

# Blofield Parish Council

Minutes of the Blofield Parish Council Meeting held at Blofield Courthouse on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> January 2017 at 7:30pm – 8:30pm.

## PRESENT

Margaret Turner, David Ward, Barry Cawkwell, Yvonne Burton, Nigel MacPherson, Stella Shackle, Paul Culley-Barber, Joseph Scholes, Sarah Osbaldeston (Clerk) and Steven Ford (Clerk).

1. Welcome and Introduction to the meeting by the Vice-Chair, Nigel MacPherson.
2. **TO CONSIDER APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**  
Rob Christie, Pat Wilson, Paul Baverstock, sent their apologies.
3. **TO RECEIVE DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST ON ITEMS ON THE AGENDA**
  - 3.1. David Ward declared a non-pecuniary interest in all planning matters as a member of Broadland District Council's planning committee.

### *Suspend standing orders*

4. **OPEN FORUM - FOR PARISHIONERS TO RAISE QUESTIONS ON AND/OR MAKE STATEMENTS ABOUT MATTERS ON THE AGENDA AND TO RECEIVE A REPORT FROM THE DISTRICT COUNCILLOR AND COUNTY COUNCILLOR**
  - 4.1. Approximately 5 parishioners were present. Councillor Andrew Proctor and Councillor Frank O'Neill both attended the meeting.
  - 4.2. Andrew Proctor provided some detail about the Norfolk County Council budget plans for 2017/18. The County Council are currently considering an increase of approximately 4.8%.
  - 4.3. Andrew reported that a blockage in the drains at the Woodbastwick Road / Mill Road junction has been cleared.
  - 4.4. Terry Norton made comments in objection to planning application 20161588 and requested the Parish Council, as Custodian Trustees support Heathlands Community Centre in their objections to this application. Terry referred the council to their previous comments in October on this application.

### *Resume standing orders*

5. **TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 5<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER 2016**
  - 5.1. The minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on the 5<sup>th</sup> December 2016 were unanimously approved by the council and duly signed by the chair.
6. **TO REPORT ON MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES NOT ON THE AGENDA**
  - 6.1. No matters arising.
7. **TO RECEIVE A PLANNING UPDATE**
  - 7.1. Two Councillors attended the Planning Group meeting.
8. **TO CONSIDER COUNCIL FEEDBACK ON PLANNING APPLICATIONS RECEIVED FROM BROADLAND DISTRICT COUNCIL** (Clerk, SO to feedback to Broadland)
  - 8.1. Application: 20161588 Erection of 4 No Dwellings and Associated Works, amended plan showing visibility splay within highway boundary  
Location: Woodbastwick Road, Blofield  
The Council support Heathlands Management Committee in their comments and reiterate their comments on this application submitted in October 2016:

*The access to the drive from Woodbastwick Road must comply with Condition 13 of the attached recent appeal decision by the Planning Inspectorate. The Heathlands Management Committee has provided evidence of their southern boundary and the access must not impinge on their boundary.*

*If permitted there are the following concerns:*

*Concerns with speeding traffic along Woodbastwick Road - therefore would welcome some traffic calming measures implemented at that end of Blofield Heath (possibly crossing table or similar to be clarified with Blofield Parish Council).*

*Neighbourhood Plan policies that need to be considered include:*

*ENV7. Approaches to Blofield & Blofield Heath - could we expect some sort of enhancement to Blofield Heath at this end of the village.*

*Conditions should be applied to ensure hand tools used to start to dig out the driveway - to ensure current tree roots are protected for  
T43, T44, T41, T42*

*Conditions to ensure only the trees / shrubs mentioned to be felled are felled.*

*TRA3. Walking & Cycling - Would welcome an addition of crossing points to enable safe access to the Primary School on Mill Road. As the Heathlands Community Centre car park is used as a drop-off and pick-up point by parents of children attending Hemblington school the additional junction and turning traffic will add to the difficulties of crossing Woodbastwick Road at the morning and afternoon peak traffic times. Could the development provide a crossing point to enable safe access to the Primary School on Mill Road?*

- 8.2. Clerk (SF) to obtain a volunteer to speak at the Broadland planning meeting when this application arises.
- 8.3. Application: 20162031 Flat roof rear extension and garage conversion.  
Location: 64 Blofield Corner Road, Blofield.  
*The Council raised concerns over the new extension running along the boundary line and the loss of light on the neighbouring property. The Council unanimously resolved to pass a comment of objection.*
- 8.4. Application: 20162041 Extension to dwelling including two storey front extension, single storey front extension and single storey side extension and erection of outbuilding to be used as car port and office/studio.  
Location: Stone Cottage, 87 Yarmouth Road, Blofield.  
*The clerk (SF) reported that there were amended plans being submitted for this application. Therefore the Council resolved to make no comments.*
- 8.5. Application: 20162126 – Change of use from agricultural land to land for recreational purposes.  
Location: Land east of Brundall memorial Hall, Brundall.  
*The Council resolved to support this change of use application (for – 7, absention – 1).*

## **9. TO CONSIDER FEEDBACK ON ANY PLANNING APPLICATIONS RECEIVED SUBSEQUENT TO THE PUBLICATION OF THIS AGENDA**

- 9.1. None received.

## **10. TO APPROVE INVOICES FOR PAYMENT**

- 10.1. The Council unanimously resolved to approve all payments presented for payment in Appendix 1. Clerk to issue cheques. Clerk (SF) to issue cheques.

**11. TO CONSIDER FINANCE WORKING GROUP PRECEPT RECOMMENDATION OF £43,000 FOR 2017/18**

11.1. Following initial discussions in the December meeting Paul Culley-Barber proposed (seconded by David Ward) that the Council adopt a precept of £43,000 for the 2017/18 financial year. The Council unanimously resolved to approve this proposal. This will result in an increase of £3.67 for the 1397 Band D properties on which the parish precept is based. Clerk (SF) to submit to BDC.

**12. BLOFIELD ORCHARD CONSERVATION GROUP – FURTHER INFORMATION REGARDING A REQUEST FOR DONATION**

12.1. After initial discussion David Ward proposed (seconded by Barry Cawkwell) that this decision is deferred to February and the Council request a Blofield Orchard Conservation Group (BOCG) member to attend and present their case to the Council. The Council unanimously resolved to approve this proposal. Clerk to arrange.

**13. KIER LIVING: PROPOSALS FOR BLOFIELD PHASE 1 & 2 MANAGEMENT AREAS FOR CONSIDERATION AND DECISION**

13.1. There are areas around this development that will need maintaining in perpetuity, ie. Playgrounds, green land, attenuation ponds etc. The Council need to consider the detail and options available to them in detail. The Council agreed to discuss this with Bob Fell at BDC initially. Clerk (SF) to make contact.

**14. PARISH CLUSTER MEETING – AGENDA AND MEETING DATE AND TIME FOR INFORMATION**

14.1. Stella Shackle and Joseph Scholes agreed to attend the meeting and report back to the council next month.

**15. DEVELOPMENT PROPOSALS FOR POSTWICK HUB FOR INFORMATION/COMMENT**

15.1. The Council had no comments at this stage and would await a formal application.

**16. TO CONSIDER EXCLUDING PRESS AND PUBLIC FOR CONSIDERATION OF CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS**

16.1. The Council resolved to exclude the press and public from the remainder of the meeting under the Public Bodies and Admissions to Meetings Act 1960 owing to the confidential nature of the business to be discussed.

**17. COMMERCIAL CONFIDENTIAL ITEM**

17.1. Confidential minutes of the discussion were circulated to members.

**18. OTHER REPORTS AND ITEMS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA**

- 18.1. Paul Culley-Barber to circulate a link to the council regarding BDC ‘call for sites’ plans.
- 18.2. Village footpath map – YB
- 18.3. Proposal to set up a working party to start considering plans for a new village hall (BC)

**19. TO NOTE THE DATE OF THE NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING**

19.1. Monday 13<sup>th</sup> February 2017 at 7:30pm at the Courthouse

There being no further business the meeting closed at approximately 8.30pm.

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