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**Minutes of the Bluntisham Parish Council Meeting  
Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2015 at 8pm in The Village Hall, Mill Lane, Bluntisham**

**Present:** Chair: Mrs Joan Gutteridge, Mrs Margaret Lumb, Mrs Kathy Searle, Mr Frank Hudson, Miss Emily Godfrey, Mrs Tracey Davidson (Clerk),

**Also present:** Cllr Robin Carter, Cllr Mike Francis & 11 members of the Public

	<p>Open Forum: Jeff Bowers asked if we can move the fencing along Colne Road out a bit this time of year as it is really muddy along the dog walk. Mr Frank Hudson is to take a look and report back at the next meeting. Mr Bowers also advised he is happy to help with removing and replacing any fencing along the dog walk. Jonathan Clarke is happy to volunteer to help plant hedges or remove fencing along the dog walk as the current temporary fencing and posts are a hazard. Mrs King advised following a recent walk along the Ouse Valley Way footpath from Station Road to the river the amount of dog mess is out of control and is unsafe to allow children to walk along here. The clerk is to report this.</p>	<p>Frank Hudson</p> <p>Clerk</p>
2009	<b>Dispensation Forms received and decisions given</b> – Nothing to report	
2010	<b>Declarations of interest for items on the agenda</b> – None	
2011	<b>Apologies for absence</b> – Mrs Cynthia Curtis & Cllr Steve Criswell	
2012	<p><b>County Council &amp; District Council Reports</b> – Cllr Robin Carter confirmed the budget setting process took place last week. A Council Tax D property would have an annual amount to pay of £1144.26. The new Council Tax bills will be coming out in a few weeks. He is still waiting for quotes for the removal of the street light in Holliday’s Road and it was agreed to continue to obtain these quotes and report back to the PC once received for a decision to be made. The new tenancy on 21 Presses Close starts on 6 March and Luminus advised the delay was due to major works needed to this property. Finally he suggested a joint meeting with Needingworth and Earith PC to talk about the Neighbourhood plan. Cllr Mike Francis – Cllr Carter covered everything so nothing more to add.</p>	
2013	<p><b>Planning:</b> Affordable Housing – the clerk advised that Accent Nene have suggested the Mill Lane site will have 8 dwellings for affordable rent and 4 for shared ownership. Mrs Joan Gutteridge confirmed this will be a regular agenda item and any updates will be shared at this time. Once a planning application is received this will be noted by application number on the agenda. <i>Post meeting note: The Parish Council have been informed that the Pharmacy Applications (Temi-Pharm Ltd &amp; Key Pharmaceuticals Ltd) have both been refused. The clerk has the full report if anyone wishes to read it.</i></p>	
2014	<p><b>Minutes of the Parish Council meeting dated 2<sup>nd</sup> &amp; 9<sup>th</sup> February 2015 to be approved and signed</b> – Minutes approved and signed by the Chairman. <i>(Proposed Mr Frank Hudson, Seconded Mrs Margaret Lumb. All agreed)</i></p>	

2015	<p><b>Matters arising from previous minutes</b> – The Chairman wanted to clarify that in the open forum of the meeting on 9<sup>th</sup> February, it was stated that Mill Lane and the footpath is used by Horse Riders, there are no public bridle ways in Bluntisham. Horses are not allowed on public footpaths.</p> <p>The clerk wanted it noted that she had made a mistake on the minutes regarding Cllr Mike Francis’s statement. At this point Cllr Francis stated he wanted this subject dropped and not discussed further.</p>	
2016	<p><b>FY2014/15 Accounts – to end January 2015</b> No concerns raised with the accounts. Total receipts £2651.74 &amp; total expenditure £4305.54. (Proposed Mr Gary James, Seconded Mr Frank Hudson. All agreed.) <i>Annex 1</i></p>	
2017	<p><b>Accounts for payment and February income summary</b> – No concerns raised with the accounts for payment and income summary. Mr Gary James and Mr Frank Hudson signed cheques. (Proposed Mr Gary James, seconded Mr Frank Hudson. All agreed)</p>	
2018	<p><b>Committee updates:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) <b>Allotments Committee</b> – Allotments Association put an application to Bluntisham Community Fund and Feoffees for the toilets, however no decision has been made yet as they are trying to contact the secretary. The PC will make a decision on the contribution at the next meeting.</li> <li>b) <b>Hall Management Committee</b> – next meeting Monday 9<sup>th</sup> March at 8pm.</li> <li>c) <b>Finance Committee</b> – no meeting until new financial year.</li> </ul>	
2019	<p><b>Parish Council 5 year plan &amp; Annual Action Plan</b>– the clerk updated the group on the actions from both the 5 year and annual action plan. Copies to be shared with the minutes.</p>	Clerk
2020	<p><b>Approve Tractor Insurance Quotes</b> – the clerk has obtained quotes for all 3 tractors for the coming year. NFU - £680.79 Zurich - £600 + tax Rowett Insurance - £386.72 All have comparable excess and cover the additions for the vehicles on and off. It was agreed to go with Rowett Insurance for the new year 2015/16. (Proposed Mr Gary James, Seconded Mrs Kathy Searle. All agreed.)</p>	Clerk
2021	<p><b>Tractor Data Tag</b> – the clerk discussed the benefits of getting the parish tractors data tagged. Although this is an initial cost of £100 per vehicle + a one off £30 call out charge, it will save approximately 12-15% on the vehicle insurance plus provide added security. (Proposed Mrs Margaret Lumb, Seconded Mr Frank Hudson. All agreed)</p>	Clerk
2022	<p><b>Neighbourhood Development Plan</b> – need to arrange a meeting with HDC and try and link with Earith and Needingworth.</p>	Clerk
2023	<p><b>Crime, Road Safety &amp; Highway Warden Update (to include HCV, ENVAR &amp; Hanson reports as appropriate)</b> <b>ENVAR &amp; Hanson</b> – meeting in March. <b>Crime:</b> Since last meeting. There have been 14 burglaries. Bluntisham &amp; Earith have been targeted. There was a burglary in Frog's Hall &amp; an attempt to steal a trailer in Rectory Rd. where part of the hedge was removed. This was foiled by the arrival of the owner. A caravan was taken from The Heath &amp; other items disturbed. "Nottingham Knockers" have been around. Now a pedlar's licence from one area is valid throughout the country. <b>HCV Forum:</b> Main focus of the meeting was the cost-benefit analysis of the effect of constant HCV's on village roads in terms of repairs, noise, vibration &amp;</p>	

	<p>fumes. Further information is being prepared before submission to the authorities. An objection was raised to the extraction of gravel &amp; infill in Earith necessitating in excess of 120 vehicle movements a day. Unfortunately this has now been passed &amp; the situation will be monitored carefully by Cllr. Criswell. Concern was raised about the increase in HCV movements at present but it was thought it may be due to A14 works.</p> <p><b>Highway Warden:</b> The Inspector has been round &amp; small potholes have been repaired along Meeting Walk &amp; The Poplars. Meeting Walk is on the Transport Development Plan for 2018 so may be completely resurfaced then. The new cycleway/footpath along Station Road is nearly finished &amp; it was agreed that the contractors have done a good job. The project engineer has been unable to get a date from UK Power Networks as to when Balfour Beatty will move the lighting columns. Similarly the work cannot be completed until the access to the new car park is finished. A complaint has been received that St. Mary's Close footpath needs work &amp; should be done as manhole covers are proud of the surface. The clerk will ascertain if this part of the close is the responsibility of Highways or Luminus. The Colne Rd. resurfacing was done under the Safer Routes to School funding &amp; the cycleway funding has come from St. Ives Town Transport Strategy not from the Highways budget. Negotiations are under way with the landowner at White Bridge Corner &amp; design options for this part of the cycleway are ongoing. The railway bridge bypass will be started September/October after harvest and all documentation is in place. A complaint was received about the clearance of ditches on The Heath &amp; spoil, etc. left on the verge. The land owner was notified &amp; Highways are happy as long as the verges are left smooth &amp; tidy. The landowner will do this shortly.</p> <p><b>Road Safety &amp; Hanson</b> meetings are later this month &amp; ENVAR in September.</p>	
2024	<p><b>WW2 Celebrations</b> – an initial meeting was held on 23 February and a leaflet asking for volunteers will come out asap. Mrs Margaret Lumb advised the Scouts are willing to be involved and can be marshall's for the event as part of their community service badge. Mr Frank Hudson is to speak to Mark Day to try and get sacks for the sack race.</p> <p>The next meeting is on Monday 30 March at 7pm, all welcome.</p>	Frank Hudson/Clerk
2025	<p><b>WEEE Recycling event</b> – this is being done on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> March. Please leave all electrical items out by 9am on the day of collection rather than the night before. Any larger items you are unable to move please contact WISER in advance who will arrange to pick these up.</p>	
2026	<p><b>Enforcement</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Colne Road – the clerk has spent several hours researching the planning consent for this site and the only restriction is a 1.8m close board fence along this boundary. However, the boundary along the recreation area (Community Orchard side) doesn't show a fence as a boundary but the hedge. The clerk is to find out more details from the O/S maps.</li> </ul>	Clerk
2027	<p><b>Village Maintenance</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ditch clearing Footpath 4 – quotes for clearing the ditch and installing new pipe have been received. Although they range significantly in price it was agreed to go with the cheapest quote to clear the ditches and see if the water flows before installing any new pipes. The clerk is to speak to the resident to try and split the costs and to apply for any funding from the Environment Agency. The work will not take place until the site is dry as too much damage will be done at present.</li> </ul> <p>£200 – GR Wadsworth £900 – GRC Services</p>	Clerk

	<p>£1000+ - Agriplant (Verbal only) (Proposed Mrs Margaret Lumb, Seconded Mr Frank Hudson. All agreed.)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dog walk fencing – it was agreed to fence along the dog recreation area and leave other areas open, using stock fencing 6” squares. Leave gaps for cutting grass. Installing sign post style signs to highlight the remainder of the walk. As several volunteers have offered to help with this the clerk will arrange a working party to remove the old fence and metal posts.</li> </ul>	Clerk
2028	<p><b>Correspondence Received –</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• HACT – the clerk has received a letter asking for donations to this fund. The committee confirmed the Parish Council do not offer money to any charity account.</li> <li>• RAF Wyton – the clerk has received a reminder about this year’s Pathfinder March on 20 June and is to notify Ouse Valley Way of the dates.</li> </ul>	Clerk
2029	<b>Various Magazines &amp; mail shots for general interest –</b> nothing to share.	
2030	<p><b>Items for consideration (for information only) –</b> Mrs Margaret Lumb had received a request for a dog poo bin for the High Street exit from Meeting Walk, but it was noted that Meeting Walk has several HDC litter bins already into which bags may be placed. Mrs Kathy Searle advised that HDC haven’t taken any action against the fence at 17 High Street. The clerk is to report to planning enforcement. The clerk advised on the forthcoming election and will share the nomination papers as soon as they are received. They must be returned to HDC anytime after 23 March and before 4pm on 9 April 2015. The annual litter pick has been arranged for Saturday 14 March meeting at 8.30am at the Village Hall. Thanks to Jonathan Clarke for organising this event. The Newsletter will go to the printers on 13 March and be ready for delivery from 26 March. The clerk had received an email from the Community Fund Secretary advising that the PC had approved that any money raised from the WEEE events would go into this account. It was agreed this would happen for the future events and the clerk will pass on the contacts to the Secretary for future events.</p>	Clerk

Meeting closed 9:45pm

Next meeting: 13<sup>th</sup> April 2015

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

April	Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> April
May	Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> May
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 January 2015**