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**Minutes of the Bluntisham Parish Council Meeting
Monday 2nd February 2015 at 8pm in The Village Hall, Mill Lane,
Bluntisham**

Present: Mrs Margaret Lumb, Mrs Kathy Searle, Mrs Cynthia Curtis, Mr Frank Hudson, Mr Gary James, Miss Emily Godfrey, Mrs Tracey Davidson (Clerk),

Also present: 7 members of the Public

	<p>Open Forum – A member of the public asked if the conifers would be removed as part of the planning application. The agent advised these would be removed if permission was granted. Mr Steve Dighton advised he was in support of the application and any improvement to the site will be an enhancement to the area and smaller dwellings were needed in the village. The agent advised that this new application had taken into consideration the relationship with the neighbouring properties. Windows have been repositioned and in principal the planning department are happy with the new proposal.</p>	
1978	<p>Dispensation Forms received and decisions given – Mrs Margaret Lumb. Dispensation approved. Mrs Margaret Lumb (Vice Chairman) asked Mrs Kathy Searle to chair the meeting due to her pecuniary interest.</p>	
1979	<p>Declarations of interest for items on the agenda – Mrs Margaret Lumb item 1981</p>	
1980	<p>Apologies for absence – Mrs Joan Gutteridge</p>	
1981	<p>Planning – 1402086FUL Erection of a one bedroom bungalow with amenity garden and on-site parking. Land 20B Station Road, Bluntisham. Mrs Kathy Searle asked the following questions to the agent: Why is there no access and design statement? The agent advised that this is no longer required due to a change in planning law for developments less than 10 properties. Why are the materials to be approved after permission is granted? The agent advised this is mainly due to the difficulty of sourcing materials and this is common now for planning applications. There will be a simple condition added onto any approval advising the materials must be approved by the LPA. Are the conifers to be removed as part of the application? The agent advised that yes they would be removed and he would notify Mrs Bowman of the regulations around removal of trees between 1st March and 31st July. The agent advised that an expert could be bought in to check the trees for nesting birds to agree their removal during this period if necessary. He advised a suitable replacement would be planted once the development was complete and the build would be at the existing ground level. There is a large tree which will overhang the roadway making it difficult to reverse in and out. The agent advised this was a rose bush and was purely an indicative drawing.</p>	

	<p>If approval is given the building materials must be stored at 20B or on site and not block the roadway. The agent advised that before starting the developer would have to go through a rigorous H&S plan to ensure all these considerations are met.</p> <p>The driveway is in a poor state of repair and additional traffic will cause it to deteriorate quicker.</p> <p>Mr Frank Hudson – objected the application stating it is too large for the plot.</p> <p>Miss Emily Godfrey – approved the application although stated it does look large for the site and there is no garden.</p> <p>Mr Gary James – stated the plot size has increased by 12 square metres from the previous application, although he approved the application.</p> <p>Mrs Cynthia Curtis – approved the application although it does look large, the plot it is currently an eyesore and will enhance the space. The question regarding installing solar panels was raised and the agent advised that these were not included as part of this application.</p> <p>Mrs Margaret Lumb – had no comment on this application.</p> <p>Mrs Kathy Searle approved the application and stated to clear the site will be an improvement.</p> <p>It was agreed the PC approve the application. (<i>Proposed Mr Gary James, Seconded Miss Emily Godfrey. Approved by the majority</i>)</p>	
1982	Items for consideration – None.	

Meeting closed 8.30pm

Next meeting: 9th February 2015

Dates of Future Parish Council Meetings –2015

February	Monday 9 th February
March	Monday 2 nd March
April	Monday 13 th April
May	Monday 11 th May
June	Monday 1 st June
July	Monday 6 th July
August	Monday 3 rd August
September	Monday 7 th September
October	Monday 5 th October
November	Monday 2 nd November
December	Monday 7 th December