

BLAXTON PARISH COUNCIL

**MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING HELD ON
THURSDAY 19 APRIL 2018 AT 19:35**

PRESENT: Councillors N C McCarron (Chair), R Johnson, P Schofield and P A Dennis Clerk
to the Parish Council

One resident attended the meeting.

1 APOLOGIES – All Present

2 MINUTES OF ANNUAL PARISH MEETING HELD ON 20 APRIL 2017

The minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on 20 April 2017, agreed at the Parish Council meeting on 20 May 2017, were noted.

3 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES – None

4 CHAIR'S REPORT FOR 2017/18

The Chair read her report which was received and noted and, is appended to these minutes.

5 PRECEPT 2017/18 – Noted

6 ISSUES RAISED BY RESIDENTS OF THE PARISH – None

Meeting closed at 19:45

Chair: _____

Date: _____

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Chairs Report 18th April 2019

Good Evening Everyone.

This year we welcomed 2 new Councillors, Mr John Scutt and Mr Robert Dennis.

I would like to start by thanking everyone for the work you have done over the past year.

Also Philip Dennis our clerk for all his work and help and advice he gives to me.

Thanks also goes to John Hargreaves who keeps our village looking nice by maintaining our roadside seats, the memorial grounds and playing fields also the 4 planters on the roundabout.

We have installed two new roadside seats, one at the top of Hillscroft Rd. and one on the grassed open space on Summerfields Drive. Also we have relocated the seat from New Street Flats because it got little use and put it adjacent to the bus stop on Station Road near Back Lane. All our seats are in great condition and are very well used.

We are always looking to keep our playing field nice and safe for all the children who use it. This year we have had new fencing installed along the side of the footpath where the entrance is, this incorporated a wider vehicle gate so that larger vehicles could access the field if necessary and a self-closing pedestrian gate for increased safety. We are waiting for the contractor to renew the fence down the side of the dyke which runs along the side of the road. We are also looking to put a roundabout on the field.

We have been trying for many years to slow the traffic that approaches the roundabout to no avail. We are now trying to get a Volume, Type and Speed survey done.

We are in the process of having the Memorial refurbished. The old conifers will be removed and a new tree put in, all the stones will be taken off and a new resin base laid, the railings will be painted and new doors on the electric box will be installed, the flagpole and lights will be reset.

In February we had a very large tree that was in the copse of trees opposite New St and Hillscroft Rd on Bank End Rd fell towards the road and the top was hit by a lorry. DMBC removed it all though it is not their land because they have a duty of care where anything is a danger. We have found out who owns the land and DMBC are now chasing the owners because there are a number of trees in the same position.

We will be planting the containers in about 6 weeks time with Summer Plants. The daffodil display we had this year gets better as the bulbs get bigger.

We can now look forward to 2019/2020

Your Chair Norma McCarron.