

Blofield Parish Council

Minutes of the Blofield Parish Council Planning Meeting held at Blofield Courthouse on Monday 26th July 2021 at 7.30pm – 9.05pm.

PRESENT

Sarah Dhesi, Stella Shackle, Yvonne Burton, Stuart Smith, Joseph Scholes, Paul Culley-Barber, Bee Blezard and Melanie Eversfield (assistant clerk).

1. Welcome and Introduction to the meeting by the Chair, Stuart Smith
2. **TO CONSIDER APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**
Apologies were received and accepted from Mary Moxon and Pat Wilson. (Mary watched the meeting via Zoom).
3. **TO RECEIVE DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST ON ITEMS ON THE AGENDA**
Paul Culley-Barber and Bee Blezard both declared an interest in item 10.
4. **TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE PLANNING PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 28th JUNE 2021**
The Parish Council unanimously approved the minutes of the Planning Parish Council Meeting held on 28th June 2021 and these were duly signed by the Chairman.
5. **OPEN FORUM - FOR PARISHIONERS TO RAISE QUESTIONS ON AND/OR MAKE STATEMENTS ABOUT MATTERS ON THE AGENDA**
 - 5.1. One member of the public was present. They spoke in great detail about a problem with 1.8m high fencing within the Parish that would require planning permission but hasn't received permission. They gave plenty of photographic evidence. The Clerk to email Broadland District Council and seek advice on this matter. The resident to also make contact with the District Council.
6. **TO CONSIDER COUNCIL FEEDBACK ON ANY PLANNING APPLICATIONS RECEIVED FROM BROADLAND DISTRICT COUNCIL SUBJECT TO PUBLICATION OF THIS AGENDA**
 - 6.1. Application: 20211140
Reserved matters for access, appearance, landscaping, layout and scale following Outline approval 20201483.
Location: Little Acre, Garden Road, Blofield, NR13 4JL
The Parish Council has now had an opportunity to consider this application. As part of Neighbourhood Plan ENV2 it would like to see soft boundary edging rather than hard edging and it must ensure that the replacement is no higher than 1 metre at the front boundary.
7. **TO CONSIDER FEEDBACK ON ANY PLANNING APPLICATIONS RECEIVED SUBSEQUENT TO THE PUBLICATION OF THE AGENDA**
 - 7.1. Application: 20211185
Single storey porch to the front of the bungalow and rear extension.
Location: 48A Mill Road, Blofield, NR13 4QS
The Parish Council agreed to make no comment on this application. However, if new or additional information comes to light then it would appreciate the opportunity to consider this further.
8. **TO RECEIVE INFORMATION AND CONSIDER ANY ACTIONS RELATING TO PLANNING DECISIONS AND ENFORCEMENT ISSUES AND A PLANNING UPDATE**
 - 8.1 It was noted that the appeal for planning application 20201644 – Aldersbrook, Woodbastwick Road has been passed. The Parish Council expressed its frustration and disappointment.
 - 8.2 It was noted that 34 Shreeve Road, Blofield would now be called Lemon Tree House, 34 Shreeve

Road.

- 8.3 It was noted that West Holme, 26 Pound Lane, Blofield would now be called 26 Pound Lane, Blofield.
8.4 A request for input into research into the effectiveness of Neighbourhood Planning policies was received. It was agreed that Paul Culley-Barber completes the survey on behalf of the Council.

9. TO DISCUSS FLOODING IN THE PARISH

- 9.1 The report that Mary Moxon had distributed via email following the Town and Parish Forum on 20th July detailed information relating to the Norfolk Flood Alliance. It was agreed that Mary and Melanie could work together to write a letter to the Norfolk Flood Alliance highlighting the issues being experienced in Blofield Heath.

10. TO APPROVE A RESPONSE TO THE SOLICITOR AND APPROVE OBTAINING QUOTATIONS FOR SET UP WORK ON WYNGATES LAND

- 10.1 After careful consideration the parish council proposed that they take on the ownership and maintenance of Areas 1 & 2 with immediate effect.
However, the council does not wish to take on Area 3 until the school has been built and the whole site established (which we understand will involve the review of drainage and best layout of area 3). The council therefore understand that the setup costs of £16,000 would be used by Broadland District Council /Norfolk County Council to establish this community land and the £12,376 for fencing of the site. The council would then like to take on ownership and ongoing maintenance of the land for the benefit of the parish. The council would therefore still like to be involved in conversations regarding the landscaping of area 3 for the best use for the community.
As an aside - in addition, it is the council current intention to use the £35,000 allocated to this site for play equipment on the 'old school site' it will receive in lieu of the new school land.
The council still wish to continue with a contract rather than a memorandum of understanding between ourselves and Norfolk County Council regarding the land in lieu (the 'old school site').

11. TO RECEIVE AN UPDATE REGARDING THE COUNTRY PARK LAND LINKED TO THE 20171386 MEMORIAL HALL, BRUNDALL DEVELOPMENT AND AGREE ANY NECESSARY ACTIONS

- 11.1 After a lengthy discussion the Parish Council voted to proceed in principle with accepting the land and that it was minded to do the development themselves, however there were a number of factors / questions that the Council would like a response on: e.g.
- Would the meadow continue to be mown and kept in good order until the transfer?
 - The land must be transferred in a good 'meadow' state as it is now;
 - We would need to see final plans for the attenuation ponds etc;
 - If Hopkins Homes or Brundall Parish Council are doing consultation the Parish Council should also be consulted or we should do a joint consultation;
 - Council would be unhappy to have to retain the name Brundall Country park if we were to adopt
 - Clear definition of the actual boundaries to be reviewed on site by the Council
 - Continued access for the Council going forward to be able to view the land at different periods of the year
 - Exploration of the ownership of the small triangle of land at the western end with a view to acquiring as well to make access to footpath easier.

Signed.....

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