

Minutes of Blackshaw Parish Council Meeting held at Blackshaw Head Methodist Church, Badger Lane, Blackshaw Head on Monday 14 December 2009.

Present: Councillors Dorothy Sutcliffe, Pat Beechill, Sally Jones, Carol King, Frank McLaughlan.

In attendance: Lars Hansen (Clerk), plus two members of the public.

- 1. Accepted apologies** – Coun Michelle Dargan-Cole.
- 2. Declarations of interest in items on the agenda** – none were declared.
- 3. Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 23 November** – agreed.
- 4. Matters arising from the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 23 November:– Item 11 on highways etc.** - The Clerk reported that the work to deal with the problem of highways water going from Old Shaw Lane by creating a water bar and other maintenance work was programmed but had been delayed because of the demands made by extreme weather conditions.
- 5. Minutes of the WayaHead Committee Meeting held on 8 December** – noted.
- 6. Policing priorities for the WYPA** – This was thoroughly discussed in response to a WYPA questionnaire and it was agreed that the highest priority should be given to response times, drugs, property crime and vehicle crime.
- 7. Planning related matters:**
 - 7.1. Information on previous applications** –
 - 09/01284/FUL for conversion of existing barn to dwelling at Barn at Barley Croft Farm, Davy Lane, Blackshaw Head** – refused;
 - 09/01350/HSE for first floor extension at 7 Dry Soil Woodland Hall, Badger Lane, Blackshaw Head** – approved.
 - 7.2. New Planning applications** –
 - 09/2/1318 to erect a 15M (Solid tower) Wind Turbine at Badgerfields Farm, Badger Lane, Blackshaw Head** – On a vote of 3 votes to 2 it was agreed that there was no objection although there were concerns about the overall height and the visually exposed sighting on the edge of the Green Belt;
 - 09/2/01498 for the development of a 12M Wind turbine at Kebcote 1 Dukes Cut, Todmorden** – On a vote of 3 votes to 1, with 1 abstention that there was no objection.
- 8. Matters relating to highways, bridleways and footpaths** – A complaint was made that the driver of the No 517 Metro bus to Burnley on Saturday 12 December had refused to drive two female passengers aged 70 and 76 years into Heptonstall on the grounds that it was “too dangerous”. On the outward journey the same two women had caught the bus in Heptonstall at

1.05pm, apparently without any “danger”. The driver informed the passengers of the Heptonstall “risk assessment” on the return journey and as a result the women were deposited at “Slack Bottom” at 4.55pm and had to walk in the dark up the hill to Heptonstall in order to get home. Fortunately they did not encounter any danger. The Clerk was asked to write to Metro and send a copy to the Clerk to Heptonstall Parish Council.

9. Representative reports and invitations:

- **11 December Town Hall Working Party** – The Clerk and Coun Sutcliffe attended. It was reported that Calderdale Council had agreed for the transfer of Hebden Bridge Town Hall on 1 April 2010. The Council had agreed to a 40 year lease for the building and a 10 year lease, with a 5 year break clause, to rent back part of the building for £41,500 to provide Council services. The Council had also agreed to contribute £60,000 towards essential repair plus a £60,000 interest free loan. Launch events were being planned.
- **12 January Town and Parish Council Liaison group** – The Parish Council has been asked to elect its representative for the new year.
- **2pm 15 January, 19 February, Town Hall Working Group** – Coun Sutcliffe and the Clerk would attend

10. Financial matters:

- 10.1. 2009/2010 budget and balances** – the remaining budget for 2009/10 was reported as £2,892.71, the Parish Plan budget as £5,998.58 and the Council balances as approximately £10,380. It was agreed to transfer £350 from the Council’s Reserve account to the Current Account.
- 10.2. 2010/2011 draft budget** – the draft budget was discussed again prior to its approval at the January meeting.
- 10.3. Royal British Legion Wreath** – It was agreed to pay a donation of £20 for the wreath.
- 10.4. Christmas parcels** – no invoice had been received.
- 10.5. Annual subscription to the Society of Local Council Clerks** – It was agreed to pay the subscription of £72.
- 10.6. Printer cartridge** – It was agreed to reimburse the Clerk £32.95 for a new printer cartridge.
- 10.7. Website development** – no invoice had been received.
- 10.8. Clerk’s salary** – The Clerk’s salary was confirmed for payment.

11. Dates of future meetings:

Parish Council Meetings – 25 January 2010, 22 February, 22 March, 26 April.

WayAhead Committee Meetings – 12 January 2010, 9 February, 9 March, 13 April.

Annual Parish Meeting and Annual Parish Council Meeting - 10 May 2010.

Signed