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**Minutes of the Bluntisham Parish Council Meeting  
Friday 1<sup>st</sup> May 2015 at 8pm in The Village Hall, Mill Lane, Bluntisham**

**Present:** Chair: Mrs Joan Gutteridge, Mrs Kathy Searle, Mr Frank Hudson, Mrs Cynthia Curtis, Mr Gary James, Miss Emily Godfrey, Mrs Tracey Davidson (Clerk),  
**Also present:** 6 members of the public

	<p><b>Open Forum:</b> Mr &amp; Mrs Gedye want to wish all councillors well in the election campaign and, despite differences at times, wanted to thank Mrs Joan Gutteridge and the rest of the Parish Council for all their efforts with the work you have done despite being short on members for several years. You have been there for the village and carried on regardless of numbers. Where have the others been for this time. He also advised there is significant concern among the village about the campaign. Mrs Joan Gutteridge asked both Mr &amp; Mrs Gedye, as regular attendees at all parish council meetings, if the Parish Council have ever hidden anything from parishioners or kept anything quiet? Mr Gedye advised at times it is difficult to hear what is being said, especially during the busier meetings. This has been noted and will be addressed at all future meetings. Mrs Anne Parker went on to thank the parish council and wanted to mirror all Mr &amp; Mrs Gedye's comments. The applicant for the planning application to be discussed attended the meeting to answer any questions the Parish Council might have. The meeting started at 8.15pm.</p>	
2058	<b>Dispensation Forms received and decisions given</b> – Nothing to report	
2059	<b>Declarations of interest for items on the agenda</b> – None.	
2060	<b>Apologies for absence</b> – Mrs Margaret Lumb & Mr Robin Carter.	
2061	<p><b>Planning:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>15/00395/FUL</b>– Garage to side &amp; single storey extension to rear 19 East Street, Bluntisham. Mrs Kathy Searle advised this is a very straight forward application and had no concerns. The recommendation to APPROVE this application was made. <i>(Proposed Mr Frank Hudson, seconded Mrs Kathy Searle. All agreed)</i></li> </ul>	
2062	<b>Minutes of the Parish Council meeting dated 13<sup>th</sup> April 2015 to be approved and signed</b> – Minutes approved and signed by the Chairman. <i>(Proposed Mrs Cynthia Curtis, Seconded Miss Emily Godfrey. All agreed)</i>	
2063	<b>Matters arising from previous minutes</b> – in the open forum the date for the forthcoming Annual Parish Meeting is incorrect. The clerk addressed this immediately and redistributed the minutes to ensure all were happy with the correct date. The actual date for the Annual Parish Meeting is Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> May at 8pm.	
2064	<b>FY2014/15 Accounts – to end March 2015</b> No concerns raised with the accounts. Total receipts £3119.17 & total expenditure £6197.12.	

	<i>(Proposed Mr Frank Hudson, Seconded Mrs Cynthia Curtis. All agreed.)</i> <b>Annex 1</b>	
2065	<b>Accounts for payment and April income summary</b> – No concerns raised with the accounts for payment and income summary. Mrs Cynthia Curtis and Miss Emily Godfrey signed the cheques. The clerk advised that the CIL payment had been received for the property built along East Street. It was agreed the clerk is to investigate the costs for improving the swings and play park surface as this money could be used for this purpose. <i>(Proposed Mrs Cynthia Curtis, seconded Miss Emily Godfrey. All agreed)</i>	Clerk
2066	<b>WW2 Update</b> – the clerk updated the committee following the meeting on 27 <sup>th</sup> April. Mr Joe Parker advised he has a marquee the size of the Bramley Room which we could borrow for this event if needed. Mrs Cynthia Curtis attended a recent art exhibition in London of Anne Marie Wright (former attendee at St Helens School) who has a beautiful piece of art she is willing to loan for displaying on the day. The picture is of her uncle, who died in the war, but is made up of words, which form their memory of him.	
2067	<b>Items for consideration (for information only)</b> – Mr Frank Hudson has a meeting with the school on Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup> May to discuss the children getting to the allotment. Mrs Kathy Searle advised the original pitch, at Barleycroft Drove, occupied by Mr Tom Webb has had 2 additional caravans erected. Mr Nigel Swaby at HDC is aware of this and a retrospective planning application will have to be submitted. The decision for the recent planning application for the remaining site will be delayed as HDC didn't give all neighbours an opportunity to comment. The clerk advised she had been asked to install a new dog poo bin in the recreation area of the dog walk. She has obtained quotes ranging from £130 - £150 for the bin and pole to fix it onto. It was agreed the clerk is to speak to the caretaker about how full the other 2 dog poo bins get before placing an order as these are located at either ends of the dog walk. The clerk had received a phone call from a resident with concerns of the amount of leaflets and notices placed on the telegraph pole directly outside the school, which look messy and leave a trail of old drawing pins. The clerk obtained quotes for a new notice board, however, it was agreed that this might not stop the notices being pinned up and may be unnecessary expense. Finally the clerk has received a letter from Mrs Tracey Lewis regarding the allotment plot being transferred into her father-in-laws name. The clerk is to wait until she receives the notes from the recent allotment association meeting before replying. The meeting closed by Mrs Joan Gutteridge wishing everyone well in the forthcoming election.	Clerk

Meeting closed 9.00pm

Next meeting: 18<sup>th</sup> May 2015

**(Annual Parish Meeting 11<sup>th</sup> May 2015)**

**Dates of Future Parish Council Meetings –2015**

June	Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> June
July	Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> July
August	Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> August
September	Monday 7 <sup>th</sup> September
October	Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> October
November	Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> November
December	Monday 7 <sup>th</sup> December

**Annex 1 – FY 2014/15 accounts to end March 2015**