

## Bluntisham Community Fund

In 2012 the Bluntisham Development Association village charity was closed down and in its place the Bluntisham Community Fund was formed. The Community Fund is administered by a committee of trustees who are responsible for the financial management of the fund, and meet to consider applications for grant funding.

### Financial Statement:

Bank balance @ 31 <sup>st</sup> March 2015	1290.23
Income: Donation& Interest	5.48
Expenditure: BALGA Grant - 200.00	
Storyteller's Chair - 75.00	275.00
Bank balance @ 31 <sup>st</sup> March 2016	£1020.71

During 2015 two grants were made; £200.00 was awarded to the Bluntisham Allotment and Leisure Gardens Association (BALGA) towards their project to install toilet facilities at the Mill Lane allotments, and a donation of £75.00 towards the purchase of a storyteller's chair for St Helen's School in memory of two members of school staff. The chair will be officially dedicated at the school at 3.00pm on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> May – everyone is welcome to attend.

The Community Fund was established with funds that had accumulated over the years from the small profits made at various social events held at the village hall. It was decided that there needed to be a clear and open way to use any profits generated by these social events, and rather than profits going to the Parish Council, councillors at the time agreed to start a community fund which could then be used to further projects that the village had shown interest in.

The last deposit of community event income was made by the Parish Council in November 2014; since then income from social events has been retained in the Council budget. In December fund trustees met with councillors to re-establish the link between the Council and the Community Fund and review options for maintaining the fund in the future; recognising that without the link with the Parish Council funds would reduce over time and the Community Fund would eventually close.

Despite best intentions this has not proved successful and reluctantly trustees have taken the decision to close the Fund. It was unanimously agreed that the funds should be used to benefit young people, therefore the account balance will be made up to £1024 and this will be shared equally between children's organisations in the village, each to receive £256. These are Bluntisham Cricket Club Juniors, Bluntisham Blasters FC, Scouts, Beavers and Cubs, and Guides, Brownies and Rainbows.

Once payment has been made the charity account will be closed.

Sue Morgan  
Chairman  
Bluntisham Community Fund

5<sup>th</sup> May 2016