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**Minutes of the Meeting of Blyton Parish Council held in the Council Room on Monday  
18<sup>th</sup> July 2016 at 7.00pm**

**Present:** Councillor B Barley (Chairman)  
Councillor R Turnbull  
Councillor J Daubney  
Councillor M Harrison  
Councillor A Clark  
Miss J Bates (Clerk)

Also in attendance: District Councillor Mrs P Mewes

**1/07/16 Apologies and reasons given**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Hedges, Solomon, Bates & Quirke and reasons accepted..

**2/07/16 To receive Declarations of interest in accordance with the Localism Act 2011 and to receive any applications for dispensation.**

No declarations.

**3/07/16 To approve the minutes of the last Meeting held on 27.06.16**

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.

**4/07/16 Clerks Report on Matters Outstanding**

Street Lighting – An e-mail explaining which lights in the village are under which of the new schemes confirmed that some lights are being turned off at midnight, some have been replaced with LED and therefore dimmed through the night & some belong to WLDC & some have not been adopted so quite a mix through the village.

A complaint re Hedge at the Mill had been received and passed to LCC who was also in receipt of the complaint, they have further investigated and served a notice on the owner, it seems this could be an ongoing dispute, but after checking this evening the hedge looks like it has been cut back enough to pass through.

The hedge further down from the Black Horse has been cut back.

Confirmation has been received from WLDC about the septic tank at the property nr the allotment- all done correctly planning was not required

**5/07/16 Planning**

No new planning received.

**6/07/16 Correspondence**

To note general Correspondence

A lovely thank you letter had been received and read out from the children of Blyton cum Laughton School for the commemorative medals donated.

**7/07/16 Financial Matters – to approve and sign the financial statement & April/May/June internal audit**

With payments totalling £1752.75 (of which 11.14 vat) and receipts of £177.77, it was proposed that the statement be approved by Councillor Daubney and seconded by Councillor Harrison with all in favour, **RESOLVED** that the chairman would sign the statement for the record.

The clerk also handed all relevant material to Councillor Daubney in order that the Internal Audit can be completed for April/May & June 2016.

#### **8/07/16 Highways – Quotations & Information to date for permanent sign**

Lengthy correspondence had been received from highways outlining basic costs for a static sign with different options ranging from £3200 to £5300 & VAT and costs. After a short discussion in which Councillor Mewes offered to see what funding was available from WLDC it was **RESOLVED** to initially identify in the village if any existing lamp posts could be used in suitable positions, (Councillors to ascertain) to get a clearer picture from LCC once these had been established and to approach Blyton Park with a view to funding.

**Parking on the High Street** – LCC do not feel that anything can be done about this at the present time.

#### **9/07/16 Action Plan/Funding/Sue Mumby.**

The clerk had begun an action plan, a copy handed to all – basic plan outlining possibilities, for Councillors to add to, after a brief discussion it was proposed by Councillor Harrison to engage the services of Sue Mumby, and with all in favour it was **RESOLVED** to action and get something in place regarding questionnaire over the summer.

#### **10/07/16 Defibrillator – Quotations & Information to date/School reply/Electrician**

The head teacher had been in touch to say initially there were no objections from themselves or the Governors, but were awaiting confirmation from the Diocese. There was a question as to where it should go, school favoured a side wall, but a meeting with the Caretaker to iron this out once the diocese had been in touch. The clerk has 3 electrician contacts for quotations once the go ahead is given & clear installation instructions. If the school front is not acceptable then a different location may have to be sought.

#### **11/07/16 Flying of Drones from the Playing Fields**

Although no reply had been received to date from Strawsons the Insurance company have confirmed that the use of Drones on the land is a specific exclusion and should any loss or damage to third parties or their properties then this would not be covered by the policy. A consultation would also have to be sought from the village, so it was therefore **RESOLVED** to decline, clerk to deal.

#### **12/07/16 Black Horse Football Team lease**

Councillor Harrison declared an interest on this matter.

The team had been in touch, they have a farmer who will roll the field and the linesman from Gainsborough Trinity coming to mark the pitch out, a minimal fee of £200 was charged last season and it was proposed by Councillor Barley that due to the work they carry out themselves to get the pitch match fit to leave this year's fee the same, seconded by Councillor Clark and all in favour it was **RESOLVED** to do so.

#### **13/07/16 Grass Cutting Highway Verges/Weeds**

The clerk had enquired with LCC as to when the verges would be cut around the village, the flail cuts have now been reduced from 3 to 2 per year, and were due at the end of July, the spraying of weeds in the kerb side has been reduced to once a year. With this in mind the clerk suggested it be considered in the precept. Councillors requested that the clerk ask LCC what the implications would be and re-imbursement if the Parish Council were to take this work on, clerk to deal.

#### **14/07/16 Facebook Update**

The page is now live, more posts are needed. Councillor Harrison asked that all Councillors with a facebook account invite all they knew from Blyton & the surrounding area to like the page, therefore increasing circulation.

**15/07/16 Items of Information to be noted and if necessary dealt with at the next meeting.**

Councillor Turnbull asked that the dropped kerb near the War memorial be chased, this had been actioned some time ago and still nothing had been done, clerk to deal.

With all business concluded the meeting closed at 8.27pm with the next meeting on Monday 26<sup>th</sup> September 2016 at 7.30pm.

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