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**Minutes of the Meeting of Blyton Parish Council held in the Council Room on
Monday 28th September 2015 at 7.30 pm.**

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

Also Present: Mark Harrison

The Chairman opened the meeting by welcoming Mark to the Meeting who was in attendance to consider and be considered joining the Council, Mark is well known in the village and had been invited to attend.

1/9/15 Apologies and reasons given

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor's Solomon and Hedges and reasons accepted.

2/9/15 To receive Declarations of interest in accordance with the Localism Act 2011 and to receive any applications for dispensation.

Declarations of interests were made by Councillor's Turnbull & Daubney reference agenda item 12.

3/9/15 To approve the minutes of the last Meeting held on 27.07.15

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

4/9/15 Clerks Report on Matters Outstanding

Licence to occupy agreement given to Black Horse Football Team, awaiting signatures but they have carried out a lot of work at the field and in the building. Asset Funding Paperwork completed and sent in and approval for the grant received this week.

Bench ordered for the village hall, now received.

Contacted Jamie Greaves about a fitness class at the playing field – heard nothing
Jess has strimmed down the side of the ice cream parlour

LCC – responded to complaint re the grass around the shelter and the verges on entering the village all Councillors previously updated with this info.

The hedge that was obscuring the bus stop sign has now been cut back.

The hedge at the bottom end of the Black Horse has now been cut back.

Bin replaced at the bus shelter and the Chinese

Bob's Hill has been maintained by LCC and the road to Owlett plantation is a green lane and so there is no jurisdiction to have this maintained by LCC

A request for info for the website has been forwarded to the church – awaiting response

5/9/15 Planning

WLDC 133430- Advertisement Consent 6 High Street, circulate 2.9.15 – Councillors have no objections.

WLDC 133181 – Land to rear of 11 High Street, outline planning for one house – PERMISSION GRANTED

Brown's Holt Wind Farm – No update at present, but the appeal to the Secretary of State for the Hemswell development has been rejected.

Draft Local Plan – Consultation & Information – circulated to all Councillors, so far Blyton has been awarded status of a medium sized village, which means development proposals will be on sites of up to 9 dwellings or 0.25 hectares for employment uses, but proposals may be considered for larger scale sites of up to 25 dwellings or 0.5 hectares for employment uses where proposals can be justified by local circumstances. For Blyton a growth level of 10% over 5 years, this means 56 new dwellings, of which 7 have been counted for leaving 49 growth. Consultation dates will be forwarded as soon as the clerk has received them.

6/9/15 Correspondence

General correspondence was read out and noted

7/9/15 Financial Matters – to approve and sign the financial statement

April/May/June Internal Audit Results

Bank Signatories Updated

With payments totalling £4289.81 (inc vat of £182.60) and receipts of £373.28, it was proposed that the statement was approved by Councillor Clark and seconded by Councillor Daubney with all in favour, **RESOLVED** that the chairman would sign the statement for the record.

Councillor Daubney had carried out the first quarter internal audit and resolved that all is correct, and signed for the record.

The Bank Signatories are now confirmed at Councillor's Turnbull, Barley, Solomon & Hedges.

Councillor Barley requested that an extra column be made in the accounts for expenditure expected to the year end, this is normally carried out at Budget in November, after a short discussion it was agreed that the clerk would produce this at every quarter when the internal audit was prepared.

8/9/15 Highways/Drainage & Remembrance Day

The clerk had received a reply from Steve Wiles (attached). After a lengthy discussion it was **RESOLVED** that the clerk would write to LCC and ask them to wholly explain what they refer to as to the improvements that they have already made and work already carried out as the Parish council do not believe that the infrastructure and drainage system is as it should be.

Reference the Remembrance Sunday road closure, Mr Wiles cannot justify closing the road, if we wished to go ahead with this it could cost in the region of £1200,

RESOLVED to go with the original plan by Mr Hudson – clerk to deal. The Victoria Club has also offered to provide tea & coffee after the service. Clerk to check with 203 squadron etc as normal.

9/9/15 Post Office – Quotation for security improvements/Rent review

The clerk still needed to meet with Richard Haley, after several reminders he had still not been in touch. The Asset Mapping paperwork submitted by the clerk to LCC had been approved and a grant of £500 rewarded.

10/9/15 Reactive Speed sign date – website & further site approval.

The clerk had applied for a further 5 locations, all of which have been approved. It was suggested by councillor Quirke that results from the speed sign be shown on the website, the clerk requested help with extracting this data, Councillor Barley and the clerk to deal.

11/9/15 Speeding Cars

Councillor Solomon had forwarded an incident reported to him by a parishioner regarding a speeding issue that happened at the South end of the village. All were in agreement that it may be a good idea to see if we can get a speed check organised and contact LRSP with results from the speed sign to see if any further measures can be taken.

12/9/15 Village Hall – Theft of Equipment

Councillor Daubney relayed the events surrounding the theft of the security cameras and equipment from inside the Hall. The way in which the Police had dealt with the matter initially is not acceptable and the Chairman proposed that we as the Parish Council put a formal complaint in writing to the Chief Constable. Councillor Daubney to forward crime details, contact names etc to the clerk.

13/9/15 Councillor Co-option

The Chairman asked if Mr Harrison after listening through the meeting was still happy to come on board, Councillor Clark proposed that Mr Harrison be co-opted to Council with Councillor Turnbull seconding and all in favour the Chairman welcomed Councillor Harrison.

14/9/15 Items of information to be noted and if necessary dealt with at the next meeting.

The Chairman reported two lamp posts had been removed from Fieldside with no intention of replacing for 3 months, clerk to investigate.

Councillor Turnbull enquired as to whether the lights on the pole of the old 30mph sign would be re-instated, clerk to deal.

Councillor Clark felt that the washdyke had become very overgrown, this should be looked after by the farmer bordering the dyke, clerk to enquire.

The bin in Hickman Grove is not being emptied nor is the one at the village hall , clerk to deal.

When the new telegraph posts were installed near the council room, all the rubbish has been left, clerk to deal.

Now that there is a full Council the clerk will organise a photograph.

With all business concluded the meeting closed at 8.24pm with the next meeting being Monday 26th October 2015 at 7.30 pm.

Signed Dated