

Minutes of Blackshaw Parish Council Meeting held at Blackshaw Head Methodist Chapel, Blackshaw Head, on Monday 23 April 2012.

Present: Cllrs Dorothy Sutcliffe (Chairman), Chris Lund, Carol King, Mick Davies, Pat Beechill, Tim Cole, Ward Cllr Janet Battye and 1 member of the public.

In attendance: Lars Hansen, the Clerk.

- 1. Accepted apologies** – Cllr Steve Hoyle and Tim Cole for being unavoidably late.
- 2. Declarations of interest in items on the agenda** – None were declared.
- 3. Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 26 March** – agreed.
- 4. Matters arising from the Parish Council Meeting held on 26 March:** -all relevant items were on the agenda.
- 5. Progress on the Charlestown allotments site** – The Planning approval was given on 27 March 2012 but the asset transfer is still moving very slowly. The Clerk was congratulated for persuading Calderdale Council not to charge legal fees. The tree felling is now complete as a result of lot of hard work by volunteers including a local Tree Surgeon. The branches still need chipping and the roots to be removed. Calderdale Local Orchard Group and local residents were to be consulted on the replanting schedule. There was a discussion about the fencing adjacent to the Naze and it was agreed that this should be discussed with the owner of the Naze prior to seeking the permission of the Planning Officers.
- 6. Asset Transfer of Great Rock to the Parish** – This is also going slowly but the Heads of Terms for the transfer have finally been suggested. The main outstanding issue appears to be responsibility for the upkeep of the boundary walls and Calderdale Council had been asked to check.
- 7. The Queen's Diamond Jubilee** – Cllr Cole reported on details for the Time Capsule and there was a discussion about where it could be buried. Cllr Beechill reported that the beacon would be erected for lighting at the appropriate time. The overall programme of events was also discussed and it was agreed that it should be publicised in the annual Parish Newsletter.
 - 7.1. Nominating a QE II field** – noted.
- 8. The future of the Parish Council Website** – The Webmaster attended for the discussion and recommended the closing of the Parish Council website. This suggestion that the Website could be closed had been mentioned on the Google Group but there had only been 2 comments, which would indicate a low level of interest. The Clerk was asked to publicise the proposal to close the site in the Annual Newsletter and the Webmaster was thanked for all his work.
- 9. Planning related matters:** -
 - 9.1. Feedback on previous planning applications:** –

12/00152/FUL for a detached stable block at Badger House, Badger Lane, Blackshaw Head – approved.

12/00082/FUL for creation of an allotment site by the provision of fences, footpaths, sheds, greenhouses and hen hut on land adjacent to the Naze, Ingle Dene, Charlestown - approved.

12/00068/FUL for conversion of 2/3rds of existing garage/stable to form one bed granny annex at West Gable, The Long Causeway, Blackshaw Head – approved.

12/00064/FUL for installation of a 12m high Wind Turbine at Warcock Hill Farm, The Long Causeway, Blackshaw Head – approved.

12/00051/FUL for installation of a 6 KW wind turbine on a 9 metre pole at 4 Badger Lane, Blackshaw Head - approved.

9.2. Developing a Neighbourhood Plan – In the absence of Cllr Hoyle this would be placed on the next agenda.

10. Support and services to the voluntary sector in Calderdale –

Members were asked to pass their comments to the Clerk by 27 April.

11. The future use of the Parish Council Projector – The Clerk was asked to consult the local schools about the future use of the projector.

12. Matters relating to highways, bridleways and footpaths: - Cllr Davies reported on a very useful meeting and walk with Ward Cllrs and Officers of Calderdale Council regarding Burnley Road. Some limited improvements had been suggested as well as the possible moving of the bus stops to allow for safer access. The mobile speed camera would also be used to check on adherence to the 30mph speed limit.

13. Granting the Freedom of the Parish to Cllr Dorothy Sutcliffe – agreed that this should be done at the Annual Parish Meeting.

14. Representative reports and invitations:

- **29 March “Planning for the future of your Neighbourhood” –** Cllr Hoyle attended a very useful meeting.
- **22 April Gala Opening of Hebden Bridge Picture House –** Cllrs Sutcliffe, Beechill and the Clerk attended this delightful evening event.
- **12 June Town and Parish Council Liaison Group at Hebden Town Hall –** Cllr Lund to attend.
- **6 October Town and Parish Council Annual Conference –** everyone to attend.

15. Financial matters:

15.1. 2011/2012 Draft accounts – approved for sending to the internal auditor.

15.2. 2012/2013 budget, variances and balances – The remaining budget and suggested variances for 2012/2013 were reported as £7,964 and the Council balances as £10,237.67. It was agreed to transfer £4,625 from the Current Account to the Reserve Account.

15.3. New authorised banking signatures – Apparently the form has now changed. As a result Members resolved the following and completed the new form.

The **Signing Rules** in the current Mandate, for the Accounts detailed in section 2 of the form, be replaced in accordance with section 4 and

The **Authorised Signatories** in the current mandate, for the Accounts detailed in section 2 in the form, be changed in accordance with section 5.

15.4. Section 137 grant application from Relate – noted.

15.5. The Annual YLCA subscription – It was agreed to pay £256 for the 2012/2013 annual subscription.

15.6. Annual Insurance Premium – It was agreed to pay £536.65 for the 2011/2012 Annual Insurance premium.

15.7. The Clerk's monthly salary and computer allowance – The Clerk's salary plus £10 monthly computer allowance were confirmed for payment.

16. Dates of future meetings:

Parish Council Meeting: - 25 June, 23 July, 20 August, 24 September, 22 October, 26 November, 17 December, 25 January 2013, 22 February, 27 March.

Wayahead Meetings: - 18 June at Stubbing Wharf, 15 October at The New Delight, 18 February at Stubbing Wharf.

Annual Parish Meeting and Annual Parish Council Meeting - 28 May 2012, 27 May 2013 at Hebden Bridge Town Hall.

Signed