

BLOFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Blofield Parish Council meeting held on Tuesday 18TH January 2011 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, Cllr. B. Murphy, Cllr. D. Ward, Cllr. Mrs. L. Copping, Cllr. Mrs. S. Toothill and Cllr. Mrs. P. Wilson. Also in attendance Norfolk County Councillor A. Proctor and District Councillor G. Debbage and P.C.233 Julie Swift.

Clerk also in attendance and there were twelve residents present.

2. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies were received and accepted from, Cllr Mrs. J. Perry.

Mrs. S. Larsen was also absent apologies via Mrs. Dawson.

3. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

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

Mr. Tetlow, declared an interest in Planning application 20101871 as a near neighbour District Councillor George Debbage, declared an interest in the same application as a friend.

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".

Mrs. Toni Berry, spoke on behalf of the newly formed Allotment Association. There were currently 20 signed up members, and growing. All administrative positions had been filled and a Constitution formed, but no land. The School, on behalf of the Children, would also like to participate.

Officers at Broadland District Council had informed them that the Parish Council had £42500, to use for this purpose or development of other leisure areas, if it so desired.

It was hoped that everybody would look for suitable land and that the Parish Council would inform them of any progress in this direction.

C.P.R.E. have joined this campaign.

Mr. Richard Sealey, pointed out that large building equipment had been working on the Garden Farm Site since December, forming hard standing and putting up post and rail fences. Enquiries at BDC had produced no reply. It would appear that the work is being carried outside the original area of planning permission.

Remarks were noted and Clerk would write to BDC.

Resident enquired whether a noise abatement fence could be installed at the back of Globe Court. Clerk to enquire from Broadland District Council, if any monies are available for this.

District Councillor George Debbage, stated that he would consult with Mr. Nigel Harris at BDC regarding the residents remarks.

Brought the Council up to date with current Broadland District Council affairs and declared that the Council were determined to keep front line services as they were.

Reported that Planning application 20101871 had been called in by District Councillor David French, for a Committee decision.

The Ward Profile, yet to be completed, contains allotments.

Norfolk County Councillor Andrew Proctor, reported that the Big Conversation consultation was completed and thousands of replies had been received.

In line with Government recommendations, Council Tax will not rise for the year 2011-2012.

Concessionary fares will now commence at 9.30a.m (previously 8.30a.m)

Some County Council matters will be devolved to Broadland District Council.

Localism Bill and Vanguard Planning to be decided.

Norfolk Constabulary.

P.C. 233 Julie Swift, reported the following:-

21st . 22nd December . Church Road . criminal damage to fence panels of a house.

24th . 29th December, Blofield School, North Street . main school gates damaged.

1st January . Holly Lane . domestic related assault.

4-5th January . Blofield Corner Road . Burglary in a building other than a dwelling . shed broken into and a motorbike stolen.

%Resumed Standing Orders.+

5. MINUTES OF LAST MEETINGS

14th December 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+.

It was also agreed that Councillors Input, would be brought forward as the first item after legal obligations have been fulfilled.

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.

Discussion followed on whether to revert to the original system of separate Planning meetings. To be placed on next Agenda.

Councillor Mrs. Wilson expressed her dismay, that the Parish Council had not forwarded a reply on the %Big Conversation+consultation.

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.

Owner has now cut it himself. The beech hedge is owned by Norfolk County Council.

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. It was agreed that an approach would be made to the Surgery owners, in an effort to obtain sufficient land to site a bus shelter for residents use.

The Clerk confirmed for Dr. Pilch that a start date for the Kissing Gates would possible be the second week in February.

Unreadable street nameplate at Doctor's Road, had been reported and permission given to proceed with obtaining a contractor to re-fix dog bin at top of Danesbower Lane.

8. PLANNING - Plans for consideration

20101844. Portside, Bullies Way, Blofield
1. Two Storey front extension. 2. Replacement Garage.

Mr.C.Starkings

There were no objections to this application.

20101947. Land to Rear of 28, Mill Road,Blofield Heath NR13 4QJ
Detached dwelling and Garage

Oak House Developments.

One letter of objection had been received. After much discussion Council agreed that this site was more suited by a bungalow type dwelling as had been approved previously in 2008. Objections were therefore to the first floor development. This application would also overlook neighbouring property. It was also pointed out that 2 upstairs windows were omitted from the plan.

This Council is also against back-garden development.

20101871. Land to Rear of Manor House, North St, Blofield.

Erection of 1 No detached and 2 No Semi-detached dwellings and garages including new access from Highway.

ID & C Murrell

This application has been "called in" by District Councillor David French. Dates of hearing will be announced on our Website, when received.

Council decided to have a representative at the hearing and to speak on behalf of the Parish.

20101871 – As above.

Clarification of development proposed:- Demolition of The Lodge and erection etc as above.

This was noted.

Town & Country Planning Act.-Appeal, North Street, Blofield.

Appeal starting date for 20100438 fixed as 22nd December to 2nd February.

Proposed Development:- Erection of 1 No detached House and 2 prs of semi-detached Houses and vehicular access to North Street. Ref: APP/2610/A/10/2142850/NWF

Parish Council will be forwarding a very strong objection to this appeal, which will be available from the Clerk upon request.

20101792 – Willow Farm, Field Lane, Blofield.

To be considered by Broadland's Council Planning committee on 12th January 2011.

Despite Parish Council objections , Full Approval given by Broadland District Council Planning Committee.

9. FINANCE

Cheques to the value of £1927.49, were agreed for payment.

Heathlands Community & Social Centre requested assistance with the cost of extending the Car Park at Heathlands.

Unfortunately the Parish Council had to reluctantly decline in this instance.

Focal Point had unfortunately to increase its advertising costs to £60 per month. Council agreed that this was acceptable.

After much discussion the Precept for 2011/2012 was agreed at £28413.00, which was the same as last year. Proposed by Cllr D.Ward and seconded by Cllr John Marney.

Blofield Church . Grass cutting quotation of £883. Accepted by all.

20. COUNCILLORS INPUT. -Items discussed included:-

- **Plantation Wood.** Suggested that P.C. Julie Swift together with Council member, meets with the lads at half term to encourage them to restore some of the Site. Some trees have been made unsafe.
- **Blofield House**
Broadland District Council not aware of the cutting down of the trees to enlarge the entrance, will investigate. Salhouse Tree Warden, working there, stated that everything was in order.
- **New Parish Councillors.** Important to get new energy into the Council to assist with future business required.
- **Complaint received referring to pieces of hedge cuttings flying onto the road making it dangerous for motorists and riders.**
- **Water still across the Woodbastwick Rd, just past Field Lane. Clerk to chase Highways again.**
- **Drains and manholes had been overflowing into the road following the heavy rains.**
- **Several potholes awaiting repair – Clerk replied that they would be listed when the Inspector did her rounds.**
- **Councillor attending Café Cluster meeting had been informed of password for entry into the Members Area of the Norfolk Association of Local Councils, Website, where much election and other information was available.**
- **Another attending Clerk informed member that the Council should ensure that it is in at the beginning of any new development, whether they oppose or not. This would allow us to suggest what we would like on that development or elsewhere.**
- **The Community Composting Network meeting was attended and Rachel Stewart stated that she too would enquire about land.**
- **Also given advertising material for Community Led Design, a meeting being held on Tuesday 8th March at The Costessey Centre, Longwater Lane, Old Costessey. 2pm – 4.30pm.**

- Information was passed to the Clerk for the Notice Boards – Web Site for car sharing. Other papers were distributed
 - Parish Plan is very near completion.
 - Councillor pointed out that Norfolk County Council had stated that they had no intention of selling off any of their land.
 - Clerk asked for clarification of who is responsible for the allotment list and it was confirmed that our list would take precedence.
10. **BROADLAND DISTRICT COUNCIL – Neighbourhood Planning Vanguard.**
Clerk informed Broadland District Council of our Expression of Interest as reply had to be in by January 7th. Broadland District Council had arranged a meeting for the 19th February at 7.0pm at their premises. Cllr. A. Proctor had confirmed that he will be chairing the meeting.
11. **BLOFIELD VILLAGE IMPROVEMENTS – Discussion.**
This will be placed on the next agenda.
12. **NEW MEETING DATES 2011**
Dates presented, were approved and will be displayed on the Notice boards.
13. **BROADLAND DISTRICT COUNCIL – invitation to name the road serving the five new dwellings, in North Street, Blofield.**
After discussion it was agreed that School Close, would be a suitable name and this would be forwarded to both BDC and the developers,
14. **NORFOLK POLICE AUTHORITY – Invitation to attend Open meeting to discuss the police budget for 2011/2012 , being held on the 20th January, at Jubilee House, Wymondham, 7-9pm. . Noted.**
15. **GREATER NORWICH DEVELOPMENT PARTNERSHIP.** Public Examinations Inspector's changes to be advertised.- Comments by the 2nd February 2011.
Council decided to arrange a working party and forward decisions to the Clerk.
16. **NORFOLK GRITTING ROUTES. – Information can be obtained at www.norfolk.gov.uk/gritting. -Noted.**
- a) *Came & Company – to be retained for consideration when discussing the forthcoming Insurance renewal.*
17. **NORFOLK COUNTY COUNCIL – HELP NEEDED** to ensure that information reaches all that need to know. . Noted.
18. **BROADLAND DISTRICT COUNCIL – Community Involvement Protocol for Significant Development Proposals.** Copies forwarded to all Councillors.
Noted.
19. **CORRESPONDENCE.**
a. **Consultations, surveys and guides.**
NHS – East of England – The vision of Better Health and Well Being for people with learning Disabilities and their families. 12th Oct 2010 . 11 January 2011

See <http://www.eoe.nhs.uk/learningdisability> for details on line consultation.
Or telephone 01223 596 888 . Mrs. Wilson to read through and report.

There was nothing to report.

Core Strategy and Waste Development Management Policies Development Plan

Document. . Revisions of Pre-Submission Document:- Invitation to make representations.

Council had no comments to return.

B roads Authority – LDF Proposed Submission (Regulation 27) Development Management Policies DPD (Dec:2010) Public consultation 13 Dec:2010 – 28 Jan:2011.

Taken by Chairman for perusal.

b.Information

T.P.O. received for 6. Eldrich Close, Blofield.

c.Invitations

Public Forum meeting – Introduction to Community Composting. Sunday 2-4pm January 16th 2011. Venue: Friends Meeting House, Upper Goat Lane, Norwich. E-mailed to cllrs. -
Noted

Funding – People who don't ask. Wednesday 26th Jan:2011. 9am . 4pm.
Venue: Kings Centre. King Street, Norwich.

Noted

Norfolcalc – Community Led Design. Tuesday 8th March 2011 . 2-4.30pm at The Costessey Centre, Longwater Lane, Old Costessey.

Noted

d.General.

Beacon Planning Ltd – Manor Park Blofield – Copied to all Cllrs.

Grass cutting in Heath Way.-Residents letter – Copied to all Cllrs.

Blofield News . November issue received

Badcog News Issues No. 150 received.

Norfolk Rcc – Signpost Newsletter December Issue.

Broadland District Council – Focus Business – Winter 2010 Issue.

Norfolk Link – December Issue 180.

Badcog news – Issue 151.

Blofield News – January 2011 Issue.

20 COUNCILLORS INPUT.

Moved to below Item 9.

21. DATE OF NEXT MEETING – 22nd February 2011.at Heathlands Community Centre, at 7.30pm.

Meeting closed at 10.10pm, Chairman thanked all members for attending.