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Minutes of the Meeting of Blyton Parish Council held in the Council Room on Monday 30th January 2017 at 7.30pm

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

Also Present: Mr Jonathan De Vita
District Councillor Mrs Pat Mewis

The Chairman opened the meeting by welcoming Mr Jonathan De Vita, who was attending in anticipation of being Co-opted to the Council. Mr De Vita gave a short account of himself and was duly invited to stay through the meeting.

1/01/17 Apologies and reasons given

No apologies received.

2/01/17 To receive Declarations of interest in accordance with the Localism Act 2011 and to receive any applications for dispensation.

No declarations at this point.

3/01/17 To approve the minutes of the last Meeting held on 28.11.2016

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.

4/01/17 Clerks Report on Matters Outstanding

Signed Lease received from Blyton Bombers

The light out on Paddock lane near the public footpath has been reported to WLDC who have confirmed it is theirs and have reported it to LCC who carry out their repairs

Ref planning passed for the Fertiliser storage – had further complaints and passed onto WLDC – they have spoken to the complainants and it appears that the owners are working in line with their planning permission, but they will check in the New year and make sure they are covering the pond and pumping from the bottom – there are no restrictions on the amount of deposits or the number of tankers which can deposit – they have an open file on this matter now.

Reference the development on Wharton Hill, a planning application was submitted to WLDC portal on 20th January, consultations yet to be sent out on this but clerk would inform Councillors as and when – it may be necessary to call an extraordinary meeting.

Confirmation Letters sent to 5 grant recipients stating cheques would be made payable 1st April

Had contact from the bank ref signatory change – requested our Standing Orders which have been processed

Pestforce have been at the Playing Fields regularly over the last month and were now waiting for the grass to be rolled so they could see the new moles, there were still plenty of hills at present.

5/01/17 Planning

WLDC 135042 – Single storey extension to 4 Scarborough Road – **PERMISSION GRANTED**

WLDC 135663 – Erect Workshop – 9 Laughton Road - circulated

6/01/17 Correspondence

To note general Correspondence :-

Street Lighting Transformation Project Update

Highways – Temporary Road closure

Owlett Wood Consultation – Posted on Facebook

Squadron 205 letter of thanks

WLDC The Great British Spring Clean

Household waste to the public footpath behind fieldside

7/01/17 Financial Matters – to approve and sign the financial statement

With payments totalling £1312.69 (incl vat of £58.00) and receipts of £495.09, it was proposed that the statement be approved by Councillor Barley and seconded by Councillor Clark with all in favour, **RESOLVED** that the chairman would sign the statement for the record. It was further proposed by the Chairman that the clerk's expenses of £30.24 incurred at training but offset against bank charges be re-instated to February Financial Statement seconded by Councillor Daubney with all in favour.

Internal audit now completed for Councillor Daubney to inspect.

District Councillor Mewis at this point informed the meeting that she would donate £500 from her Initiative fund to go towards the speed signs in the village, she would also contact District Councillor Adam Duguid on this matter. Councillors all conveyed their thanks.

8/01/17 Highways – Static Speed Sign Progress

The clerk was waiting for the paperwork to come through from LCC to finalise the figures and sign up for this scheme, she had queried discount for the costs on two and it was clear that this had been taken into consideration. Letters had gone out to all business' in Blyton and so far she had received a very welcome donation of £500 from Blyton Dental, with a further pledge from both the Black Horse Public House and Blyton Ice Cream Parlour.

9/01/17 Highways – Drainage Issues Update from December

Councillor Mewis had sent an e-mail in December with update of progress in this matter, which outlined that Councillor Jeff Summers had inspected the drains in and outside Blyton and contacted the Scunthorpe & Gainsborough Water Management Board who have agreed to work on the areas outside of the village which they are responsible for, and are to work closely and speak with the Landowners who have Riparian responsibilities. Councillors agreed this was very good progress and thanked Councillor Mewis for her involvement.

10/01/2017 Amenity Grass Cutting – Correspondence re highway grass cutting

After further correspondence from LCC regarding the grass cutting situation it was agreed to begin obtaining quotations for the village, and if there were any other options available, ie Astra Turf ?? Agreed for the clerk to put things in motion.

11/01/17 WLDC – Street nameplates

This had been circulated to Councillors, WLDC will be replacing worn street name plates throughout the district and requested help with this. Clerk had already dealt and sent pictures and details of the signs requiring replacement.

12/01/17 Action Plan – Questionnaire Results – next action

The Vice Chairman had collated all the information from the questionnaire which he handed out to all members and went on to present the findings. Out of 500 questionnaires delivered 37 were returned, a small number but after a detailed discussion it was decided to invite Sue Mumby to the next meeting to move on to the next stage, also to make enquiries for a more central location for land that would be suitable to take a children's play area. The clerk to provide Councillor Daubney with contact details in ref to Flix in the Stix as is held at Lea Village Hall.

13/01/17 Defibrillator – Installation – Registration – checklist to Action

The Defib is now in place, a training session has been organised for Tuesday 21st February at 7pm in the Village Hall, advertised on facebook and also to go in the village noticeboards, if there was great demand then a 2nd session would be run as numbers have to be limited to 12. All enquiries to the clerk. Registration had been made with Emas and a weekly checklist to be done, Councillor Harrison agreed to share this responsibility with the clerk.

14/01/17 Councillor Co-option

The Chairman asked Mr De Vita if he would like to join the council, on agreeing he would, it was proposed by Councillor Harrison and seconded by Councillor Clark with all in favour and RESOLVED that Mr De Vita was confirmed and welcomed as the new member, and duly filled in the acceptance paperwork.

15/01/17 Items of Information to be noted and if necessary dealt with at the next meeting.

Councillor Mewis informed the meeting that in reference to Dog Fouling WLDC are putting things in place to be able to do on the spot fines, so hopefully things will start to improve in this sector.

The clerk informed the meeting that she had been contacted by “Frank’s CHARITY Track Day Club” which is run at Blyton Park, they are a non-profit organisation who run race days and give the profits to charity, with this in mind he was enquiring whether there were any groups in Blyton that would benefit, this to go on the agenda for the next meeting with Councillors providing contact details and ideas that could be passed along.

Councillor Clark reported the bins at the layby at Wharton Hill were overflowing with asbestos dumped under the bridge – clerk to deal.

Councillor Harrison pointed out that the area down the side of the Ice cream parlour is in a very untidy state.

There is also an empty dilapidated property on the High Street just across from the Ice Cream parlour that has now been broken into and seemed to be a new meeting place for local youths – clerk to report to the appropriate authorities.

With all business concluded the meeting closed at 8.50pm with the next meeting on Monday 27th February 2017 at 7.30pm.

Signed Dated