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Minutes of the Meeting of Blyton Parish Council held in the Council Room on Monday 26th September 2016 at 7.30pm

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

Also in attendance: District Councillor Mrs P Mewis

Also Present : Mark Wood

The Chairman thanked Mr Wood for attending and invited him to speak. Mark had come in reference to the new street lighting policy. He expressed dissatisfaction at the situation, how ridiculous it was and how some of the village is on and some off, whilst acknowledging the reasons for this as the clerk had previously explained he still feels it is not acceptable. He knew of one van that had been broken into, and it was suggested there had been more, they seem to be going out before midnight, his wife and other lady's in the village do not feel safe to go out now late at night and early morning. He appreciates it is not in the Parish Council's control but thinks there should be feedback given to LCC at least and was hoping that the Parish Council would do so. It is also a concern when the clocks go back, will this be taken into consideration. Councillor's agreed with Mr Wood and the Chairman assured him that representations would be made to LCC, District Councillor Mewis also informed the meeting that she had spoken to Edward Leigh regarding the situation as Blyton is not the only Parish up in arms about it. Mark thanked the Councillor's for taking the time to listen and left the meeting.

1/09/16 Apologies and reasons given

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

2/09/16 To receive Declarations of interest in accordance with the Localism Act 2011 and to receive any applications for dispensation.

No declarations.

3/09/16 To approve the minutes of the last Meeting held on 18.07.16

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

4/09/16 Clerks Report on Matters Outstanding

A complaint re spraying down the hemplands had been received & dealt with. Complaints had also come in re the weeds growing out of the kerbsides, Highways had been contacted and the spraying was now complete. The Public Footpath from Saxon Court across to Pilham is not passable, there was now a work order raised for this. The path that runs from the railway bridge to Carr Lane had become very overgrown, again Highways have now dealt with this.

In reference to the dropped kerb it had actually been forgotten, Highways apologised and have now raised a work order, so this should soon be getting under way.
There had been a couple of cars for sale across the allotment entrance, highways have since resolved
All Allotments are now let, and rents would be collected in October.

Councillor Harrison asked that the drainage work be chased up near the War Memorial – clerk to deal.

5/09/16 Planning

WLDC 134451 : 1 Gains Road, Erect Replacement Garage – **PERMISSION GRANTED**

WLDC 134441: Advertisement Consent, Blyton village Stores – **PERMISSION GRANTED**

WLDC 134520: Remove conditions granted 7 Feb 06, Holme Cottages, Blyton Carr –
Application Withdrawn

WLDC 134722: Outline Planning to erect up to 25 dwellings , Land east of Laughton Road, Adj Irwin road - circulated and observations submitted without resolution of council as per **Standing Order 2.xvii**

WLDC 134838: Application for new 60mx50m liquid fertiliser storage lagoon at land east of Fir Tree Farm, Carr Lane, Blyton - circulated and observations submitted without resolution of council as per **Standing Order 2.xvii**

WLDC 134910: Overhead line Exemption Regulations 2009 – Reference SH/KP/31831, The Belt Road, Gainsborough - circulated and observations submitted without resolution of council as per **Standing Order 2.xvii**

WLDC 134877:- Application to demolish existing garage & workshop with replacement garage and workshop at 22 Kirton Road, Blyton - circulated and observations submitted without resolution of council as per **Standing Order 2.xvii**

Proposed Street Name for Development of 3 properties behind 30 Laughton Road, off Meadow Rise – 1,2 & 3 Meadow View – see attached map, it was resolved to accept the name provided it was accompanied by Irwin road and the correct signage added to the street sign on the entrance to Irwin Road, stating leading to Meadow View.

6/09/16 Correspondence

To note general Correspondence

NHS – Reply re Ambulance Speed through the village

WLDC – Consideration of Removal of Support provided to Parishes around Local council Tax Support Grant, this would have an impact on our households of £6.70 – contents noted

Local Boundary Commission – Final Recommendations

7/09/16 Financial Matters – to approve and sign the financial statement & April/May/June internal Audit completed **Grant Thornton – Audit Conclusion & Notes**

With payments totalling £3828.01 (of which £46.00 vat) and receipts of £406.50, it was proposed that the statement be approved by Councillor Barley and seconded by Councillor Quirke with all in favour, **RESOLVED** that the chairman would sign the statement for the record.

The clerk had also provided an amended spreadsheet for last month, there was a discrepancy which the Chairman had found that had been overlooked.

The internal audit had been completed and signed off but Councillor Daubney raised a discrepancy at the meeting, the clerk said she would revisit the paperwork and that the signed audit should therefore be disregarded.

Grant Thornton had sent the Audit back with no queries other than due to changed regulations next year the Annual Governance Statement and the Accounting statements must be carried out at separate meetings with different minute references.

8/09/16 Highways – Static Speed Sign – funding – WLDC & Blyton

Park/quotation/position update

Blyton Park had offered £1000 grant towards the purchase of a sign which was accepted gratefully by the clerk, and thanks to Councillor Mewis we would be able to apply for a small Community Grant of £500 once we have all the necessary paperwork together and a better idea of a project date.

The Clerk had circulated correspondence with prices and pictures of the signs available. After a lengthy discussion it was **Resolved** for the clerk to organise a site meeting with highways so we could get to the next stage, all favoured “Illuminating LED Speed indicator showing actual speed, with “Slow Down” text beneath, mounted on suitable street light with electricity supply taken from inside the lighting column (similar to signs installed at Stragglethorpe), the cost of this for one would be £3630 + VAT + £1500 commuted sum , initially one at either end of the village, and also to ask LCC about a payment plan as had happened in other parishes.

On a separate note Councillor Solomon asked if LCC could be asked if they would look at maintaining the entrance to The Avenue – clerk to deal

9/09/16 Street Lighting – Lincs County Council -Village response .

It was resolved to write to Lincs County Council on behalf of the village, and put a post on facebook in answer to all the comments received.

10/09/16 Action Plan/Funding/Sue Mumby – questionnaire and contract for approval

The clerk had circulated a version of a questionnaire for the village and asked for Councillors input. After several changes it was agreed to send to Councillor Barley to update the format and then to request 600 copies from LC Printing, clerk to organise this with Councillor Quirke to collect. Councillors then agreed to meet at the Council room on Sunday 16th October at 10am to divide and deliver in the village

The contract Sue Mumby had sent was also duly signed to be returned.

11/09/16 Defibrillator – Update & information to date/school reply/electrician

.The clerk had circulated a suggestion that the Defibrillator be fitted at the Council Room, there then would be no problem with the fitting or the electrical supply etc. It was Resolved to do this with a letter to the school notifying the Parish Council’s decision. Three Electrician quotes now needed to be obtained, & also an LED light to be fitted above the cabinet, clerk to deal.

12/09/16 Grass Cutting Highway verges/weeds

Information had been received from LCC, they are currently in discussions as to whether the parishes would be able to take on a more active/self-help role within the parish especially with regard to grass cutting and weed killing – the frequency of the cut of the amenity areas is also due to be cut next year from 7 to 2 to bring it in line with the flail cutting. Clerk to obtain a map showing the area that is currently cut by LCC and to look into quotations for the other areas.

13/09/16 Post Office Rent Review

The clerk provided a breakdown of figures for the last year and it was resolved to leave the amount the same.

14/09/16 Facebook /Website Content

Website content to remain the same.

More regular posts are needed on facebook, the clerk asked if someone could look after the site whilst she is on leave, it was resolved that Councillor Harrison & Barley would oversee this. A list of posts to be sent to Councillor Harrison for whilst the clerk is away.

15/09/16 Remembrance Day

The clerk had contacted the Air Cadets who had confirmed they would be in attendance, the Vicar unfortunately would not be available for Blyton this year so the clerk had asked if the Padre from Squadron 203 could attend again and was just waiting for confirmation. Councillor Harrison asked the clerk to advise if she could not get the memorial grass cut and he would do so himself. Confirmation was still needed from the Victoria Club.

16/09/16 Litter Pick – Arrange a Date

Amanda from the Black horse had very kindly offered that the meeting place could be the Black Horse and coffee provided, a date was set for Saturday 12th November at 9.00 am, clerk to arrange with WLDC.

17/09/16 Items of Information to be noted and if necessary dealt with at the next meeting.

A letter had been received from the Ice Cream Parlour seeking permission to connect into our foul water drain for their new development. After much discussion it was agreed to invite Mr Cook to our next meeting to provide further details, in the meantime the clerk to look up the planning consent and circulate.

The clerk reminded all that she would be on leave from Friday 30th September to Tuesday 18th October.

With all business concluded the meeting closed at 9.25pm with the next meeting on Monday 31st October 2016 at 7.30pm.

Signed Dated

- Note: Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Turnbull after the meeting