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**Minutes of the Bluntisham Parish Council Meeting
Wednesday 10th April 2019 at 8.00pm in The Village Hall, Mill Lane,
Bluntisham**

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

Also present: 4 x member of the public & Cllr Jon Neish

	<p>Open forum The Chairman opened the meeting and welcomed the public. A question regarding parish footpaths was answered by Mrs Philippa Hope. No further questions raised. Meeting opened at 8.02pm</p>	
230	Dispensation Forms received & decisions given - None	
231	Declarations of interest for items on the agenda – Mrs Philippa Hope pecuniary interest item 239 BACS run 1 st March & 29 th March.	
232	Apologies for absence – Mr Rob Gore, Mrs Jayne Smith, Cllr Steve Criswell. No contact from Cllr Besley.	
233	<p>Planning:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 19/00531/HHFUL – side single storey extension with mono pitch roof. 9 Laxton Grange, Bluntisham. No concerns were raised by the parish council following a site visit by Mrs Kathy Searle and Mr Frank Hudson. It was noted that a tree needs taking down in order to carry out the extension which is not detailed on the application. The PC voted to APPROVE the application. (<i>Proposed Mrs Kathy Searle, seconded Mr Frank Hudson. All agreed.</i>) • Cambridgeshire & Peterborough Minerals & Waste Local Plan Further Draft consultation. Mrs Philippa Hope asked for councillors to read and comment on this document before the deadline of 25th April. All concerns are to be sent electronically to the clerk for a response. • Enforcement update – the clerk shared updates from Kerry Hampson on the following cases: 17/00158/ENBOC – Station Road. We haven't checked the condition of the tree but will do before your next meeting, we are unable to inform you of the complainant due to confidentiality. 18/00171/ENBDOM – The Witches Twist Chicken Farm – we haven't received a valid application at this time but we chased on 26.3.19 and will review potentially at the next enforcement forum about other steps. 18/00255/ENCARA – Sunrise Meadows – we are currently working with legal and housing to start making progress in bringing the plots back in line with the conditions. A more detailed update will be provided soon once we have started the relevant action. 	ALL
234	Minutes of the Parish Council meeting dated 6th & 25th March to be approved and signed by the Chairman – The minutes were signed by the Chairman. (<i>Proposed Mrs Philippa Hope, seconded Mr Frank Hudson. All agreed.</i>)	
235	Matters arising from previous minutes not on the agenda – None	
236	County Council & District Council reports: Cllr Criswell advised nothing to report via email but any concerns please do not hesitate to	

	<p>contact me.</p> <p>Cllr Neish advised the Local Plan 2036 is to be put to the full council in May for adoption, however, the final report still hasn't been received by the Inspectorate to date. Plans to improve the bus stations in the district are being reviewed by the Economic Development Team. Planning Policy Publications show that Huntingdonshire has to provide a further 5% towards the housing supply rather than the original 20%.</p> <p>Enforcement team are working closely with local parishes and Cllr Neish and more details will follow shortly.</p> <p>A further meeting of the St Ives traffic group identified lines and segregation of lanes at junctions, may be a low cost improvement to the congestion.</p> <p>The clerk has not heard from Cllr Besley.</p>	
237	<p>FY2017/18 Accounts to end March 2019 –</p> <p>The clerk shared a year end summary of the accounts click here to access.</p> <p>Income March - £2886.96</p> <p>Expenditure March - £9873.30</p> <p>Bank Balance: £29111.20</p> <p><i>(Proposed Mrs Philippa Hope, seconded Mrs Cynthia Curtis. All agreed.)</i></p>	
238	<p>Authorise purchase orders – Mr Mark Berg signed the purchase order. All expenditure approved by full council:</p> <p>PO020 – £51.52 – Ken Booth & Co Ltd – toilet rolls & bin liners</p>	
239	<p>Accounts for payment for March</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • BACS run 1st March- £2205.66 authorised by Mrs Kathy Searle & Mrs Cynthia Curtis • BACS run 29th March - £7071.10 authorised by Mr Mark Berg & Mrs Kathy Searle <p><i>(Proposed Mr Mark Berg seconded Mrs Cynthia Curtis. All agreed.)</i></p>	
240	<p>Village Maintenance & events:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SID update – the clerk advised the results from the SID were on the website. High Street – 12.2.19 – 13.3.19 with an average speed of 20mph. Colne Road – 15.3.19 – 7.4.19 with an average speed of 23mph. Click here for full details. It was discussed locating the SID in Holliday's Road next time and to purchase more brackets to be located on additional lamp columns to make the moving of the SID easier. <i>(Proposed Mrs Philippa Hope, seconded Mr Gary James. All agreed.)</i> • Beer Festival – the clerk advised that she is waiting for an additional insurance quote but the original quote from Zurich had increased to £369.88 based on the further information provided by the committee. It was agreed that a full update needs to be shared at the next PC meeting on 1st May. The clerk is to invite committee members along. • LHI 2019/20 – the clerk advised that the parish had been successful with the submission for improvements to Wood End. This will be carried out in conjunction with the development and it is likely that a site meeting will take place in June at the earliest, this is due to long term absence of the allocated case officer at CCC Highways. • Quotes tree work – the clerk advised the tree is diseased, but not dangerous and therefore it was recommended to reduce the crown by approx. 2-3 metres. It was advised this work takes place in October as the tree is in full blossom at the moment. <p>Quote 1 HDC - £165</p> <p>Quote 2 Beach Electrical Engineering - £350</p> <p>It was agreed to use HDC and to carry out the work in October. <i>(Proposed Mr Gary James, seconded Mrs Cynthia Curtis. All agreed.)</i></p>	<p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p>
241	<p>Committee updates:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Allotment – the clerk advised that 2 plots have been advertised as vacant and both have been filled. The new plot holders will take over at Easter. • Reports from Mrs Margaret Lumb. The only meeting I have attended is Road Safety. The Headteacher of the Ivo attended, at my request, as the committee is concerned that 	

	<p>students are not very safety savvy at the island east of High Leys. I have agreed to attend a meeting with the police, Highways & School Council to discuss concerns and further awareness action. The head is also keen for some HCV group members to meet with the Eco group of Geography Students to discuss air pollution.</p> <p>I met with Cllr Criswell this week and he has told me that the Wheatsheaf crossroads is to be looked at by the Road Safety Partnership. If he attends the PC meeting he will be able to expand on this.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Agree APM date – the clerk made a suggestion to have the meeting on Wednesday 15th May. All agreed this date. The clerk is to contact the relevant groups for agenda items and to advertise the meeting. 	Clerk
242	<p>Correspondence received</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr Pitt – the clerk shared correspondence received with the councillors and Mrs Philippa Hope visited Mrs Pitt to discuss the concerns raised. It was suggested that bollards are erected on the corner of the property in an attempt to prevent any future accidents. The clerk is to speak with CCC Highways and Cllr Criswell to discuss options and to share correspondence received with Mr Pitt. It was also agreed to make the suggestion to reduce the speed limit to 20mph along this stretch of the High Street. The Parish Council made it clear that any approval to erect bollards had to come from CCC Highways and the PC had no powers to enforce. (Proposed Mrs Philippa Hope, seconded Mr Gary James. All agreed.) 	Clerk
243	<p>Items for consideration (for information only)</p> <p>Mrs Philippa Hope asked who would be attending the DMC meeting on Monday 15th April. Mr Mark Berg advised he would try and attend. The clerk is to chase and inform HDC of attendees by Friday 12th April.</p> <p>Mrs Kathy Searle advised following attending a planning forum meeting at HDC it was highlighted that HDC haven't met their housing supply. Mrs Philippa Hope questioned this figure as Cllr Neish had advised earlier in the meeting that the housing supply had been met. The clerk is to speak to HDC to check.</p> <p>Mrs Kathy Searle also advised that harm to trees needs to be identified when making recommendations for planning.</p> <p>Mr Frank Hudson asked who owned the poplar trees on the other side of the dog walk. It was suggested speaking with the land owners as to the ownership as they are not on the parish land. Meeting closed 9.26pm Next meeting Wednesday 1st May 2019.</p>	<p>Clerk/ Mark Berg</p> <p>Clerk</p> <p>Frank Hudson</p>

Bluntisham 100 club draw took place:

- 1st place wins £50 – 89 Erica Lee**
- 2nd place wins £30 – 69 Monty Laud**
- 3rd place wins £10 – 16 Steve Dighton**

A few numbers remain if anyone is interested in joining the 100 club please contact Cynthia Curtis – BPC.cynthiacurtis@gmail.com

Future Meeting dates

Wednesday	5 th June	2019
Wednesday	3 rd July	2019
Wednesday	7 th August	2019
Wednesday	4 th September	2019
Wednesday	2 nd October	2019
Wednesday	6 th November	2019
Wednesday	4 th December	2019