

BLOFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Blofield Parish Council meeting held on Tuesday 27th July 2010 at HEATHLANDS COMMUNITY CENTRE at 7.30p.m.

1. **PRESENT** Cllr. M. Tetlow - (Chairman,) Cllr. Mrs. G. Butler (Vice Chairman).Cllr. Mrs. B.Dawson, Cllr Mrs.J.Perry, Cllr. B. Murphy, Cllr. J.Marney, Cllr Mrs. S. Larsen, Cllr. Mrs. L. Copping and Cllr. Mrs. P. Wilson. Also in attendance District Councillor G. Debbage, seven members of the public and the Clerk Mrs. D.R.Wyatt.

2. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies were received and accepted from and Cllr D.Ward, Cllr. Mrs, S.Toothill Cllr. Dr.D.Pilch

3. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

To receive declarations of interest both prejudicial and personal referring to items on the Agenda.

Mr. Tetlow declared and interest in Item 8 Planning application 20100438 and item 9 as near neighbour.

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.

Mr. David Pugh, Proprietor,Blofield Day Nursery, brought along mock ups of two finger signage boards that he wished to display for directional purposes. Chairman explained that no permission could be given before the official plans had been received, but that the Parish Council always tried to support local business. Mr. Pugh seemed satisfied with his reception and reply ,thanked the Council and left.

Mrs.Norton, (Chairman Of Heathlands Community Centre) asked if any reply had been received from Mr. Hancox (Solicitor) about Heathland old Social Club.

All present were informed that there had been no further communication. Clerk was asked to contact Mr. Hancox and enquire the position.

"Resumed Standing Orders."

5. **MINUTES OF LAST MEETING**

Minutes for the Parish Council meeting of the 22nd June,were agreed to be a correct report subject to inserting the fact that Mrs. J.Perry left the room and Mr.Tetlow did not, be recorded in Declarations of Interest. Chairman to sign after correction.

Mrs S.Larsen asked if the Council (as owners of The Courthouse) would be responsible if the building had not been brought up to standard, regarding health and hygiene and Safety.It was agreed that Mrs. Larsen would put her question to The Management Committee of Blofield Courthouse at a meeting of her choosing.

6. **CLERKS REPORT – items on last month’s minutes.**

Weight Restriction – e-mail received from Highways as follows:

Thank you for your enquiry regarding both existing weight restrictions and the introduction of Weight Restriction signs. As you have not given me specific locations I am unable to give you a detailed response however please see below general guidance -

“Weight limits are used to prevent lorries with a gross plated weight of more than 7.5 tonnes from using roads that are deemed unsuitable for either structural or environmental reasons. The County Council has completed a countywide strategy which has seen the introduction of weight restrictions across several parts of the County. This has been accompanied by positive signing to help drivers of heavy vehicles comply with the restrictions and keep such traffic off unsuitable roads. Restrictions will only be introduced if there is a suitable alternative route for the displaced traffic and the displaced traffic does not create a problem elsewhere. Enforcement is a matter for the police but it has to be recognised that they have limited resources to enforce this type of restriction. Weight limits made on environmental grounds usually apply to much longer lengths of road or areas surrounded by appropriate lorry routes. However lorries, farm vehicles, recycling/refuse collection vehicles still need to gain access to local shops, businesses, farms and residential properties located within restricted lengths of roads and Traffic Regulation Orders therefore contain "except for access" or "except for loading" clauses which make them very difficult to enforce. For this reason police enforcement commands a low priority and therefore in such a rural community these type of restrictions are generally ineffective”.

After discussion it was agreed that however ineffective a “Weight Restriction” notice is The Street, should have one.

7. **GATES AT CHURCH ALLEY ETC.**

Further quotations awaited forward to next meeting.

8. **PLANNING - Plans for consideration**

20100749– Land to Rear of 48, Mill Road, Blofield.

Erection of Single Dwelling & Garage.

N.D.Building.

After discussion it was agreed to object, on the grounds of back garden development.

20100994 – Land between No.10 and New Barn. Woodbastwick Road, Blofield.

Erection of Gospel Hall including new vehicular access and Car Parking.

Althorpe Gospel Hall Trust.

It was agreed that the application be refused on the following grounds.

1. Being outside planning envelope
2. Not a community facility - separatist religion.
3. We do not wish to see development between Blofield and Blofield Heath but wish to maintain a green agricultural belt.
4. Building does not blend in is of industrial construction with corrugated metal roof
5. Concerns on extra traffic on main road.

The Planning Committee at Broadland District Council office being held on Wednesday 7th July, advised the Parish Council of their intention to decide Application 20100775 - Wherry Housing Application to demolish end terrace property and erect five dwellings and associated works on land at Rear of 1,2,3,4 and 5, North Street. No councillor was available to attend.

20100438 – Land Adj: Manor House, North Street.

Planning Committee at Broadland District Council office being held on August 4th to decide the above application.

Registration to speak to be notified to Broadland District Council- Mrs. Larsen will attend if possible.

9. THE WALL, NORTH STREET.

“Suspend Standing Orders.”

District Councillor George Debbage explained that he would try to get Mr. Murrell to agree to re-erect the wall to the original height and wanted to know the feelings of the Council. Mr. Beaumont (BDC Planning Officer had stated that a wall of that height could protect burglars etc, but Mr. Debbage was going to speak to him tomorrow about this. It was obvious that the Council would approve of this move as they had included this item on their requirements list. There was also the prospect that a small area of land could be found to be allocated as allotments. We must await developments.

“Standing Orders resumed”.

10. FINANCE

a). Cheques in the sum of £782.96 were agreed for payment. Proposed by Cllr Copping and seconded by Cllr.J.Marney

b) Balances supplied as at 2nd July stood as follows:- £44519.94

c.) Donation request from Norfolk Accident and Rescue Service.
Council agreed to forward a cheque value £50 for assistance.

d) Report from the Internal Auditor (Mrs. James) was read by the Clerk
Main points were:-

1. The effectiveness of the internal and internal controls, noted on Annual return but not mentioned in the minutes.

2. Financial Standing Orders. These appear not to have been reviewed and mentioned in the minutes since 1998.

3. Financial risk assessment has been carried out but no risk assessment has been mentioned for the various assets owned by the Council.

a. Cheque stubs have not always been signed by two councillors.

b. Also no mention in minutes of the quarterly review of the financial records.

4. I recommend that the payment lists referred to in the minutes, should be signed and filed with the minutes.

5.The total value of the Council's assets had not been updated to the current values.

Councillors agreed that they had to do better to improve by next year.

11. BROADLAND DISTRICT COUNCIL – Members Registration of Interests.

Clerk awaiting the remaining registrations outstanding.
Further copy from one councillor received

11a. CHAIRMAN’S REPORT

Chairman stated that he had been enquiring about 106 monies and it was agreed that it would go onto the next Agenda, together with any further details that could be obtained from Broadland.

12. BLOFIELD PRE-SCHOOL PLAYGROUP – Letter of concern.

Letter had been received explaining the problems arising within this group, regarding requiring larger premises and the costs involved. Also supplied a copy of the rules that had to be complied with.
Clerk was requested to write for further details.

13. CRAFT AND BLUEBELLS COFFEE SHOP .

Name suggestion request from Broadland District Council.
“The Old Bakery”, was put forward as a suggestion.

14. CORRESPONDENCE.

**Broadland District Council – Greater Development Partnership (GNDP)
Consultation on Joint Core Strategy – Statement of Focussed Changes.**

Council had no comment.

Information.

Norfolk Police Authority – distribution of NPA’s Local Planning Policy.

Full Plan available on www.norfolk-pa.gov.uk

Norfolk Constabulary – Revised Structure for Local Delivery. Copied to all.

No comments were expressed

N.C.C. Norfolk Fire & Rescue Service – Home Fire Risks Checks – Free Advertising
– Advice required on how to reach the vulnerable in the Community.

www.Norfolkfireservice.gov.uk

Councillors reported that all Clubs etc were aware of this service and taking up offers.

Blofield News – July Issue received.

Broadland District Council – Cancellation of forthcoming public exhibitions on future growth.

Badcog News Issue No.148 received.

Invitations.

Norwich Fringe Project – Newsletter – with Clerk.

General

E-mail received regarding grass cutting at Heath way, information required if possible

E-mail received and communications over a Planning application which was not ours.

Unsigned letter received referring to noise at Blofield Football Social Club.

Broadland District Council are recruiting canvassers for the Electoral roll. Please see notice boards.

Broadland District Council – Tots and Teens activity Schemes 26th July – 27th August.

Broadland District Council – Refuse and re cycling Collection Service – Survey.

Hemblington School – Re Governors and Grit bins.

15. COUNCILLORS INPUT.

Mrs. Dawson reported excessive water played onto the road by field irrigation at The Barn. Clerk to contact landowner.

Mrs. Wilson requested that our annual letter goes to the new owner of the former McKintosh estate as brambles etc require cutting back on Doctor's Rd.

Clerk to attend to this.

Also height of hedge at 22/24 Danesbower Close causing concern. Would Clerk write, requesting height reduction.

Mrs. Copping reminded council that pothole was still in Garden Road.

16. NEXT MEETING DATE was confirmed as September 21st at Heathlands time 7.30pm

Chairman thanked all for coming and closed the meeting at 9.55pm.