

	and signed –The Chairman signed the minutes and all approved. (<i>Proposed Mrs Philippa Hope seconded Mrs Kathy Searle. All agreed</i>)	
2233	Matters arising from previous minutes – Mrs Margaret Lumb advised that the police and highways have spoken to Mr Highland regarding the parking on forecourt at the garage. They confirmed it is only considered illegal parking if they are parked by the white line, which is the formal footpath running across the entrance to the garage. Mr Gary James advised that a parishioner had been in contact with Mr Highland directly and was advised that as this land is highways he is unable to do anything. Mrs Margaret Lumb is to contact highways and Cllr Criswell to discuss further.	Margaret Lumb
2234	FY2015/16 Accounts – to end October 2015 – Mr Rob Gore gave a summary from the recent finance committee meeting. The committee discussed the budget in great detail during its meeting on 19 October and is meeting again on Monday 9 November where the precept and accounts in more detail will be discussed, all are welcome. Some individual queries have been raised, which Mr Gore is going to respond to individually. The miscellaneous income for October of £5078.39 is from the closure of the Lloyds No 2 account, this money will be paid into the Cambridge Building Society account. There are several lines which are over budget which is a mixture of mis budgeting and increased costs, however the overall budget will end in a positive. Mr Rob Gore agreed to print the budget onto A3 for Monday’s meeting. Total receipts £9817.39 & total expenditure £10981.34. Closing bank balances: Lloyds 0933915 - £78154.21 Lloyds 0934024 - £0.00 This account is now closed Cambs building society - £51561.57 (<i>Proposed Mrs Philippa Hope, Seconded Mr Frank Hudson. All agreed.</i>) Annex 1	Rob Gore
2235	Accounts for payment and sign cheques for October payments –Mrs Kathy Searle and Mr Rob Gore signed the cheques and no concerns with the payments for the month. (<i>Proposed Mrs Kathy Searle seconded Mr Rob Gore. All agreed.</i>)	
2236	County Council & District Council reports – Steve Criswell – Cllr Criswell was unable to attend the meeting but did advise that the next phase of the footpath should be started in February 2016. A more detailed report will be available next month and a summary report is being written for the newsletter.	
2237	Planning <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Affordable Housing update – the clerk advised that having spoken with Helen Fortune (Accent Nene) the board have decided to wait until their next board meeting in November before making a decision on Bluntisham as they are not prepared to invest any additional funds at this stage. 	
2238	Village maintenance: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New Mower – the clerk advised that she had received one quote for servicing of the John Deere tractor which was £1650 + VAT. Needingworth PC have advised that to share the maintenance will be difficult as they have no way of transporting the cutting machines to Bluntisham and the clerk has met one company to quote for contracting cutting. A summary report should be available for the next meeting. • Trees – Sumerling Way - Mr Frank Hudson gave a summary of his meeting with Mr John Morgan, Mr Terry Guy & Mrs Wakeham on Sat 24 October. The trees are tall and the oak tree has a crack in it. There is lots of ivy running along the bottom of the hedge which isn’t cut back and this is travelling behind the hedge. A recommendation to contact HDC Tree Officer to seek their advice for action to be taken with the Oak tree was made. If the trees are at maturity then we may be in a position to trim, but advice is needed before 	Clerk Clerk

	any action is taken. (<i>Proposed Mr Mark Berg, seconded Mr Ian Shepherd. All agreed.</i>)	
2239	<p>Health & Safety:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dog Fouling – Mrs Philippa Hope and Mr Alan Moules have been out picking up dog mess and spraying with green paint. It's early days but there doesn't seem to be as much mess along Meeting Walk as before. Despite several pleas for help with this only one parishioner has volunteered to help with this. An article has been written for the newsletter asking for more help. It was agreed to continue with weekly monitoring. (<i>Proposed Mr Mark Berg, seconded Mr Mike Francis. All agreed.</i>) 	
2240	Land off Mill Lane – nature reserve/protection – Mr Ian Shepherd asked if this could be carried forward to the next meeting as no progress has been made.	Clerk
2241	Website – Mr Ian Shepherd confirmed the website is still well used. The Hall Management Committee have confirmed what they would like to be added and Mr Shepherd and the clerk will work together to add this. It is almost 6 months since the website change and the introduction of the parish council facebook page. Does anyone have any more feedback on either. Mr Mark Berg advised the website is very user friendly and Mrs Philippa Hope suggested keeping the parish council facebook page. Mr Ian Shepherd agreed to write a small article on the website for the next newsletter.	Clerk/Ian Shepherd Ian Shepherd
2242	Drone flying - disclaimer The clerk has had confirmation from Zurich that there will be no liability on the parish council for drones flying in the recreation area. They stated it was impossible to enforce and if any accident occurred they would go to the person who was flying the drone as they are the party who would be liable.	
2243	Timebanking – Mr Rob Gore mentioned this at the finance meeting as a budget will be needed should we proceed. If so the approximate cost is likely to be £1500 for a 6 month period as grant funding is hopeful, this is to appoint a paid administrator. Cllr Criswell suggested meeting with Colne and Earith PC to pursue further. It's difficult to quantify the need for the scheme though. The additional County Council budget constraints may mean that more residents within Bluntisham will be impacted and therefore may benefit. It was agreed that Mr Rob Gore is to liaise with Cllr Criswell and Colne & Earith to set up an investigative meeting before a decision is reached. Mr Gary James confirmed he would like to be part of this meeting. A discussion around Timebanking ensued to clarify exactly what it entailed.	Rob Gore
2244	<p>Community Event 2016 – the Hall Management Committee have had initial discussions and have come up with some ideas, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Deck chair cinema followed by an evening meal with a theme. • The date of 13 august 2016 has been agreed. <p>Costs for this event are to be shared at the next HMC. An article for the newsletter has been written by the clerk asking for volunteers for the community event as well as regular events at the village hall.</p>	
2245	Newsletter – Mrs Margaret Lumb asked if an article could be published to remember every man from the village who died during WW1 100 years ago. She has been approached from a local resident who is willing to provide the information. It was agreed to include and Mrs Margaret Lumb is to get the information to the clerk asap. Outstanding articles are due in to the clerk by the end of the week or early next week at the latest. Mrs Kathy Searle, Mr Mike Francis, Mr Mark Berg and Mr Ian Shepherd.	Margaret Lumb/Mark Berg/Kathy Searle/Mike Francis/Ian Shepherd
2246	Sport Relief Mile – Mr Steve Foreman from Forefront Fitness asked if they could host the Sport Relief Mile in the village on March 20 th 2016. There are options to do a 1, 3, 6 mile course around the sports field. He would like the councils support to use the recreation ground and the hall toilets on the day. He is also looking for	

	marshals on the day. Mrs Margaret Lumb offered to marshal. It was agreed to allow the sport relief mile to be carried out in 2016 on the sports pitch. (<i>Mr Rob Gore proposed, Mr Frank Hudson seconded. All agreed.</i>)	
2247	<p>Committee updates:</p> <p>a) HMC Update – Mr Mark Berg asked if the HMC could purchase the marquee for the village hall only and then this could be used to hire out to generate the income. Also volunteers are needed to help with organising events in the hall. Ideally the HMC are looking for an event coordinator, who would be willing to help out free of charge as the HMC don't have enough time to help out.</p> <p>b) Finance Update – another meeting on the 9 November to set the precept will be held. All welcome to attend.</p> <p>c) Allotments update – following the AGM on the 24 October the committee have stayed the same. There are 3 plot holders still to pay for the year and 1 vacant plot. The clerk will put an advert in the newsletter and on the village facebook page and website.</p> <p>d) Crime, Warden update – Arrests were made in St Mary's Close following a police search which identified cannabis plants growing in the property. At the recent neighbourhood conference it was confirmed that no police officers in Cambridgeshire will be made redundant. All have been issued with mobile tablets making them able to complete forms, etc while on the beat. Burglaries will be investigated in this county. The number plates stolen from the car in Bluntisham recently were used to obtain fuel from Bluntisham Service Station. The police have advised that some new tamper proof plates are available. Mrs Margaret Lumb is to find out more detail and advise at the next meeting. It is hoped that you will be able to report non urgent crimes, etc by email and text from the 101 number before Christmas.</p> <p>Highway – Mrs Margaret Lumb received a complaint from a resident who fell over in Meeting Walk, this was reported to the Highways officer who came and inspected the footpath. As it is on the schedule of planned works for 2017 no action will be taken at this stage as he deemed it not to be dangerous.</p> <p>Road safety – Meeting planned next week. The yellow mini parked along East Street is still there despite a visit from the local PCSO. Mrs Margaret Lumb is to report it again as it is dangerous.</p> <p>HCV – meeting with CCC officers was held & HCV members were advised that TRO's (Traffic Routing Orders) for other villages would not be supported until the Ely bypass is in place.</p>	<p>Clerk</p> <p>Margaret Lumb</p> <p>Margaret Lumb</p>
2248	Safeguarding Policy – Mrs Margaret Lumb advised that after speaking with the police this policy can't be discussed in public and distribution has to be very limited.	Clerk
2249	Change to Election Process – Mr Mike Francis discussed the feeling from HDC and advised that the changes are linked in with the boundary changes. The favourite option is to have an all out election every 4 years. It was agreed that all councillors are to submit their feedback on the changes to HDC individually.	All
2250	Riparian Ownership – Flood prevention – it was agreed that we need to identify who the land owners are of the areas with ditches which will form our flood prevention plan. The clerk shared a map of the village showing the flood risk areas and Mr Frank Hudson agreed to highlight who the land owners are. It was agreed that the flood plan doesn't involve the parish council spending money clearing the ditches, purely who is the land owner responsible and who to contact. (<i>Proposed Mrs Philippa Hope, seconded Mr Mark Berg. All agreed</i>)	Frank Hudson
2251	<p>Correspondence received:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Letter from Mrs Wakeham – the clerk will contact Mrs Wakeham once the meeting with HDC Tree Officer has been arranged. 	Clerk

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Email from Hannah Roots – it is parish council policy not to give donations. The clerk is to reply advising of this fact. 	Clerk
2252	<p>Items for consideration (for information only)</p> <p>Mrs Kathy Searle advised that the padlock to the garage had been tampered with and broken and a new one has been purchased. Nothing was stolen from the garage but it was reported to the police. The Chairman thanked Mrs Kathy Searle for her efforts in obtaining another garage lock.</p> <p>Mrs Margaret Lumb advised the RBL service is at 2.30pm on Sunday 8th November and all councillors are encouraged to attend. Mr Frank Hudson agreed to clear the war memorial during the week.</p> <p>Mrs Philippa Hope is to chase CCC about the gritting of footpaths during cold weather email, if volunteers are needed it was suggested to include in the newsletter.</p>	<p>Frank Hudson</p> <p>Philippa Hope</p>
2253	<p>Topics for future meetings –</p> <p>Nothing raised by the members of the public. The committee have until Friday 27 November to raise agenda items with the clerk.</p>	All

Meeting closed 09:28pm

Next meeting: 7th December 2015

Dates of Future Parish Council Meetings –2016

January	Monday 4 th January
February	Monday 1 st February
March	Monday 7 th March
April	Monday 4 th April
May	Monday 9 th May
June	Monday 6 th June
July	Monday 4 th July

Annex 1 – FY 2015/16 accounts to end October 2015