

**Minutes of Blackshaw Parish Council Meeting held at Blackshaw Head Methodist Church, Old Shaw Lane, Blackshaw Head on Monday 27 September 2010.**

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

**In attendance:** The Clerk and 4 members of the public.

1. **Accepted apologies** – Frank McLaughlan.
2. **Declarations of interest in items on the agenda** – none accepted.
3. **Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 23 August** – agreed.
4. **Information on matters arising from the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 23 August:** - all matters were on the agenda.
5. **Minutes of the Special Parish Council Meeting held on 2 September** – agreed.
6. **Information on matters arising from the minutes of the Special Parish Council Meeting held on 2 September** - none.
7. **Minutes of the WayaHead Committee Meeting held on 20 September** – agreed.
8. **The new CT1 Bus Service to Todmorden** – Councillors discussed the new service which started on 6 September for a one year trial period. Comments for consideration were leaving out the section of the route from Blackshaw Head to the New Delight and the turning into the golf course. It was also felt it would be more useful if the route was extended from the Sportsman to Shore Road and the route alternated between going clockwise and anti-clockwise. Concern was also expressed that it was not possible to use Metro Day Rover tickets which would be useful for travellers continuing their journeys by bus to Burnley and elsewhere.
9. **Arrangements for a Parish Boundary Walk on 2 October** – Coun Dargan Cole outlined her proposal for a Charity Walk in aid of the Pakistan Disaster appeal. The Council agreed to sponsor the event and encourage the community to participate.
10. **The installation of permanent external lights for Christmas** – This could now go ahead as long as there was consultation with Roger Munday.
11. **The draft Local Emergency Plan** – Councillors considered the current draft. It was agreed that the Clerk should be the emergency Co-ordinator and that to ensure confidentiality for the personal details contained in the plan, Councillors would act as the next layer of co-ordination and dissemination of information. In view of the confidential nature of many of the details contained in the plan a shorter version would have to be produced for public information. It was also agreed to advertise on the Google group for more volunteers to help in and emergency and information about any vulnerable people who might need extra help in the event of an emergency.

## **12. Planning related matters**

**12.1. The review of the current criteria for considering applications for domestic wind turbines:** – There was a long discussion concerning a recently installed domestic wind turbine and the alleged noise nuisance which had resulted. It was agreed for the Clerk to write to the Environmental Health and Planning Departments of Calderdale Council giving details of the complaint and the names of complainants who had allegedly been affected. The Clerk was also asked to write and request that future planning approvals for wind turbines should have a condition attached to limit the visual impact of the colour of the turbine.

### **12.2. Information on previous planning applications –**

**10/00883/LBC for single storey rear extension at Davy Hall Cottage, Long Causeway, Blackshaw Head – approved.**

**10/00754/HSE for a single storey extension to side (East) elevation (amended scheme to 09/01273) at Sparwood, 1 turret Royd Road, Charlestown – approved.**

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

**10/2/00214 for variation of condition regarding extraction of minerals at Rock End Moor Delph, Staups Lane, Todmorden – no objection.**

**10/2/20079 Prune one tree (Tree preservation order) at Gudger, Glenn View Road, Hebden Bridge – no objection.**

## **13. Matters relating to highways, bridleways and footpaths:**

### **Results of Traffic monitoring at Glenn View and Blackshaw Head -**

The Clerk reported on the results of the monitoring and the fact that he had advertised on the Google group for assistance with analysing the results.

A proposal was made for a new bypass road to Glenn View. This was discussed but because of the costs involved could only be realistically considered in the context of a detailed planning application.

**Flooding at the Chapel –** Officers of Calderdale Council have promised action.

**Shay bend on New Shaw Road –** The egress of grass onto the road meant that the surface water on the highway was missing the gully and cutting across the road creating a serious hazard in wintery weather.

**Other Matters –** Following flooding of the highway near Bracewell Hall on Badger Lane the Clerk was asked to write to Calderdale Council about the lack of maintenance of ditches in the Parish and requesting a copy of the maintenance schedule. The lack of maintenance was exaggerated by the infrequency with which the verges were cut which meant that the egress of grass onto the highway prevented water being drained away into the existing road gullies. The Clerk was also asked to write to the Police requesting that they carried out more speed checks in Blackshaw Head as traffic has increased since the gas main works in Colden.

**14. Representative reports and invitations:**

- **4 September Blackshaw Head Fete** – It just keeps getting better.
- **7 September Town Hall users group** – The Clerk and Coun Sutcliffe attended.
- **9 October Annual Town and Parish Council Liaison Group** – Councillors Sutcliffe, Jones and King agreed to attend. Coun Beechill gave her apologies and the Clerk was asked to write to Councillors who had not yet responded.

**15. Financial matters:**

- 15.1. 2010/2011 budget and balances** – the remaining budget for 2010/2011 was reported as £4,392.83 and the Council balances as £7,795.66. It was agreed to transfer £290 from the Reserve Account to the Current Account.
- 15.2. Printer cartridge** – It was agreed to reimburse the Clerk £39.99 including Vat for a new printer cartridge.
- 15.3. Computer use** – It was agreed to reimburse the Clerk £30 for computer use in July, August and September.
- 15.4. Clerk's fee** – The Clerk's fee was confirmed for payment.

**16. Dates of future meetings:**

**Parish Council Meeting** – 25 October, 22 November, 13 December, 24 January 2011, 28 February, 28 March, 25 April.

**WayaHead Committee Meetings** – 6 December at the Sportsman and 21 March 2011 at the Sportsman.

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

**Signed**