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**Minutes of the Bluntisham Parish Council Meeting  
Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> September 2016 at 7.30pm in The Village Hall, Mill Lane,  
Bluntisham**

**Present:** Chairman: Mrs Margaret Lumb, Mrs Kathy Searle, Mr Alan Moules, Mr Gary James, Mr Mark Berg, Mr Martin Crowhurst, Mr Ian Shepherd, Mrs Tracey Davidson (Clerk),

**Also present:** 5 x members of the public

	<p><b>Open forum</b> Mr Bailey happy to answer any questions on the planning application: 16/01737/FUL. Mr Steel has concerns with speeding and traffic volume in Wood End. He would like the PC to take this into consideration when making their decision. Mrs Margaret Lumb advised that the police and highways comment on all new planning applications. Mr Mark Berg suggested traffic calming along Wood End, but Mrs Margaret Lumb advised this wouldn't be supported by Highways. Meeting opened 7.36pm</p>	
144	<b>Dispensation Forms received &amp; decisions given - None</b>	
145	<b>Declarations of interest for items on the agenda - None</b>	
146	<b>Apologies for absence</b> – Mr Mike Francis, Mr Frank Hudson, Mrs Cynthia Curtis, Mrs Philippa Hope, Mr Rob Gore.	
147	<b>Minutes of the Parish Council meeting dated 7<sup>th</sup> September to be approved and signed by the chairman</b> – The chairman signed the minutes. ( <i>Proposed Mr Mark Berg, seconded Mr Alan Moules. All agreed.</i> )	
148	<b>Matters arising from previous minutes</b> – clerk to change the surname on item 138 from Josh Gifford to Rutherford.	
149	<b>Tree Maintenance</b> – Mr Alan Moules was approached by the residents at 15 Sumerling Way asking if the PC would top and reduce the height of the tree within the hedge to the rear of their property. They stressed there was no rush and they didn't want the tree coming out. It was agreed to speak with Frank Hudson on his return to arrange the trim.	
150	<p><b>Planning:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>16/01737/FUL</b> – Erection of 6 dwelling houses and associated development, to include access and demolition of existing structures at site. Land rear of 22 High Street, Bluntisham. Mrs Kathy Searle and Mr Mark Berg met on site to review the application with the architect and their comments were shared as follows: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Infill within the village, will improve the look of the High Street.</li> <li>• Access and sight lines are excellent.</li> <li>• Vision splay is fine.</li> <li>• Style in keeping with the village</li> <li>• No objections from neighbours received.</li> </ul> <p>It was proposed to APPROVE the application. (<i>Proposed Mr Mark Berg, seconded Mr Gary James. All agreed.</i>)</p> </li> <li>• <b>16/01849/LBC</b> - Erection of dwelling. Land adjacent 2 Colne Road, Bluntisham. Mrs Kathy Searle and Mr Mark Berg met on site to review the application with the owners and their comments were shared as follows: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• This is an innovative design in the area of a grade II listed building.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The existing barn is falling down, the development encompasses this which will be in keeping with the development.</li> <li>• The trees are remaining and will help mask the development. The trees also have root protection and will be retained.</li> <li>• No light concern as although the roof height will be slightly higher than the barn it will be lower than the existing dwelling.</li> </ul> <p>It was proposed to APPROVE the development. (<i>Proposed Mr Mark Berg, seconded Mrs Kathy Searle. All agreed.</i>)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>16/01779/FUL</b> – Erection of dwelling. Land adjacent 2 Colne Road, Bluntisham. Mrs Kathy Searle and Mr Mark Berg met on site to review the application with the owners and their comments were shared as follows: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• This is an innovative design in the area of a grade II listed building.</li> <li>• The existing barn is falling down, the development encompasses this which will be in keeping with the development.</li> <li>• The trees are remaining and will help mask the development. The trees also have root protection and will be retained.</li> <li>• No light concern as although the roof height will be slightly higher than the barn it will be lower than the existing dwelling.</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p>It was proposed to APPROVE the development. (<i>Proposed Mr Mark Berg, seconded Mrs Kathy Searle. All agreed.</i>)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Enforcement update</b></li> <li>• <b>The Witches</b> – Mrs Margaret Lumb read correspondence from HDC Enforcement Officer: <i>“I have written to the owner today and will give you a full response in due course. He did submit an application in 2014 to vary the condition but this was invalidated in October 2015. As such the mobile home is unauthorised, which is what I will tell him and advise him to submit an application for consideration. Apologies for the delay in this response.”</i></li> <li>• <b>7 Wood End</b> – Mrs Margaret Lumb read correspondence from HDC Enforcement Officer: <i>“Sorry for the late response. I was out there yesterday and see they have materials stacked up. I will keep a passing eye on it for a couple of months and if there is no progress contact them to have the unauthorised structure removed.”</i></li> </ul>	
151	<p><b>Items for consideration (for information only)</b></p> <p>Mrs Margaret Lumb advised she hasn’t heard from Mr Rob Gore with some dates for the staff management committee, therefore she suggested that an additional councillor become a member of this committee so a minimum of 3 need to be present. The clerk is to add this as an agenda item for October.</p> <p>Mrs Margaret Lumb will speak with the police and ask for a speed check in Wood End. Mr Martin Crowhurst asked if there was a speedwatch team in the village as he would be interested in being part of it. The clerk will add it as an agenda item for October</p>	

Meeting closed 8.02pm      Next meeting: Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> October 2016

**Dates of Future Parish Council Meetings –2016**

November	Wednesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> November
December	Wednesday 7 <sup>th</sup> December