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**Minutes of the Meeting of Blyton Parish Council held in the Council Room on
Monday 29th June 2015 at 7.30 pm.**

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

Apologies: Councillor C Quirke

Also present: District Councillor Mrs P Mewis

The Chairman welcomed Councillor Mewis to the meeting. Councillor Mewis expressed delight to serve the Blyton & Thonock ward, explaining that although she would be unable to attend every meeting she will give her full support where possible, inviting us to contact her on any issue, the clerk to keep Councillor Mewis updated with agenda's and minutes etc.

1/6/15 Apologies and reasons given

Apologies were received from Councillor Quirke and reasons accepted.

2/6/15 To receive Declarations of interest in accordance with the Localism Act 2011 and to receive any applications for dispensation.

There were no declarations.

3/6/15 To approve the minutes of the last Meeting held on 19.05.15

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

4/6/15 Clerks Report on Matters Outstanding

The dropped kerb will be installed at the War Memorial, no date fixed but this will be done.. also Highways approached in reference to closing the road for the remembrance day service, the cones and signage will be provided for either the clerk to put out or the out of hours crew will see to this, diary dated for nearer the time. National Grid have removed the metal left from the old pole at the public footpath. Helping Hand have been instructed to mow and keep tidy the vacant allotment plots. WLDC have been contacted twice in reference to Broadband for the village hall, Councillor Daubney informed the meeting that this has now been completed and there is Wi-fi at the village hall. The guttering at the council room has been reported to Helping hand and the bench chased for the top of the village. Councillor Clark asked that the bin at the Chinese and the one at the bus shelter be chased up.

5/6/15 Planning

WLDC 132381- 6 High Street, Blyton – **PERMISSION GRANTED**

Brown Holts Wind Farm –Update

WLDC 131631 – Land at Grange Farm – **PERMISSION REFUSED** to remove condition 3 of former planning

WLDC 132422 – Yew Tree House, Thonock – **PERMISSION GRANTED**

133097 had been circulated, re submission of 131631 – after a short discussion it was resolved to submit observations with a 5 – 1 vote with no objections bar Councillor Turnbull's comments.

6/6/15 Correspondence

General correspondence was read out and noted

7/6/15 Financial Matters – to approve and sign the financial statement

Bank Signatories

With payments totalling £3820.58 (inc vat of £162.00) and receipts of £829.37, it was proposed that the statement was approved by Councillor Clark and seconded by Councillor Hedges and so **RESOLVED** that the chairman would sign the statement for the record.

The clerk had obtained a bank signatory form in order to update the signees, duly signed and clerk to deal.

8/6/15 Litter pick success

The litter pick had been successful with 15 bags of rubbish collected by 6 volunteers, resolved to include the school if possible next time.

9/6/15 Highways/Drainage

The clerk had written to Paul Little at LCC to see if we can get the ball rolling on improvements to all drainage in the village, a copy sent to the drainage board.

10/6/15 Post Office – Quotation for security improvements

The clerk had met with B.P.Joinery who had supplied a quotation for works of £1571, after a short discussion it was resolved that all were happy to pay for the work if the post office was to remain renting the room, clerk to arrange a further meeting with Richard Haley, the Chairman and the Vice Chair to further consider the work and secure the commitment from the Post Office. Councillor Mewis said she would supply the clerk with a contact at WLDC to see if there was any funding available for a project such as this, as the post office could be considered as a community asset.

11/6/15 Insurance – Assets Register

The clerk was waiting the final value for the War Memorial from SPDavis at Bawtry, then all would be finalised.

12/6/15 Play Area Inspection Report

The report had come back with low to minimum risk level, but also the comment from the Inspector that all the equipment is in a very bad state of repair and in his opinion beyond economical repair. After a long discussion councillor Barley said he would be happy to look into what funding would be available to consider replacing the

equipment and in the meantime the clerk to meet with helping hand to see what the necessary repairs were to make the equipment safe for now.

13/6/15 Playing Field – Sandbeck – Black Horse/Bombers

The clerk explained she had contacted the Playing Field Ass who recommended licence to occupy, this is what is in place with Bombers currently but costs £150 through the solicitors, the clerk had found a version to download at a cost of £19.95, resolved that the clerk look into this for the next meeting.

14/6/15 Trees bordering Ice Cream parlour and adjacent property

The clerk had written to Mr Owens requesting he cut back the trees that border his property, the nettles on the left hand side were a bigger problem which are on the ice cream parlour side, the Chairman to speak to Warwick Cook to see if they could be cut back.

15/6/15 Website

The clerk had got the website up and running and asked that any group forward her information to be included on the site, any events in the village etc. It is ongoing and will be added to and improved as and when

22/5/15 Items of information to be noted and if necessary dealt with at the next meeting.

The clerk had received a request from the Village Hall, to take back the grass cutting at the front of the Hall in return for a bench supplied by the council. Councillors Daubney & Turnbull declared an interest at this point. Resolved to put this on the agenda for the next meeting and obtain prices for benches.

Councillor Solomon asked if the road sweeper had been in the village lately as the weeds all around the verges on Paddock Lane are growing and look like they have not been sprayed this year – clerk to deal.

The Chairman was still not happy with the outcome of the road closure for remembrance day and asked that we approach LCC again, he stated other roads were closed for sponsored walks etc, and said he would supply examples so that the clerk could take this back up with LCC.

Councillor Clark stated the 30mph sign on entrance to the village is covered by bushes, clerk to deal.

And finally Councillor Mewis reminded members about the Councillor Initiative Fund available for help with projects within the village, an application form can be downloaded from WLDC website.

With all business concluded the meeting closed at 8.42pm with the next meeting being Monday 27th July 2015 at 7.30 pm.

Signed Dated