

Minutes of Blackshaw Parish Council Meeting held at Blackshaw Head Methodist Chapel, Blackshaw Head, on Monday 25 June 2012.

Present: Cllrs Carol King (Chairman, Dorothy Sutcliffe, Mick Davies, Pat Beechill, Steve Hoyle and 3 members of the public.

In attendance: Lars Hansen, the Clerk.

- 1. Accepted apologies** – Cllrs Tim Cole and Chris Lund.
- 2. Declarations of interest in items on the agenda** – Cllrs Dorothy Sutcliffe, Pat Beechill and Steve Hoyle with regard to item 15.2 regarding Blackshaw Arts and Crafts Group.
- 3. Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 26 March** – agreed.
- 4. Matters arising from the Parish Council Meeting held on 26 March:** -
 - **Calder Valley Relay Race** – The Clerk was asked to send a letter of thanks to the organisers and to thank them for their contribution towards the proposed Play area.
 - **Calderdale Small Grants Panel** – Cllr Mick Davies was unsuccessful in getting elected.
 - **The Queen's Jubilee celebrations** – The Clerk was asked to write to Lorraine Riley to thank her and her friends for organising the children's event. He was also asked to write to Cllrs Cole and Tim Cole for their tremendous effort in organising the events. The Chairman Cllr Carol King was thanked for her speech at the Beacon event.
- 5. Minutes of the WayaHead Committee 18 June** – noted.
- 6. Progress on the Charlestown Allotments site** – Most of the site clearance is now complete. Agreement has been reached with the Planning Department about the sheds, greenhouses, hen hut and fencing. Advice was still awaited on the question of the fence against the Naze. Discussions involving BEAT, CLOG and the allotment group about the Orchard were still ongoing. The allotment group have requested an estimate for the installation of a water supply.

There had been a request from a resident of Ingle Dene for a windbreak of Poplar trees to be erected in gaps in the hedge with the Naze. Cllr Cole had met with the resident but further investigation was required regarding the feasibility. There would also have to be agreement with the owner of the Naze regarding the fence and suggested windbreak.

It was expected that the lease would be signed within 2 to 3 weeks and it was hoped that agreement on the Planning conditions could be reached before then.
- 7. Asset Transfer of Great Rock to the Parish** – It was expected that the transfer would take place within 2 to 3 weeks. There is a picnic at 12 noon on 30 June to celebrate the transfer.
- 8. A new Code of Conduct** – Following advice from Calderdale Council it was agreed that from 1 July 2012 the provisions of the Code of Conduct for Members which existed prior to 1 July 2012, with the exception of

paragraphs 8, 9 and 10 relating to personal and prejudicial interests which are replaced by the provisions relating to Disclosable Pecuniary Interests set out in the Relevant Authorities (Disclosable Pecuniary Interests) Regulations 2012, be adopted as the Council's Code of Conduct for Members. The Clerk was taking further advice on the question of dispensations from declaring an interest.

9. Blackshaw Parish Emergency Plan – Calderdale Council had stated that the Plan did everything it should. It identified the dangers, identified those that may need help, identifies who is prepared/able to provide that help and then identifies where temporary accommodation is available. However it had been suggested that the telephone numbers of vulnerable people should be added as well as the emergency numbers for Calderdale Council. With those amendments the plan was adopted and it was agreed that the Clerk would prepare a flyer which would include all the emergency telephone numbers including Parish Councillor's numbers.

10. Planning related matters: -

10.1. Feedback on previous planning applications: –

12/20033/TPO to prune trees (Tree Preservation Order) for land to east of Nabby Nook, Pennine Way, Charlestown - approved.

12/00413/FUL and 12/00414/LBC Single storey Extension to south elevation to provide granny annexe (Listed Building Consent) at 1 Top O Th Hill, School Land Lane, Blackshaw Head – approved.

10.2. Developing a Neighbourhood Plan – Cllr Hoyle reported back on various meetings and courses he had attended regarding Neighbourhood Plans. It was agreed that efforts should be made instead to influence the Calderdale Local Plan about matters of concern such as the development of the Callis Mill and Woodman Inn sites.

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

- Complaint was made about the overflowing ditches on Badger Lane, in particular by Bracewell Hall. The Clerk was asked to request Calderdale to do a survey of the highway gully covers, many of which were completely overgrown.
- The Council agreed to coordinate a campaign reinstate the 23.35 flexi-bus. It was agreed to use the Google group to lobby Calderdale Council, Ward Councillors and the local MP. The new flexi-bus will only pick up passengers at the train station and Hope St. and drop off by request. It will not even pick up for the return journey.
- Cllr Davies reported that the response from Calderdale Council at the Ward Forum about the problems of the A646 in Charlestown had been very disappointing. As a result the matter had again been put on the agenda for the next Ward Forum on 2 October.

12. Dog Control Orders – These were discussed. The Clerk reported that he had sought clarification about its operation in woodland and on moorland. This might require consideration of the need for more litter bins.

13. Litter bins – A local resident had requested more litter bins for “unsavoury” dog faeces. The discussion was deferred until the next meeting when hopefully Cllr Cole would be able to attend.

14. Representative reports and invitations:

- **12 June Town and Parish Council Liaison Group at Hebden Town Hall** – Cllr Lund attended and had reported back on problems associated with the new planning website.
- **12 June Transport consultation** – It was still possible to comment during this week.
- **19 June Ward Forum** – This was well attended and dominated by complaints about the poor bus service. There was also a disappointing report back on the problems of the A646 and a slightly more helpful a progress report a Code of Conduct for Mountain Bikers.
- **23 June Grand opening of Hebden Bridge Town Hall** – Cllr Sutcliffe opened the new Town Hall together with 2 young people who had won a writing competition on their vision for the future of Hebden Bridge.
- **2 October Ward Forum** – Members were advised to attend to lobby for improvements for the A646.
- **6 October Town and Parish Council Annual Conference** – everyone is expected to attend.

15. Financial matters:

15.1. 2012/2013 budget, variances and balances – The remaining budget and variances for 2012/2013 were reported as £6,426.03 and the Council balances as £8,762.78. It was agreed to transfer £475 from the Reserve Account to the Current Account.

15.2. Section 137 grant application from Blackshaw Head Arts and Crafts Group – It was agreed to award £50 for framing a commemorative collage.

15.3. Section 137 grant towards insulation work at Blackshaw Head Chapel – Deferred to next meeting.

15.4. Flowers for the Honorary Freewoman of Blackshaw – it was agreed to reimburse the Clerk £33.70.

15.5. Room hire at Stubbing Wharf – It was agreed to reimburse the Clerk £30.

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

15.7. HMRC Quarterly income tax – it was agreed to pay HMRC.

16. Dates of future meetings:

Parish Council Meeting: - 23 July, 20 August, 24 September, 22 October, 26 November, 17 December, 28 January 2013, 25 February, 26 March, 22 April.

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

Annual Parish Meeting and Annual Parish Council Meeting - 20 May 2013 at Hebden Bridge Town Hall.

Signed