

BLOFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Blofield Parish Council meeting held on Tuesday 19th January 2010 in HEATHLANDS COMMITTEE ROOM at 7.30p.m.

1. **PRESENT** Cllr. M. Tetlow - (Chairman,) Cllr. Mrs. G. Butler (Vice Chairman) Cllr. Mrs.J.Perry (Planning Chairman),Cllr. Mrs. B.Dawson, Cllr. Mrs. P. Wilson, Cllr. Mrs. S. Larsen, Cllr. Mrs. S. Toothill, Cllr. B. Murphy, Cllr. Dr.D.Pilch and Cllr. J.Marney.Also attending were, Norfolk County Councillor Andrew Procter, representing Norfolk Constabulary P.C34, E.Hasthorpe, two members of the public and the Clerk Mrs. D.R.Wyatt.
2. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**
Apologies were received and accepted from, Cllr. Mrs. L.Copping
Absent. Cllr D.Ward.
3. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**
To receive declarations of interest both prejudicial and personal referring to items on the Agenda.
No variations were declared.
4. **MINUTES OF LAST MEETING**
Minutes for the meeting of 24th November 2009 were agreed and duly signed by the Chairman as a true report. Proposed by Mrs G.Butler and seconded by Mrs. B. Dawson.
5. **CLERKS REPORT** – items on last month’s minutes.
Verbal report given on:
 - Grit bins – delivery due at any time.
 - Village Sign – no replies.
 - Flooding Doctors Road, - no reply.
 - Footpath sign – no reply.
 - Mr. Andrews (landowner) telephoned to explain that he was sympathetic to our need of land for allotments – suggested that land might be available near proposed nursery school . Runs from Turrett House to Waterloo just right of Yarmouth Road, but still has an eighteen month tenancy in existence.
 - SNUB copies circulated for permission to advertise the Parish Councils support to “No N.D.R” and “No Rackheath Eco Town” Projects.. – Permission granted.
6. **CHAIRMAN’S REPORT**
None

With the Councillor's permission Item No. 13 will be moved to item 10 and visa versa. Verbal report given. All agreed.

7. OPEN FORUM

for public participation (to include if any, reports from County /District Councillors and Norfolk Constabulary.

“Suspend Standing Orders”

Norfolk County Councillor Andrew Procter reported that District Councillor David French was now recovering from his illness but we would not see him at least until March. He updated council on current subjects including:-

- Gritting had been carried out and was good considering the conditions.
- Reminded Council that 19th January was the last day to forward comments on decision of Unitary Councils. Agreed that it is a complete waste of money.
- Government released 21 million for the development of Postwick interchange, which is the start of the NDR and badly needed for traffic flow.
- Broadland Gate development has also been approved.
- Better public transport is required and is part of the longer term plan.
- Norfolk County Council came out very well in the CAA report.

Norfolk Constabulary.

Report received and read by PC 34 Hasthorpe for the period 21st November – 31st December.

Copies available from Clerk upon request.

“Resume Standing Orders.”

8. PLANNING.

See signed minutes of separate meeting held on 12th January 2010.

9. PARISH PLAN

Results for Questionnaire are back and will be published shortly. Meeting will be held on the 20th February at the Court House. All are welcome.

10. HEATHLANDS

Letter of thanks received from Heathlands Community.

It was reported that a successful Court order had been obtained for re-possession of premises in dispute by 4.00pm on 5th February 2010.

Whilst it was a necessary move taken by Heathlands (supported by the Parish Council) there was disappointment that during the last three years, negotiations to bring the Social Club back under the Management Committees constitution, had failed.

Unsigned letter received from Heathlands Sports & Social Club.

We need to agree with the Social Club about what their members have agreed regarding property within the Club. **At present we have no knowledge of a meeting being called with the Social Club members.**

The Parish Council has been awarded costs and has the power to call upon all previous members to be reimbursed with any costs. We have been denied access to take an inventory and no audited accounts have been forwarded to Heathlands for a great many years.

The Parish Council had been prepared to accept a figure of £1500.00 (which we had been assured was in the bank account by our Solicitors) and take the Club Room back intact. but this arrangement seems to have been thrown out. Obviously this matter is not concluded and costs are still increasing.

After much discussion it was agreed that letter would be forwarded to Social Club Chairperson stating that we would accept their offer of £1500 and drop our claim for costs if the Social Club was handed back intact.

Thanks were offered to Mr & Mrs Norton plus other determined helpers by the Parish Councillors for their persistence during very difficult times over the past years.

11. ST.ANDREW AND ST. PETERS CHURCH, BLOFIELD

Quotation for works to the wall was received from Beighton Building Services, will be dealt with in "Expenditure" This is patching work and will require similar work annually.

12. TOWN PIT

Still waiting for the complete clearance of rubbish removed during the recent clean up.

Mrs. G.Butler will contact Mr. Fox again.

13. EXPENDITURE

- Budget for 2010/2011 was discussed fully and agreed.
- Precept was discussed and set at 3% above previous year. Totalling £28412.50.
- Cheques to the value of £7888.70 were approved, proposed by Mr. B.Murphy, and seconded by Mrs. S. Toothill. All agreed
- Having problems with size of notice boards a new 2 door timber design was discussed and agreed. Cost £383 plus VAT (not including lettering) for each board.
- Beighton Building Services quotation for repairs to Blofield Church Wall

- In the sum of £444.00, plus VAT was accepted. Proposed Mrs. G. Butler and seconded by Mr. M.Tetlow.
- Donation of £200 was approved for the Blofield Tennis Club.
- Grass cutting quotation accepted from The Garden Guardian, cost £857.00 plus VAT.

Mrs. Perry leaves the meeting.8.10pm and Mrs. S. Larson left at 8.30pm.

14. CORRESPONDENCE.

Norfolk Association of Local Councils – Invitation 26th January for Coffee and Chat with Parish Liaison Officer at Sprowston Manor Hotel 2-4pm. Just drop in.
Clerk will be attending.

Broadland District Council – Invitation to Newmarket Race course for Seminar – Subject Empty Homes.January 26th, all day.
Delegates fee £30.
Noted

Norfolk County Council – Park & Ride details
Will be placed on Notice boards and Website..

Communities and Local Government. – War Memorials. Copied to all.
Clerk to file for future reference

LATE CORRESPONDENCE.

Council to write to Secretary of State direct to ask for enquiry into the Slip and Side Road Orders for Postwick.. If no enquiry takes place then the public will not be able to comment. Voting:- 2 Abstained. 2, Against and 4 for.
Motion carried.

Note. Mrs. S. Larson and Mrs. J. Perry had left the meeting.

15 COUNCILLORS INPUT.

Mrs. Wilson requested that enquiries be made re a new bus shelter at Plantation Road, opposite the School, outside the Surgery.
Clerk will contact Norfolk County Council Transportation.

Concerns expressed about the area by Plantation Wood owned by Highways Agency, it is now unacceptable in appearance. Highways to be contacted.

Litter pick will be mentioned at the Parish Plan meeting on February 20th.

The Village directional sign at Hall Road/ Woodbastwick Road, has been damaged and replacement is required. To be replaced like for like if possible, not metal.

Also 30ml per hr sign at Blofield Corner Drive has been snapped off.

The Shack Lane sign has been removed again and as you come down Hall Road to Blofield signage does not indicate the difficulty for articulated lorries when they finish up in Shack Lane. Could these signs be changed?

16. **NEXT MEETING DATE** was confirmed as 23rd February at HEATHLANDS COMMUNITY CENTRE time 7.30pm

Chairman thanked all for coming and closed the meeting at 10.00p.m.