

Minutes of Blackshaw Parish Council Meeting held at Blackshaw Head Methodist Church, Old Shaw Lane, Blackshaw Head on Monday 24 January 2011.

Present: Councillors Dorothy Sutcliffe (Vice chairman), Carol King, Frank McLaughlan, Michelle Dargan-Cole, Sally Jones and 3 members of the public.

In attendance: The Clerk.

- 1. Accepted apologies** – Pat Beechill.
- 2. Declarations of interest in items on the agenda** – none accepted.
- 3. Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 13 December** – agreed.
- 4. Information on matters arising from the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 13 December:** -

The Clerk attended the Planning Committee of Calderdale Council to represent the Parish Council and object to a planning application for a “Duck shed” at Knowle End Farm. Cllr Battye also attended and spoke but despite their vigorous objections the application was approved. Unfortunately the Clerk was not recognised as representing the Parish Council and in future situations of this kind the Council should be represented by a Parish Councillor and not the Clerk.

- 5. Minutes of the Special Parish Council Meeting held on 5 January 2011** – agreed.
- 6. Minutes of the WayaHead Committee Meeting held on 17 January 2011** – agreed.
- 7. Matters arising from the WayaHead Committee Meeting held on 17 January** –
The WayaHead Committee had requested a £100 budget to fund a Dog Poo poster competition with 1st, 2nd and 3rd prizes at Colden and Hebden Royd Junior and Infants Schools. The proposal was agreed and would be included in the Parish Council Budget for 2011/12.
- 8. Village Cleanup** – It was agreed to organise and provide insurance cover for a cleanup in and around Blackshaw Head on at 10.30am on Saturday 29 January.
- 9. The Lancashire minerals and waste development framework** – noted.
- 10. Planning related matters**

10.1. Information on previous planning applications – no new information was available.

10.2. New Planning applications:-

10/01477/HSE for a 2 storey side extension to east elevation and porch to west elevation at Wood Farm, Turret Hall Road, Charlestown – It was agreed to have a site meeting at 2pm on Saturday 5 February.

HX7 6NS; 10/01587/FUL for retention of existing roof-top solar panels (retrospective), retention of three storage containers to rear yard

(retrospective) and additional proposed solar photo-voltaic panels to the container roofs at 2 Sandbeds, Halifax Road, Charlestown, HX7 6PT – It was agreed to have a site meeting following that at Wood Farm, see above.

11. Matters relating to highways, bridleways and footpaths: -

The Clerk had been advised that there may be money available for drainage work to local footpaths and following consultations it was decided to reaffirm the priority for Old Shaw Lane, Blackshaw bridleway 22. The Clerk had received an email from Calderdale Council that they have the funds to resolve the drainage problems of the bridleway this financial year but not the surface. They are also scoping the work to the lower end of the bridleway to improve safety for pedestrians.

The Parish Council also decided to support suggestions made by local people for work to improve the drainage at the following:-
Blackshaw 63 from White Windows between the stone walls going South towards Jumble Hole Clough.
Blackshaw 59 from the kissing gate at Hippins going easterly between the stone walls.
Blackshaw 20 Higher Back Lane especially from its junction with Blackshaw 16 and going easterly towards Old Shaw Lane.
Trimmer Lane, Blackshaw Head at Higher Earnshaw Water going north from Long Causeway. From the maps and descriptions available this could be Blackshaw 47 but the maps are a little confused.

Comment was also made that the steps on the Calderdale and Pennine Way going north into Colden Clough and the Clapper Bridge were in a dangerous state and in need of urgent action. The Clerk was asked to contact Calderdale Council for remedial action.

The Clerk was also asked to report the leaking fire hydrant point on Long Causeway opposite Lower Moss Hall Farm.

Complaint was made about the recyclable rubbish which is blown from the SITA Recycling lorry in particular from the top of Mytholm Steeps to Pry Farm on Badger Lane.

12. The draft local emergency plan – This will be considered in more detail at the next meeting.

13. Representative reports and invitations:

- **17 December Town Hall User Group** – The Clerk and Cllr Sutcliffe attended.
- **29 January Consultation on the budget for Adults, Health and social care** – Cllr McLaughlan to attend.
- **31 January Fete AGM** – noted
- **4 February Town Hall User Group** – Cllr Sutcliffe and the Clerk to attend.

- **12 February Localism Seminar** – All Cllrs expected to attend.
- **16 February “More than a Home”** – Cllr Sutcliffe and the Clerk to attend.
- **17 February Prospective Councillors Seminar** – The Chairman, Cllr Sutcliffe and the Clerk to attend.
- **10, 11, 12 June Great Poppy Party Weekend** – Tim Cole was volunteered to consider the matter.
- **March Learning and Development programme** – noted.

14. Financial matters:

- 14.1. 2010/2011 budget and balances** – the remaining budget for 2010/2011 was reported as £2,912.16 and the Council balances estimated as £5,957.96. It was agreed to transfer £220 from the Reserve Account to the Current Account.
- 14.2. Draft budget for 2011/2012** – The budget and proposed standstill on the precept were agreed, including a separate item of £100 deducted from the Miscellaneous budget and allocated to the WayaHead Committee proposal for a Dog Poo poster competition.
- 14.3. Flowers for a previous Councillor** – It was agreed to reimburse Coun Sutcliffe £ for flowers for a previous Councillor on her 100th birthday. The invoice would be submitted to the next meeting.
- 14.4. Clerk’s fee** – The Clerk’s fee was confirmed for payment.

15. Dates of future meetings:

Parish Council Meeting – 28 February, 28 March, 17 April.

WayaHead Committee Meetings – 21 March at Stubbings Wharf.

Annual Parish Meeting and Annual Parish Council Meeting – 9 May 2011 at a venue to be confirmed.

Signed