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**Minutes of the Bluntisham Parish Council Meeting
Monday 8th September 2014 at 7.30pm at The Village Hall, Mill Lane,
Bluntisham**

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

Also present: Mr Mike Francis, Mr Robin Carter & 8 members of the Public

	Open Forum – During the open forum of this emergency meeting regarding the move of the dog walk boundary, the following comments were made: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Why does the football club run the Parish Council? They appear to be able to do what they want when they want to without recompense. • Several spectators of both football and cricket matches take their dogs on the sideline. Why is this allowed when the dog walkers are not allowed on the pitches? • The boundary has been moved back by 5 metres, what is the parish council going to do about this. It took many months of discussions to agree the dog walk area and this has just undone all the hard work and efforts on everyone’s behalf. <p>Chris Jackaman – Chairman of the Blasters Football Club advised it has been a god send getting the dogs off the pitches as the mess has reduced as a result of this making it a nicer playing area. He supports the dog walkers and wasn’t aware of the move taking place during the weekend of 30/31 August. He did advise that in Feb/March of 2014 he met with Cllr Carter and Tim Ellis (Previous Chairman of the Parish Council) to advise the dog walk fence had been put in the wrong place and it would have to be moved by 1 metre. It was agreed by all parties verbally that this would be ok. It turns out that the 1 metre was from the old original pitch (not used for 5 years) and not the existing pitch which was in use at the time. This misunderstanding was brought to light and it was agreed that a compromise and solution had to be found during this meeting.</p> <p>Paul Davis – Blasters representative advised that if the pitches were moved to keep the existing dog walk that new sleeves would need installing in the ground x 8. These are likely to be at a cost of £150 per sleeve and the PC would have to fund this. He advised Chris Jackaman that the fence was in the wrong place a week after it had been erected. Paul went on to talk about the clubs future and the need for the larger pitches as the children get into the older playing categories.</p>	Action
1861	Declarations of interest for items on the agenda – None	
1862	Dog Walk Boundary Change - The Parish Council agreed to take out the inner boundary hedge from the existing dog walk to make the dog recreational area larger. The clerk is to get measurements of the football	

	pitches and the dog recreational area and display on the existing plan to ensure no future changes are made. This will be circulated to all and displayed on the notice boards (<i>Annex 1</i>) (<i>Proposed Mr Frank Hudson, Seconded Mr Gary James. All agreed.</i>) The football clubs are to keep an eye on spectators with dogs on the pitches and advise them of the exclusion order.	
1863	Any other business - None	

Meeting closed 8.15 pm

Next meeting: 6th October 2014

Dates of Future Parish Council Meetings – 2014

October	Monday 6 th October
November	Monday 3 rd November
December	Monday 8 th December

Annex 1 – Dog Walk Boundary including Football Pitches with dimensions