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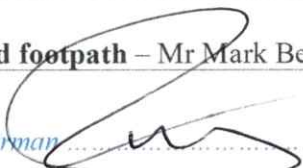
**Minutes of the Bluntisham Parish Council Meeting
Monday 9th April 2018 at 8.00pm in The Village Hall, Mill Lane,
Bluntisham**

Present: Chairman Mr Mark Berg, Mr Gary James, Mr Frank Hudson, Mrs Cynthia Curtis, Mr Martin Crowhurst, Mrs Kathy Searle, Mrs Philippa Hope, Mr Roger Steel & Mrs Tracey Davidson (Clerk)

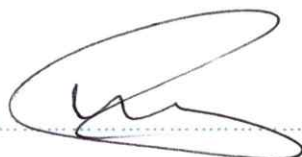
Also present: 4 x members of the public & Cllr Carter & Cllr Francis

	<p>Open forum The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting and opened the forum. A member of the public asked for an update on the cyclepath and how will the bridge be avoided. The Chairman advised of the plan and the clerk confirmed work will recommence w/c 16th April. Meeting opened at 8.04pm</p>	
230	Dispensation Forms received & decisions given - None	
231	Declarations of interest for items on the agenda – Mrs Philippa Hope pecuniary interest item 240 BACS run 2 & 29 th March 2018. Mr Roger Steel pecuniary interest item 233.	
232	Apologies for absence – Mr Rob Gore, Cllr Steve Criswell.	
233	<p>Planning:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 18/00427/HHFUL –Proposed rear & side extension, internal alterations, replacement flat roofs & external cladding. 21 Wood End, Bluntisham PE28 3LE. Mrs Kathy Searle & Mr Frank Hudson carried out a site visit on 31st March and made some recommendations. A discussion around the proposal took place and a vote was carried. The Chairman used his casting vote to carry forward this application to APPROVE the proposal. Those in favour Mrs Philippa Hope, Mr Mark Berg, Mr Gary James, Mrs Cynthia Curtis. Those against Mrs Kathy Searle, Mr Frank Hudson. Those abstained Mr Roger Steel & Mr Martin Crowhurst. (Proposed Mrs Philippa Hope, seconded Mrs Cynthia Curtis.) 	
234	Minutes of the Parish Council meeting dated 7th March to be approved and signed by the Chairman – The minutes were signed by the Chairman. (Proposed Mr Martin Crowhurst, seconded Mrs Philippa Hope. All agreed.)	
235	Matters arising from previous minutes not on the agenda – None.	
236	<p>County Council & District Council reports Cllr Robin Carter reminded the parish council of the changes to planning applications put forward to DMC and asked for the PC to notify their ward member if they feel the application should be put forward, this timescale is within 4 weeks of receipt of application. He advised that Earith Parish Council are looking to reduce the speed limits along the High Street in Earith from 30mph to 20mph and have recently written to local haulage companies to see if they would be in support of this change. The clerk is to speak with the clerk of Earith PC to get some further information. Cllr Carter advised that the Environment Agency have confirmed works to the wash will take place this year which are likely to generate an additional 22000 traffic movements. The clerk is to speak with Earith PC to find out more detail. Cllr Mike Francis advised that budgets are tight at HDC and staffing levels are likely to suffer as a result. He confirmed it had been a privilege representing Bluntisham as a District Councillor.</p>	<p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p>

237	<p>Data Protection update – the clerk shared the summary notes ahead of the meeting on the changes coming into force on 25th May 2018. The PC has to comply to the changes however they don't have to be in place on 25th May 2018. The clerk has made some immediate recommendations for all councillors to adopt and will have this along with a project plan of all actions to be taken for the next meeting. Mrs Philippa Hope advised that the projected additional costs to comply with the changes are estimated at £1500 - £1750. Made up largely of additional labour, software & data storage associated with compliance. This may be less once the data protection officer makes a start on the tasks. It was agreed that the clerk will be the data protection officer following advice from LCPAS that this was acceptable. The clerk was happy to undertake this additional responsibility. <i>(Proposed Mr Frank Hudson, seconded Mr Martin Crowhurst. All agreed.)</i></p> <p>It was agreed to create a new budget line within the administration section of the budget called DPA and to move the savings from the Election of £1300 and £450 from savings identified from the village hall rates. The remaining savings from the village hall rates are to be moved into the village hall maintenance line to be used for hall improvements during the year. <i>(Proposed Mrs Philippa Hope, seconded Mr Gary James. All agreed.)</i></p>	Clerk
238	<p>FY2017/18 Accounts to end March 2018 – Mrs Philippa Hope discussed the final year end accounts and despite the non-budgeted expenditure for the improved security for the field store, CCTV upgrade, tables, chair trolleys, bar, projector, Colne road field entrance improvements the accounts still show a saving of £2969.01. The parish council accounts ended as follows:</p> <p>Parish income 2017-18 - £96296.44 Parish expenditure 2017 -18 - £89392.26 Village Hall income 2017 -18 - £39556.62 Village Hall expenditure 2017-18 - £43491.79</p> <p>It was highlighted that the hall booking income has grown 8% since FY16/17. All the Parish Councillors thanked the clerk for consistently promoting the Village hall for events/weddings/parties as well as promoting the additional services that hall can provide such as drapes/bar/conferencing etc. which has resulted in this increase.</p> <p>Income March - £3153.87 Expenditure March - £11827.73</p> <p>It was agreed to include detail around the precept within the end of year financial report to be presented at the Annual Parish Meeting. <i>(Proposed Mr Frank Hudson, seconded Mr Martin Crowhurst. All agreed.)</i></p>	Clerk
239	<p>Authorise purchase orders for March</p> <p>PO018 - £375 ex VAT – Grumpy Joes Ltd PO019 - £500 ex VAT – Earith Timber Products PO020 - £445.82 ex VAT – Amazon via clerk – projector PO021 - £2070 ex VAT & £445.20 ex VAT – BM Office Furniture</p> <p>The Chairman authorised & signed the purchase orders.</p>	
240	<p>Accounts for payment for March</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • BACS run 2nd March- £2247.40 authorised by Mr Rob Gore & Mr Martin Crowhurst • BACS run 29th March - £8727.79 authorised by Mr Rob Gore & Mr Martin Crowhurst <p><i>(Proposed Mr Martin Crowhurst, seconded Mr Mark Berg. All agreed.)</i></p>	
241	<p>Village Maintenance:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Holliday's Road footpath – Mr Mark Berg advised that his ecology expert had 	



	<p>visited the pond and advised that if there were any newts on the site, they would be in the pond and the PC are able to clear the hedge back to the wire mesh without impacting any wildlife. He has offered to come on site when the work is carried out to remove any newts should they be present in the pond, however, they will be hibernating at the moment.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meeting Walk Bollard – the clerk shared correspondence from CCC which clearly states they are now not willing to install a bollard at the top of Orchard End as previously stated & despite the PC offering to pay for it. It was suggested the clerk speak with Cllr Criswell to see if he can find out why the change of decision and stress the PC are willing to pay for the installation and the bollard & that its importance in protecting Meeting Walk on behalf of the parish be made clear. • LHI 2018/19 decision – the clerk advised that the PC had been unsuccessful with their recent bid for improvements to Wood End. It was agreed ahead of submitting the bid that the PC would purchase a mobile SID if unsuccessful with the bid. The clerk is to investigate options and prices and report back to the next meeting. 	<p>Mark Berg/ Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p>
242	<p>Committee updates:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Allotment – Mr Frank Hudson advised there had been damage to the front hedge and mini motorbikes have accessed the allotments and neighbouring field. The clerk is to investigate and to get quotes for replacing the damaged hedge. • Updates from Mrs M Lumb. No updates to report. The clerk is to ask Mrs Lumb if the police would be willing to carry out a speed check along Rectory Road now the new 30mph is in operation. 	<p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p>
243	<p>Correspondence received:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr Malcolm O'neil suggested a film night to celebrate 100 years of the RAF. Mr Gary James agreed to speak with Mr O'neil regarding his idea. Mr Frank Hudson is to speak with the RBL about any proposed celebrations to mark both 100 years of RAF & the end of WW1. The clerk is to speak with Colne PC who have advised they are happy to work together to celebrate this occasion. The clerk is to include Marian Land into any suggestions. 	<p>Gary James/ Frank Hudson /Clerk</p>
244	<p>Items for consideration (for information only)</p> <p>Mrs Philippa Hope asked when the annual parish meeting would be. The clerk is to share dates as it was agreed to hold in the village hall this year.</p> <p>Mrs Kathy Searle asked about the double white lines on Rectory Road and it was confirmed that having checked with the police and highways these lines can be crossed, with caution and therefore turning right out of Holliday's Road is allowed. Concern with the lack of signage advising of the river road closed was raised and the sign along Holliday's Road was missing. The clerk is to contact the Environment Agency and Police to see if communication on closures could be improved in the future.</p> <p>Mr Roger Steel advised that the first sharp corner along Wood End has no white lines and asked if the PC could investigate why there are no lines. Cllr Carter advised it was due to the width of the road and CCC wouldn't paint lines, however, should the PC wish to pay for lines this would be possible. The clerk is to obtain prices.</p> <p>The clerk advised she had spoken to the MP in respect of the Local Plan submission. He was very complimentary of the PC response and advised he had tried to get Cllr Bull to reconsider the submission of the plan, this was rejected. The MP did offer to contact the Planning Inspectorate to see if the Huntingdonshire Local Plan could be reviewed as a matter of urgency, instead of the 2 year timescale anticipated. This was supported by the PC and the clerk is to speak to the MP to action.</p> <p>Meeting closed 9.48pm Next meeting Wednesday 2nd May</p>	<p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p>



Bluntisham 100 club draw took place:

1st place wins £50 – 82 K Wadsworth

2nd place wins £20 – 81 S Wall

3rd place wins £10 – 86 A Munroe

**A few numbers remain if anyone is interested in joining the 100 club please contact
Cynthia Curtis - blunticyn@gmail.com**

Future Meeting dates

Wednesday	6 th June	2018
Wednesday	4 th July	2018
Wednesday	1 st August	2018
Wednesday	5 th September	2018
Wednesday	3 rd October	2018
Wednesday	7 th November	2018
Wednesday	5 th December	2018

