

**“DRAFT COPY”**

**Minutes of the Meeting of Blyton Parish Council held in the Council Room on  
Monday 30<sup>th</sup> November 2015 at 7.30 pm.**

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

Also Present: District Councillor Mrs Pat Mewes

The Chairman opened the meeting by welcoming all Councillors.

**1/11/15 Apologies and reasons given**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor T Hedges and reasons accepted.

**2/11/15 To receive Declarations of interest in accordance with the Localism Act 2011 and to receive any applications for dispensation.**

Councillor Daubney declared an interest for item 9 grant consideration for the village hall along with Councillor Turnbull who also added an interest for the Horticultural club.

**3/11/15 To approve the minutes of the last Meeting held on 26.10.15**

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

**4/11/15 Clerks Report on Matters Outstanding**

Informed Thonock of decision ref the field, surrender papers have been signed this evening and Miss McLaughlin has settled up her rent for the last year.

The farmer has been asked to look at the bank bordering the washdyke along Kirton Road which has become rather overgrown.

**5/11/15 Planning**

**WLDC 133597 10 Hill Top Lane** – Single storey extension – circulated and observations submitted without resolution of council as per **Standing order 2.xvii**

**WLDC 133589 Blyton Village Store** – Single storey extension to convenience store and first floor extension to flat – – circulated and observations submitted without resolution of council as per **Standing order 2.xvii** Councillor Daubney made a declaration of interest to this application in writing to the clerk

Single wind turbine – Northfield Farm, Corringham – District Councillor Mewes had been in attendance at the public consultation and had spoken in length to the planning agent. It is a matter of waiting for it to now go to planning, she did ask what the

turbine would be used for, some of the electric will be used for the farm itself but mainly to generate electric to go to the grid.

The clerk had also received an e-mail of thanks from the Cook family to the members of the Parish Council in reference to their planning application which has now been passed. Nothing official has been received from West Lindsey at this point .

#### **6/11/15 Correspondence**

General correspondence was read out and noted

A reply had been received from Lincolnshire Police in reference to the complaint on behalf of the village hall.

Road closure for January for Station Road

SLCC/NALC – Audit Policy regulations with option to opt out, Councillors all agreed to stay with SLCC.NALC

#### **7/11/15 Financial Matters – to approve and sign the financial statement**

With payments totalling £2311.93 (no vat) and no receipts, it was proposed that the statement was approved by Councillor Turnbull and seconded by Councillor Clark with all in favour, **RESOLVED** that the chairman would sign the statement for the record.

#### **8/11/15 Grass Cutting Tender 2016 / 2 or 3 year contract**

The clerk informed members that Helping Hand had increased his contract from £4224 per annum to £4480 per annum, this could be tied up into a 3 year contract at this price if so desired. The price has not been increased for the last 4 years. It was proposed by Councillor Quirke to accept with a 3 year contract, seconded by Councillor Clark with all in favour, it was **RESOLVED** to inform Helping Hand that they had been awarded to contract to 2018.

#### **9/11/2015 Grant Considerations/Budget & Setting the precept**

District Councillor Mewes offered to leave at this point, all Councillors were happy for her to stay.

Four grant applications had been received from The Village Hall, the Horticultural Society, the Evergreens & the Victoria Club. Balance sheets were passed around for consideration.

The clerk also passed around budgets and spreadsheets for the year so far, all of which had previously been circulated to Councillors.

The Chairman asked the members to consider the following before making any decisions, he felt the clerk had been very conservative with the figures required, trying to keep the spending at a minimal but the state of the playing field needs to be taken into account along with the play area behind the village hall. There is now a football team keen to play at the field and the field is not kept in good enough order. All this requires funding, the playing field needs a proper mole control contract which could incur with extra grass cutting £1000 per annum.

Councillor Barley said that he could look into funding next year for the play area, but in order to gain this the PC would have to make a money match in some form.

With all the above being considered Councillor Solomon suggested putting the precept up to £20,000 . Councillor Harrison asked how long the precept had been at the figure it had, the clerk informed him that when she took over in 2008 it was at £16,000 and had only risen to £17,000 since then. Councillor Harrison proposed that as a result of not spending in the past we now need to address these areas and therefore proposed that the precept be increased to £25,000, seconded by Councillor Clark with all in favour it was **RESOLVED** to set the precept to £25,000 with the clerk completing the necessary paperwork for the Estimate and the Final request as the next meeting would be after the deadline date.

After a short discussion the grants were awarded as follows:-

The Village Hall (with Councillors Daubney & Turnbull not participating) proposed by Councillor Quirke, seconded by Councillor Harrison with all in favour, **RESOLVED** to award £1000.00

Horticultural Society (with Councillor Turnbull not participating) proposed by Councillor Harrison, seconded by Councillor Solomon with all in favour, **RESOLVED** to award £400.00

Evergreens, proposed by Councillor Clark, seconded by Councillor Barley with all in favour **RESOLVED** to award £800.00

Victoria Club proposed by Councillor Solomon, seconded by Councillor Clark with all in favour, **RESOLVED** to award £500.00

#### **10/11/15 Remembrance Sunday – Donation to ATC & British Legion – Poppy Wreath**

All agreed that Squadron 203's Padre had done an excellent job and they would be happy for him to attend next year.

In considering donations & payments, it was proposed by Councillor Solomon and seconded by Councillor Barley with all in favour, **RESOLVED** to send the ATC £70.00 and the British Legion for the wreath £30.00

#### **11/11/15 Highways/Drainage – Any updates LCC**

The clerk had chased Mr Wiles again for comment but still heard nothing.

#### **12/11/15 Sandbeck Lane- Highways**

The chairman reported that due to the heavy sewerage lorries that use the lane it is breaking the highway up and suggested that we get in touch with Highways again about this matter. The clerk to organise a meeting.

#### **13/11/15 Speeding Vehicles/PCSO/LRSP**

The clerk had received an e-mail from PC Shaw who is now the Community Beat manager for Rural North, he had been contacted in response to the query put through to LRSP about the speeding traffic leaving the village at the South end. LRSP suggest another bracket so that the speed sign can be mounted to record vehicles leaving the village, all were in favour with this, the clerk to deal, and PC Shaw will conduct some speed checks and issue tickets

#### **14/11/15 Post Office Security Improvements & further site approval**

The clerk had still not been able to meet with Epworth Post Office, this is in hand and awaiting a date from Mr Haley.

#### **15/11/15 Blyton bombers Licence to Occupy Agreement**

All were in favour of the clerk compiling the necessary paperwork for this rather than going through the solicitor, clerk also asked for clear guidance on the mole situation as discussed earlier with no resolution on this . Therefore resolved that the clerk contact Pestforce for an update quote and Councillor Quirke to provide the contact details for Countryside pest Control for a 2<sup>nd</sup> quote.

#### **16/11/15 Stagecoach Bus Service/broken bus sign**

The chairman had requested this item, but since it had been put on the agenda the bus company had already replaced the broken sign and erected a new one at the bus shelter. The chairman had received several requests from Parishioners as to why there could not be one bus on a Sunday. The clerk to write to stagecoach to enquire.

#### **17/11/15 Parish Council Photograph**

The clerk wished to know if anyone had days they needed to avoid so that she could organise a date. Councillor Solomon suggested it be done before the annual Parish meeting when we would already be using the village hall, all in agreement, clerk to organise

#### **18/11/15 Items of information to be noted and if necessary dealt with at the next meeting.**

Parking along Kirton Road in the slip road is becoming a problem, vehicles are parking half on the path and road causing pedestrians to have to go on the road in this unsafe spot. Clerk to speak to PC Shaw

With all business concluded and the Chairman wishing everyone a Happy Christmas and Prosperous New Year the meeting closed at 8.50pm with the next meeting being Monday 25<sup>th</sup> January 2016 at 7.30 pm.

District Councillor Mewes offered her apologies as she will be unable to attend in January.

Signed ..... Dated .....