He invited those to stay who wished and Mr and Mrs Harrison along with Mr and Mrs Codd and Mr Daubney all left the meeting at 9.20 pm.

1/4/15 Apologies for absence

There were no apologies for absence

2/4/15 Declarations of interest

There were no declarations of interest..

3/4/15 To approve the minutes of the last Meeting held on 30.03.15

It was proposed that the minutes be accepted by Councillor Barley and seconded by Councillor Clark, with all in favour, was **RESOLVED** to accept the minutes as a true record.

4/4/15 Clerk's report on outstanding matters

The bus shelter window had been reported on several occasions and Creasy's of Laughton were still awaiting the glass which was on order, clerk to keep chasing. There are now 3 spare allotments which would be allowed to grass over if there were no further takers. LCC had been contacted regarding the dropped kerb at Kirton Road to Laughton Road, and a letter sent to Mrs Towriss. The license for the extra lamp post was in hand.

5/4/15 Planning

WLDC 132386 – Rectory Farm Conversion – circulated and observations submitted without resolution of council as per **Standing Order 2.xvii**

WLDC 132782 – Outline planning for up to 19 dwellings Land at laughton Road

The first concerns for this development are the drainage and planning, the planning consultation produced on behalf of Miss Clixby was very informative. Traffic could be a big issue with the possibility of at least 30 extra cars on a development of this size. Pressure on the schools and services within the villages, and there is also already a lot of empty property in the village. Observations to be submitted including all the above and the effect on the infrastructure.

WLDC 132762 – proposed holiday log cabins 94 high Street Blyton – Councillor Quirke felt this was a good opportunity for the village, it would create jobs and be good business for the other business's within the village. Councillor Solomon also felt this would support local employment but was concerned about the drainage. The chairman felt that the drainage problem would not be affected by the development but that this is a separate problem that needs addressing. Councillor Barley was also in support of the project but can fully understand the concerns of the villagers and would suggest that this is reflected in our observations.

WLDC 132109 – Brown's Holt Corringham – A letter had been distributed throughout the village urging all to register their own objections. The Council objection letter had been submitted along with a letter to Sir Edward Leigh

6/4/15 Correspondence

General correspondence was read out and noted

7/4/15 Financial Matters – Monthly statement to approve

The statement was approved by Councillor Turnbull seconded by Councillor Clark and **RESOLVED** that the chairman would sign the statement for the record, with £5181.15 in payments (no VAT claimable) and £17966.28 in receipts.

8/4/15 Litter pick date to confirm

As per the public meeting this date was fixed for Saturday 20th June – clerk to organise.

9/4/15 Skatepark

Nothing further to report on this and this item can be removed from the agenda for the time being.

10/4/15 Highways – IDB Board

No further progress with this so far but after the public meeting and the concerns voiced over the 2 planning applications this will be chased and looked into further.

11/4/15 Post Office Quotations/progress

Nothing to date, contact made with BP Joinery, clerk to arrange a meeting.

12/4/15 Insurance – Assets/Play Inspection

This is ongoing, the inspection is booked and Mr Willows from Drewery & Wheeldon had agreed to re-value the Council Room.

13/4/15 Black Horse Football Team

The team had been informed that the field would not be ready for this season but hopefully this will be resolved to start the following season.

14/4/15 Uncontested Election/Co-option May Meeting

The clerk informed members that there would be an uncontested election, 3 places to fill with 2 already lined up for co-option at the May Meeting. If anyone had any candidates for the remaining place then this could also be considered at the May meeting.

15/4/15 Smaller Authorities (Transparency Requirements) Regs - Website

The clerk had circulated details regarding this matter, she explained that Blyton would have to have a website and had contacted LCC who had set up a template for Blyton which she was organising with context, but asked all to remain patient as this is quite a new field for her. She also asked members to consider her hours for the next May meeting, with all these new changes along with regular duties.

16/4/15 Items of Information to be noted and if necessary to be dealt with at the next meeting

Councillor Daubney informed the meeting that the hedge near the Railway village at the south end of the village was once again encroaching onto the footpath – clerk to deal.

With all business concluded the meeting closed at 21.47 hours with the next meeting being Tuesday 19th May 2015 at 7.30 pm.

Signed Dated