

Minutes of Blackshaw Parish Council Meeting held at Blackshaw Head Methodist Chapel, Blackshaw Head, on Monday 26 September 2011.

Present: Cllrs Dorothy Sutcliffe (Chairman), Pat Beechill, Tim Cole, Steve Hoyle, Chris Lund, Carol King, Mick Davies and 6 members of the public.

In attendance: Lars Hansen, the Clerk.

- 1. Accepted apologies** – all the Councillors were present.
- 2. Declarations of interest in items on the agenda** – none were declared.
- 3. Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 22 August** – agreed.
- 4. Matters arising from the Parish Council Meeting held on 22 August** –
Dog poo poster competition – Some members were given copies of the new posters for distribution.
- 5. “How to make Blackshaw more sustainable”** – Andrew Mossman gave a detailed presentation on behalf of BEAT demonstrating how BEAT was working towards fulfilling the Parish Plan, make Blackshaw more sustainable and its intention to establish a community enterprise to generate green energy and a source of income for community use.
- 6. Charlestown issues** – There was a lively discussion about issues in Charlestown and how they could best be dealt with. It was agreed to consult local residents; start a campaign and take advice on how best to proceed with Officers of Calderdale Council
- 7. Blackshaw Autumn Clean up** – It was agreed to sponsor the local Autumn Cleanup on 15 October and any future village cleanups for the foreseeable future by working with local environmental groups.
- 8. Planning related matters:** -
 - 8.1. Feedback on previous planning applications:** –
08/01580/NMA to substitute sewage treatment plant for connection to main drain at Upper Blackshaw Royd, Marsh Lane Blackshaw Head – A letter had been received from the Head of Planning at Calderdale Council explaining why there was no problem even though the website had given no reassurance as to why the decision had been made. The Clerk was asked to write and thank the Officer for the explanation and to assure him that we would continue to monitor the situation.
11/2159253/NWF for the relocation of an existing Evoco 10kW wind turbine on a 12m monopole at Badgerfields Farm, Badger Lane – This was now going to appeal.
 - 8.2. New planning applications:** -
11/01013/FUL for a two storey extension to existing holiday cottage at The Barn, Staups Lane, Todmorden – no objection;
11/00951/HSE for a first floor extension above existing garage, two storey and single storey extension to rear and new porch to front elevation at 4 Pennine View, Blackshaw Head, HX7 7JS – no objection.

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

Vehicle Activated Signs – Concern was raised about the effectiveness of the Vehicle Activated Signs and other traffic management measures in Blackshaw Head. The Clerk was asked to Calderdale Council asking for a comprehensive review of the scheme.

M62 Junction 25 to junction 30 Managed Motorway Scheme – The Clerk had received a letter asking if he wanted information on progress on the scheme. The Clerk had responded and requested such information to be able to pass it on to residents travelling East on the M62.

10. Review of the May 2011 elections and referendum – Generally the Council was happy with the arrangements but concern was raised about how costs were allocated between the District and Parish Councils. It was agreed that in instances where the District Council was conducting its own elections then the Parish Councils should only be charged the marginal cost of holding the Parish Elections and not have to share costs 50:50 with the District Council.

11. Charlestown community garden and allotments – It was reported that there appeared to be little interest in a community garden. It was therefore agreed to organise a meeting as soon as possible with people interested in having allotments on the Charlestown site. The Clerk reported that following a series of telephone conversations the community asset transfer requests for the Charlestown allotment site and Great Rock would be considered by Officers of Calderdale Council on 5 October. The Clerk had been assured that should the Officers recommend anything other than a freehold transfer of the two sites the Parish Council would be consulted.

12. The Queen's Diamond Jubilee celebrations – It was agreed to discuss proposals at the next meeting.

13. Representative reports and invitations:

- **13 September Town and Parish Council Liaison Group at Hebden Bridge Town Hall** – In addition to Cllr Lund, the usual representative, Cllrs Hoyle, Sutcliffe and the Clerk also attended to comment on the proposed Calderdale Council Conservation Strategy. As a result Lauren Clarkson, a Calderdale Conservation Officer, agreed to attend a future meeting of the Parish Council to discuss how the rich rural areas, and in particular the unique industrial heritage of Calderdale could be better be conserved.
- **1 October Annual Town and Parish Council Liaison Group** – All Members and the Clerk agreed to attend.
- **3 October Planning Impact Training** – Cllrs Cole, Davies and Hoyle to attend.
- **13 October Calder Valley Ward Forum** – Cllr Lund to attend.
- **10.30am 16 October Blackshaw PC Chairman's Civic Service** – Members were all invited to attend.
- **21 October Housing and Environment Autumn Tour** – Cllrs Sutcliffe, Hoyle, Davies and King agreed to attend.

- **15 November “What Councillors need to know”** – Cllr Hoyle to attend.
- **9 December Hebden Bridge Teenage Cancer Appeal Charity concert** – noted.

14. Financial matters:

14.1. 2011/2012 budget and balances – The remaining budget for 2011/2012 was reported as £5,477.00 and the Council balances as £7,712.98. It was agreed to transfer £440 from the Reserve Account to the Current Account.

14.2. New authorised banking signatures – Arrangements were made for the last Councillor to have his credentials checked.

14.3. UpBeat newsletter – It was agreed to pay a £50 section 137 grant towards the cost of printing UpBeat.

14.4. “What Councillors need to know” training course – It was agreed to pay YLCA £35 for Cllr Hoyle to attend.

14.5. Clipboards – it was agreed to reimburse Clerk £11.98 for 2 clipboards.

14.6. The Clerk’s monthly salary, income tax and computer allowance – The Clerk’s salary minus tax, £10 monthly computer allowance and the quarterly payment to HMRC were confirmed for payment.

15. Dates of future meetings:

Parish Council Meeting: - 24 October, 28 November, 12 December, 23 January 2012, 27 February, 26 March, 23 April.

WayAhead Meetings: - 17 October at the Stubbing Wharf, 20 February 2012 at The New Delight.

Annual Parish Meeting and Annual Parish Council Meeting - 7 or 28 May 2012 at Hebden Bridge Town Hall.

Signed