

**Minutes of Blackshaw Parish Council Meeting held at Blackshaw Head Methodist Church, Badger Lane, Blackshaw Head on Monday 28 June 2010.**

**Present:** Councillors Dorothy Sutcliffe, Sally Jones, Pat Beechill, (Chairman), Carol King, Michelle Dargan-Cole, Frank McLaughlan.

**In attendance:** The Clerk, Claire Hamilton, Helen Hodgkinson and 1 member of the public

- 1. Election Vice-chairman** – Coun Sutcliffe was elected Vice-chairman.
- 2. Chairman's declaration of Office** – Coun Beechill signed the declaration of Office.
- 3. Accepted apologies** – none.
- 4. Declarations of interest in items on the agenda** – .Couns Jones declared an interest with regard to item 8 concerning Blackshaw Head Play area and item 11.2 regarding 8 Dry Soil.
- 5. Minutes of the Annual Parish Council Meeting held on 24 May** – agreed.
- 6. Information on matters arising from the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 22 March:** - It was reported that Hilary Myers of Todmorden Town Council had been elected as the deputy representative to Calderdale Forward.
- 7. Minutes of the WayaHead Committee held on 8 June** – noted.
- 8. Blackshaw Head Play Area** – A presentation was made by Helen Hodgkinson and Claire Hamilton on behalf of the Blackshaw Head Play Area group concerning the lease of land by the Parish Council for the proposed play area for Blackshaw Head at the New Delight. It was agreed to proceed with the principle of the Parish Council taking out a five year renewable lease for the proposed site at the New Delight. The Play area group offered to pay the incidental costs of arranging the lease such as any land registry search fees. Claire Hamilton kindly agreed to do the legal work for free. The responsibilities and liabilities of Calderdale council would be included in the agreement. Claire undertook to meet with Barbara and Max Tasker from the New Delight to discuss the lease. Calderdale Council had agreed to consult local children about the proposal.
- 9. Hebden Royd and District swimming pool** – deferred to next meeting.
- 10. A permanent Christmas Tree installation** – The Clerk reported that two tenders had been received for the permanent electrical installation to support the Christmas Tree lights. Unfortunately these were 3 and 4 times the total budget for the project but happily Coun McLaughlan offered to do the installation as long as the Parish Council paid for the materials and someone was able to help in digging the appropriate trenches. It was suggested that this was something Coun Tasker may be willing to organise. The installation would still have to be certified by a competent electrician. It was considered that these works could easily be carried out

within the agreed budget. After a lengthy discussion it was agreed that the Chapel trustees should be asked for permission for three lighting points to be installed. These would be:-

- ✿ To provide lighting to the rejuvenated existing “Christmas Tree” by the northern main entrance to the Chapel grounds. This could be improved by removing the briar rose near the tree.
- ✿ To provide lighting to the iron archway over the southern entrance to the Chapel grounds. This and the lights at the main entrance lights would not have to be permanently lit and could be lit whenever there was an event at the Chapel.
- ✿ To provide lighting to the Leylandi growing in the Chapel grounds by the fork in the main roads.

## **11. Planning related matters**

### **11.1. Information on previous applications: –**

**10/00291/FUL for change of use from general purpose agricultural building to an Egg Packing use (Retrospective) (Amended red line) at Knowle End Farm, Staups Lane, Todmorden – withdrawn.**

**10/00356/CON for conversion of existing barn to dwelling at Barley Croft Farm, Davey Lane, Blackshaw Head – approved.**

**10/00299/HSE for a detached garage at Lower Dale, Higher Underbank, Charlestown – approved.**

### **11.2. New Planning applications: –**

**10/2/00645 for construction of a two storey extension at 8 Dry Soil, Blackshaw Head – no objection, Coun Pat Beechill abstained.**

## **12. Matters relating to highways, bridleways and footpaths –**

**12.1. Diversion of Footpath 26, at Salt Pie Farm Colden – confirmed.**

### **12.2. Other Matters**

**Old Shaw Lane –** The Clerk was asked to write to Calderdale Council asking for this bridleway, Blackshaw 22, to be made passable as a Safe Route to School and also to provide a safer route to the proposed play area.

**Hebble Hole Camping –** A complaint had been received regarding the “No camping” signs painted on a prominent rock at Hebble Hole. The Clerk was asked to contact Calderdale Council to remove it as graffiti.

**Pole Hill Moorland fire –** The Clerk was asked to write to West Yorkshire Fire Service thanking them for all their efforts in tackling the Blaze. Residents living nearby had been warned that they may have to evacuate their homes and therefore the Clerk was also asked to contact Calderdale Council to request an emergency plan for any future such eventualities.

**Cross Stone Road bus service –** A new bus service had been agreed from Todmorden Railway Station via Cross Stone Road to Blackshaw Head and the New Delight returning via Blackshaw Head, the Sportsman

and the Golf club before returning to the Todmorden Health Centre and Railway station. There would be three services in the morning and four at night that would link up with the Hebden Bridger at the New Delight. The six month trial service would be promoted at the Blackshaw Head Fete and start on 6 September 2010.

### **13. Appointment of Parish Council representatives:**

- ✚ Yorkshire Local councils Association (YLCA) – The Chairman, Vice chairman and clerk were appointed as representatives.
- ✚ Town and Parish Council Liaison Group – Coun McLaughlan with Coun Jones as deputy.
- ✚ Heptonstall Exhibitions and Richard Naylor Charities – Coun Jones.
- ✚ Pennine Horizons – no one appointed.
- ✚ Hebden Bridge Town Hall Group – Coun Sutcliffe and the Clerk.
- ✚ Friends of Colden Nature Reserve – Couns Jones, Tasker and the Clerk.
- ✚ Hebden Bridge 500 Committee – Coun Beechill.
- ✚ Old People's Welfare committee – Coun King.

### **14. Representative reports and invitations:**

- **9 June YLCA Meeting at Blackshaw** – noted.
- **20 July Town and Parish council Liaison Group** – Coun Jones to attend.
- **25 September now changed to 9 October Town and Parish Council Liaison Group** – Coun McLaughlan to attend.

### **15. Financial matters:**

- 15.1. 2010/2011 budget and balances** – the remaining budget for 2010/2011 was reported as £5,833.19 and the Council balances as £9,238.94. It was agreed to transfer £600 from the Reserve account to the Current account.
- 15.2. Reissue of previously cancelled cheque** – It was agreed to reissue the cheque for £244.76 and to pay the cancellation fee of £10.
- 15.3. Rural Action Yorkshire annual subscription** – It was agreed to pay the annual subscription of £35.
- 15.4. Additional links to the Chairman's Chain of Office** – It was agreed to seek advice from local jewellers for inserting an extra element.
- 15.5. Chairman's allowance** – it was agreed to pay the £200 Chairman's allowance.
- 15.6. Section 137 grant application from Pennine Horizons** – noted.
- 15.7. YLCA AGM refreshments** – it was agreed to pay the Chapel £100 for providing refreshments to the AGM.
- 15.8. Postage to Rural Action Yorkshire** – it was agreed to reimburse the Clerk £4.50 for sending 6 copies of the Parish Plan to RAY.

**15.9. Clerk's computer usage** – It was agreed to pay the Clerk £30 for the use of his personal computer from April to June 2010.

**15.10. Clerk's fee** – The Clerk's fee was confirmed for payment.

**16. Dates of future meetings:**

**Parish Council Meeting** – 26 July, 23 August, 27 September, 25 October, 22 November, 13 December, 24 January 2011, 28 February, 28 March, 25 April.

**WayAhead Committee Meetings** – now changed to the 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday in the month to avoid clashing with BEAT meetings consequently they are now to be held on 20 September at the Sportsman, 6 December at the New Delight and 21 March 2011 at the Sportsman.

**Annual Parish Meeting and Annual Parish Council Meeting** – 9 May 2011, venue to be confirmed.

**Signed**