

**BLAXTON PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING HELD ON
THURSDAY 17 APRIL 2014 AT 19:30**

Present: Councillors N C McCarron (Chair), L Hornsby, P Schofield, P Oliver and P A Dennis Clerk to the Parish Council

In attendance: No members of the public attended the meeting

1 APOLOGIES

Councillor R Johnson

2 MINUTES OF ANNUAL PARISH MEETING HELD ON 20 APRIL 2013

The minutes had previously been agreed at the May 2013 Parish Council meeting

3 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

No matters arising from the minutes

4 CHAIR'S REPORT FOR 2013/14

First I would like to thank the Parish Councillors for the work they have carried out over the past year.

I would like to also thank our Clerk for all the work that he has done.

A big thanks also go to Mr and Mrs Gulliver for delivering the biscuits to the senior citizens at Christmas. This tradition has sadly been discontinued due to cutbacks.

Also I would like on behalf of the Council to thank John Hargreaves for all the maintenance work he does for us. His work is top class. He also looks after the planters that we have on the crossroads.

We had another large piece of play equipment installed on the playing field. The field is greatly used come Easter and the summer months by the children of the village. We are then going to look into having installed a number of small pieces of equipment for the small children. Our playing field became a sorry state when our 20+years wooden equipment became unsafe so I hope the young people in the village will appreciate and treat it with respect because it cost a large amount of money.

At Christmas we had some silly people go on the playing field with bottles of beer. When they finished drinking them they smashed them up and spread them all over the grass, even sinking the bottle necks into the ground. All of this took a lot of clearing up and we would not like it repeated.

On the 16 December 2013 our oldest resident Mr Gregory reached 100 years old. The Chair and Vice-Chair represented the council and went to his party taking with us a gift for him.

After many months of trying to get the footpath on Mosham Rd taken back to the width it was before and resurfaced we finally won the fight last month. For the people who use this path we hope you enjoy the nice walk that it has made.

I hope everyone likes the lights we have had installed on the memorial which illuminate it at night. This started off by our clerk saying it would be nice to light it up and it snowballed from there.

Well I would like to close by saying once again the memorial Christmas lights lit up the village and we are looking to buy a few more strings because one or two of the old ones are getting past their sell by dates.

5 PRECEPT 2014/15

The meeting acknowledged the Precept for 2014/15

6 ISSUES RAISED BY RESIDENTS OF THE PARISH

No issues raised

Chair: _____

Date: _____