

BLOFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Blofield Parish Council meeting held on Tuesday 14th December 2010 in the HEATHLANDS COMMUNITY CENTRE at 7.30p.m.

1. **PRESENT** Cllr. M. Tetlow - (Chairman) Cllr. Mrs. G. Butler (Vice Chairman), Cllr. Mrs. B. Dawson, Cllr. Dr. D. Pilch, Cllr. J. Marney, and Cllr. Mrs. P. Wilson. Also in attendance Norfolk County Councillor A. Proctor and District Councillor G. Debbage. Clerk also in attendance.
2. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**
Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr. Mrs. L. Copping. Cllr. Mrs. S. Toothill, (received by the Clerk) also Cllr. Mrs. J. Perry, Cllr. B. Murphy, and Cllr. D. Ward, given verbally at meeting.
Mrs. S. Larsen was also absent.
3. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**
To receive declarations of interest both prejudicial and personal referring to items on the Agenda.
There were no declarations of interest.
4. **OPEN FORUM** for public participation (to include if any, reports from County /District Councillors and Norfolk Constabulary. Chairman explained the process of "Open Forum"
"Suspend Standing Orders".

District Councillor George Debbage, brought the Council up to date with current Broadland District Council affairs.

Reminded those present that although BDC had been prudent in their previous years regarding their finances, cuts would be made.

Explained about Localism and BDC's request for a profile meeting with Blofield. Aclé has already done theirs and as Blofield is a large Parish, it would like to talk with the Chairman and Clerk.

Norfolk County Councillor Andrew Proctor, reported that County would receive £270,000's less for 2011/12 and they were looking for suggestions from the Big Conversation report, which ends on the 10th January 2011.

The Localism Bill can be responded to on-line.

The A11 has now been put back to 2014/2015.

The Examination by the Inspectorate – Joint Core Strategy is expected to be found "sound" and confirmation is awaited in February/March 2011.

There is a Grant of £600,000 available which the Council has bid for.

Mrs. P. Wilson, pointed out that 40% of the Bill affects the older resident and Norfolk County Council should look at it again regarding cuts.

"Resumed Standing Orders."

5. MINUTES OF LAST MEETINGS

19th October 2010.

Apologies Para: 2 line 1 –removal of the second word “and”.

Councillors Input Para: 18 –. Additional line No. 7.

“Cllr Dr. D. Pilch asked for a system to cover “missing items”.

These adjustments having been made, minutes were agreed to be a correct record.

‘Proposed by Dr. D. Pilch , seconded by Mr.J. Marney, and duly signed by the Chairman. AGREED.

9th November 2010.

Proposed by Mrs. P.Wilson, seconded by Mrs. B. Dawson and duly signed by the Chairman as a true record. AGREED

8th December 2010

Proposed by Mr.J .Marney, seconded by Mrs. B.Dawson and duly signed by the Chairman as a true record. AGREED.

6. CHAIRMANS REPORT

There was no report.

7. CLERKS REPORT – items on last month’s minutes.

Danesbower Lane – works being programmed to cut hedge and increase visibility.

Opposite Renenery Ltd, Woodbastwick Road. The reported flooding was inspected and photographs taken. These were forwarded by the Highway Engineer to Mr. John Cotton at Caister.

Bus Shelter at Doctor’s Surgery, Plantation Road. – Reminder forwarded.

Grit Bin at Hemblington School. – Reminder forwarded.

Norfolk County Councillor Mr. A.Proctor was asked what progress had been made with “**weight restriction**” in North Street and replied that his replies had been the same as the Council had already received.

8. PLANNING - Plans for consideration

20101768– Callow Green, Bullacebush Lane,Blofield.

New Planning permission to replace extant Planning Permission Ref:20072369

1. Conversion of Outbuildings to Annexe. 2. Detached Garage.

Mrs. J. Corbett

Parish Council had no objections.

20101821 – Fox Barn, Holly Lane, Blofield Heath, NR13 4BX

Erection of Wind Turbine (Revised Proposal)

Mr. David Mason.

Parish Council voted on this application. 2 for, 1 against and 3 abstained.

Therefore the application was approved.

20101792 – Willow Farm, Field Lane, Blofield.

Change of Use of dwelling to provide Health Spa retreat. Including single storey extension, Car Park and Associated works.

Imagine Health & Spa Ltd.

Parish Council objected on the grounds of the site being outside the village development area and a commercial venture.

20101818 – 3, Yarmouth Road, Blofield, NR13 4DS

Change of Use for First Floor Garage Restroom Facilities to a 2-Bedroomed flat.

Mr. Paul Rogerson.

Parish Council had very strong objections to this application, the outside staircase was not acceptable, there was no parking area and it was outside the village development area.

20101813 – 17, Mill Road, Blofield, NR13 4QJ.

Alter and Extend Existing Dwelling & Sub-division of Plot to provide a New Detached Bungalow (Revised Proposal)

Mr & Mrs. M. Handslip.

Parish Council had strong objections to this application.1. Being a chalet the height of the original has now been increased and it is too large for the site, resulting in overdevelopment.

Consideration was given by the Parish Council to a proposal put forward by Mr. John Hilditch for erection of dwellings on land east of Fields View, 20, Yarmouth Road, Blofield.

Parish Council declared that it was outside the village development area.

9. CHURCH ALLEY KISSING GATES.

Four quotations had been received from:-

1. C.D.Cox, in the sum of £630.75 plus Vat
2. Kevin M Thomas Ltd in the sum of £3730.00 plus Vat
3. Woodworks Joinery, in the sum of 2108.78
4. Acre Joinery in the sum of £3000.61 plus Vat.

It was agreed to accept and place an order with Woodworks Joinery. Proposed by Dr.D.Pilch and seconded by Mr.J.Marney..

10. FINANCE

- a). Cheques in the sum of £3711,97 were agreed for payment. Proposed by Cllr. G. Butler and seconded by Cllr.J.Marney
- b) Balances supplied as at 4th November: stood as follows:- £51054.80

11. ALLOTMENTS

There had been six further enquiries regarding allotments this month. These have been confirmed and added to the list.

12. HEATHLANDS

Councillors had no questions about the report previously submitted by Nicholas Hancox.

13. INDEPENDENT COUNCIL AUDITOR

It is confirmed that Mr. Tetlow, on behalf of the Council checked the books as required, finding the system is working correctly.

14. MAZARS LLP – EXTERNAL AUDITORS

The Annual Return for 31st March 2010 has been audited and agreed. Notes copied to all councilors, to be discussed at the January meeting.

15. **BROADLAND DISTRICT COUNCIL** under the Town & Country Planning Act has issued TPO No. 77, for Trees on land at Oakwood, Blofield.
16. **BEACONS PROPOSAL – Discussion of briefing note on BDC’s Website.**
Council agreed that a letter be forwarded to Broadland District Council regarding considered incorrect wording.

Items 17 – 20 of Agenda were referred to the January meeting for further discussion.

Meeting closed at 10.00pm, Chairman thanked all members for attending.