

Minutes of Blackshaw Annual Parish Meeting held at the Council Chamber, Hebden Bridge Town Hall, Hebden Bridge on Monday 28 May 201.

Present: Councillors Dorothy Sutcliffe (Chairman), Tim Cole, Carol King, Pat Beechill, Steve Hoyle, Chris Lund, a pigeon and 10 members of the public.

Apologies: Cllr Mick Davies.

In attendance: Lars Hansen (Parish Clerk).

1. **Welcome** – The Chair welcomed everyone who was present.
2. **Minutes of the Annual Parish Council Meeting held on 9 May 2011** – agreed.
3. **Annual Report of the Chairman of the Parish Council** – The Chairman, Cllr Dorothy Sutcliffe started by thanking the Councillors and Clerk for all their hard work over the past year in particular with regard to the asset transfers and the site clearance of the proposed allotment site at Charlestown. She also thanked Ward Councillor Janet Battye and Blackshaw Head Methodist Church of which she was a proud member. The Chairman also presented the Annual Report which had previously been sent in the form of the Annual newsletter, to every household on the Electoral Register.
4. **A safe Route to School in Charlestown** – In the absence of Cllr Mick Davies the Clerk read his report on providing safer walking routes into Hebden Bridge, traffic speeds and bus stops. This was discussed and it was agreed to continue the pressure for remedial action by residents attending the next Ward Forum on 19 June.
5. **The future of www.blackshaw.net** – The Clerk reported on the problems being experience by the website being hacked by a Russian Viagra seller. The meeting agreed that the website should be preserved and suggested there should be a special meeting to discuss the website, Blackshaw Google group and broadband availability, this could be at the next WayaHead Meeting.
6. **Great Rock** – Cllr Tim Cole invited everyone to come to the first Annual Picnic at Great Rock on 30 June when the future of the site could be discussed. The whole Parish had previously been invited through the Annual Parish Newsletter. One concern was how to prevent cars driving onto the site from the western side of the site.
7. **The Woodman Inn eyesore** – The Clerk explained the difficulties of trying to get the site developed. The development by Calderdale Council of a “Local Plan” presented an opportunity to change the rules that are inhibiting redevelopment.
8. **Other issues** – Residents raised the problem of the E bus to Blackshaw Head. The Clerk explained that there had been some progress because of the support of Ward Councillors and officers of Calderdale Council. Residents and Councillors were asked to continue to inform the Clerk of missing busses. These are all being forwarded via Calderdale Council to

Metro and have resulted in the proposed starting date for starting the new contract from the end of July to the middle of June. The Clerk was also asked to write and involve the local MP.

- 9. Donations from the Chairman's Appeal** – The Chairman Cllr Dorothy Sutcliffe made donations from her charity appeal to the Children's Charity "Candlelighters", the Charlestown Allotment group, Oakville Residents and the local history Group, SHED. Oakville Residents were congratulated on their success in getting "Village Green" status for the Penn. Charlestown Allotment Group were also congratulated on their hard work in clearing the proposed site.
- 10. Honouring Cllr Dorothy Sutcliffe** – At the previous meeting of the Parish Council it had been decided to grant Cllr Dorothy Sutcliffe the Honorary Freedom of Blackshaw Parish. Cllr Tim Cole read out a long statement of Dorothy's many achievements and tried to explain what the "Honour" involved. Apparently amongst other things it also had something to do with sheep.
- 11. WayaHead Committee** – The Clerk explained the role of the Committee and invited residents to join and attend the next meeting on 18 June at the Stubbing Wharf Inn.
- 12. Open Forum** – No further issues were raised.
- 13. Date of next Annual Parish Meeting** - 20 May 2013.

Signed