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**Minutes of the Bluntisham Parish Council Meeting
Wednesday 4th July 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, Mrs Kathy Searle, Mr Rob Gore, Mrs Philippa Hope & Mrs Tracey Davidson (Clerk)

Also present: 9 x member of the public & Cllr Jon Neish & Cllr Steve Criswell

	<p>Open forum The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting and opened the forum.</p> <p>A neighbour raised concerns with the loss of light with planning application 18/01269/HHFUL. The chairman advised that a discussion and further comments could be raised in the full meeting when this planning application is discussed.</p> <p>An ex district councillor thanked Cllr Criswell and the parish council for their efforts with the cyclepath, which looks great. Concerns with the number of different speed limits from Bluntisham to Earith was raised. Thanks to the parish council for the recent newsletter.</p> <p>A resident expressed concerns with the quality of the finish to the cyclepath from Bluntisham to Needingworth and asked who was responsible for the maintenance. Cllr Criswell advised it will be maintained by CCC Highways. Concern with the number of sand bags in the ditches was also raised. Mr Mark Berg advised this was common practice and not an area for concern.</p> <p>A further question around bollards on the cyclepath to prevent vehicles from accessing was raised. Cllr Criswell will ask the question and report back.</p> <p>Mr Mark Berg advised that he had received several positive comments regarding the cyclepath.</p> <p>Meeting opened at 8.11pm</p>	Cllr Criswell
64	Dispensation Forms received & decisions given - None	
65	Declarations of interest for items on the agenda – Mrs Philippa Hope pecuniary interest item 74 BACS run 22 nd June & item 67 18/01269/HHFUL. Mrs Kathy Searle pecuniary interest item 67 18/01269/HHFUL. Mrs Kathy Searle wanted it noting that she is no relation to Mr Peter Searle.	
66	Apologies for absence – Mr Martin Crowhurst & Cllr Besley	
67	<p>Planning:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 18/01122/HHFUL – Mrs Kathy Searle & Mr Frank Hudson carried out a site visit No concerns raised with the proposal and recommendation that the PC APPROVE the application was made. <i>(Proposed Mrs Kathy Searle, seconded Mr Frank Hudson. All agreed.)</i> • 18/01111/FUL – Mrs Kathy Searle and Mr Frank Hudson carried out a site visit. A discussion around the site resulted in a vote with 3 in favour of the proposal and 4 against. Therefore the recommendation that the PC REJECT the proposal was made for the following reasons: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the site falls outside the developed area of the village and therefore is within the countryside • the new dwelling is too large for the area and is larger than the original barn • the design statement refers to the dwelling and the site as part of Bluntisham which is classified as a Local Service Centre within the proposed local plan 	

	<p>2036. The dwelling and the site fall within Earith which is classified as a small settlement and this proposed dwelling is well outside the developed area of the village.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The access to the site is currently a well used footpath and not a designated road <p><i>(Proposed Mrs Philippa Hope, seconded Mr Rob Gore. Those in favour Mrs Cynthia Curtis and Mr Mark Berg. Those against Mrs Kathy Searle, Mr Frank Hudson and Mr Gary James.)</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 18/01269/HHFUL - Mrs Kathy Searle and Mr Frank Hudson carried out a site visit. A discussion resulted in the parish council recommending that the PC REJECT the proposal for the following reasons: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Loss of light & overshadow on neighbours property Design & appearance out of character with neighbouring properties Porch not in-keeping with the rest of the street scene Scale too large for size of plot <p><i>(Proposed Mr Rob Gore, seconded Mr Gary James. All in favour with exception of Mrs Kathy Searle and Mrs Philippa Hope who declared an interest)</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Update Barleycroft/sunrise meadows – Mrs Kathy Searle updated on the planning status as concern has been raised with the unauthorised plot which has 8 caravans. This has been reported back to Mr Nigel Swaby at HDC who has stated again that he will deal with it asap. The clerk is to write on behalf of the PC to Mr Nigel Swaby, Mr Andy Moffat & Mrs Jo Lancaster to express their dissatisfaction with the length of time this application has taken to be determined. Cllr Jon Neish offered to help and will speak with HDC this week. Land adj 52 Wood End, Bluntisham – Mrs Kathy Searle advised that HDC approved this planning application on 18th June. She wanted to thank the late Mr Philip Godfrey, Mr Rogers, Mr Francis and Mr Carter for their commitment with supporting the parish council to secure a rural exception site. 	
68	Minutes of the Parish Council meeting dated 6th June to be approved and signed by the Chairman – The minutes were signed by the Chairman. <i>(Proposed Mr Frank Hudson, seconded Mr Gary James. All agreed.)</i>	
69	Matters arising from previous minutes not on the agenda – None.	
70	County Council & District Council reports: Cllr Criswell advised nothing to report and asked for any questions in the open forum and will speak with CCC Highways and report back. Cllr Jon Neish attended and advised of the following: DMC supported the planning application for land adj 52 Wood End and also the change of speed limit from 40 – 30mph to start at the entrance to Meridian Wood. A full council meeting supported the planning inspectorate to make any minor changes to the local plan as part of the inspection process. Cllr Besley sent his apologies.	
71	LHI 19/20 – A discussion around the location to concentrate on in the village confirmed that Wood End would be the most suitable area. The clerk is to submit the application based on this entrance to the village to include a right of way narrowing at the entrance along with the change of speed limit and a buffer zone. This is to be located near the water tower, at the most suitable point identified by the highways safety audit. It was agreed to write to all residents of Wood End and the entrance of The Fairway to ask for any evidence to be submitted to the clerk asap. It was agreed that NO speed bumps are to be installed.	Clerk
72	FY2017/18 Accounts to end June 2018 – Mrs Philippa Hope went through the accounts and advised the groundsman line is overbudget, but all agreed this was necessary and the village looks lovely as a result of the	

	<p>additional efforts. The village hall catering income is high as this relates to two outstanding invoices paid. No major concerns were raised. Income June - £4010.81 Expenditure June - £6284.82 Bank Balance: £36067.27 <i>(Proposed Mrs Philippa Hope, seconded Mr Gary James. All agreed.)</i></p>	
73	<p>Authorise purchase orders & sign new debtors PO2018-001 – Elan City £1918 + VAT – Mobile SID PE2018 – 002 – Impressions £184 – Village Newsletter Mr Mark Berg signed these.</p>	
74	<p>Accounts for payment for June</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • BACS run 22nd June- £3864.14 authorised by Mr Rob Gore & Mrs Cynthia Curtis • BACS run 29th June - £1979.56 authorised by Mrs Philippa Hope & Mr Mark Berg <i>(Proposed Mr Rob Gore, seconded Mr Mark Berg. All agreed.)</i> 	
75	<p>Village Maintenance & Events:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Trees quotes – the clerk advised that she has had 3 tree surgeons out and is awaiting the quotes. • Cycle path open BBQ – it was agreed to have a community event on Friday 31st August. This will involve a cycle, BBQ and cricket/rounders matches. Any profit made will be donated to FOSH. 	Clerk
76	<p>Committee updates:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Allotment – the clerk advised the insurance for the plots is due and a quote of £119.89 for a further year was deemed reasonable. <i>(Proposed Mrs Philippa Hope, seconded Mr Rob Gore. All agreed)</i> • Updates from Mrs M Lumb – Road Safety committee has received positive support from surrounding parish councils for safety measures at the Wheatsheaf crossroads. The next steps will be discussed at the meeting in 10 days time. 	
77	<p>Correspondence received:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Earith, Bluntisham & Colne Royal British Legion asked if BPC would allow the recently discovered WW1 medals to be framed and displayed in the village hall. A unanimous decision to support this was made. <i>(Proposed Mrs Kathy Searle, seconded Mr Gary James. All agreed.)</i> the clerk is to ask the secretary if any plans for a plaque to be placed on a tree planted in 2014 by the war memorial have been made. • Magpas Air Ambulance – the clerk shared the correspondence. Mr Gary James advised that the ukulele event in November will support this charity. 	Clerk
78	<p>Items for consideration (for information only) Mrs Kathy Searle asked if the PC would consider refurbishing the village sign located near the war memorial. Mrs Philippa Hope is to speak with her contact and get a quote. Mr Rob Gore expressed concern with the newest building at Witches Twist and if planning permission is required. The clerk is to contact HDC enforcement. Mrs Cynthia Curtis thanked Cranbrook plants for the donation of the plants now planted in the planters outside the village hall. The PC thanked Mr & Mrs Curtis for their efforts in planting these. Mr Gary James expressed concern with the smell coming from Envar. The clerk is to contact them to ask what the smell is and why it is now smelling again. Mrs Philippa Hope asked if clarification on the planning permission could be made at the same time as the site is now operating on Sunday's and continues to use the entrance on Heath Road. The clerk advised that despite efforts to install a new waste bin at the top of St Mary's Road vandalism has caused this to be moved. It was agreed to put this bin in the dog exercise area. Meeting closed 9.24pm Next meeting Wednesday 1st August – Mrs Curtis, Mrs Searle &</p>	<p>Philippa Hope Clerk Clerk</p>

Mr James send their apologies.	
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Bluntisham 100 club draw took place:

1st place wins £50 – 12 Mr Jeff Curtis

2nd place wins £30 – 4 Jill Carter

3rd place wins £10 – 53 Julie Wade

**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 September	2018
Wednesday	3 rd October	2018
Wednesday	7 th November	2018
Wednesday	5 th December	2018