

Draft minutes of the meeting of Blackshaw Parish Council held on Monday 23rd March 2015 at Blackshawhead Methodist Church

Present: Cllr. Mick Davies (in the Chair), Cllr. Steve Hoyle, Cllr. Dorothy Sutcliffe, Cllr. Carol King, Cllr Tim Cole and three members of the public.

In attendance: Catherine Bann (Clerk)

1. **Apologies:** Cllr Lund
2. **Declarations of interest – None.**
3. **Minutes of the Parish Council meeting 23rd February 2015 –** Agreed as correct record and signed by Chairman.
4. **Matters Arising from PC meeting 23rd February 2015 –**
 - 4.1 Information regarding Charlestown Rec. Map provided by CMBC of the area boundary.
5. **Report from Allotment meeting of 16th March.** Had a good year and they'll be having an even better one next year. Talked about community areas needing maintenance. Removal of himalayan balsam, mid June/early July. Broken fence post -will get an 8' post and will let Steve know. Tree protectors have been dropped off. Boundary fence has broken, Cllr Davies spoke to owner and he was happy to let allotment group do whatever they felt appropriate. Maybe they could extend fence they've already got. They'll get that costed up. Total expenditure on allotments 109.19, income £80. But that included installation of water supply, so it was agreed to roll that over. Grass cutting – still croci and daffs. Need to properly examine what needs doing before next meeting. Then specify in writing what needs to be done, and get a few quotes. Planning to do a clear up day. Sunday 29th March. Councillors to visit plots for annual inspection friday 10th April at 10am.
6. Election details / papers etc. Remind people on googlegroups about nominations. At the Ward Forum Cllr Davies encouraged people to stand for election, and to write to HebWeb & HB Times. Cllr Hoyle to forward address of googlegroups/ email to Christophe.
7. Request for funding from BPC for student apprenticeships in twin towns - from Hebden Bridge Twinning Society. At last meeting it was agreed to write and ask approximately how much money they were asking for. The response to this was in the region of £200, but that BPC is best placed to make that decision. Proposal to grant £100 was agreed, subject to HBTS accounts being received and approved by Cllr Davies.
8. Correspondence relating to Copley Holme; the plot of land off Cowside Road. Noted. Thanks to owners for passing on information.

To consider planning related matters:-

To receive information on previous planning applications and enforcement notices:

9.1.1 14/00055/FUL | Installation and commissioning of one 10kw wind turbine Barley Croft Farm Davey Lane Blackshaw Head HX7 7JG – appeal allowed. Not possible for us to challenge this. Worth exploring with Calderdale about issues on specifications or restrictions we'd want if CMBC did allow a turbine.

9.1.2 13/00943/FUL | Change of Use of Riverdene House, Riverdene Cottage and Riverdene Bunk Barn to form 3 Separate Dwellings and Change of Use of Stables and Exercise Compound from being associated with Holiday Accommodation Use | Riverdene House Jack Bridge Smithy Lane Colden HX7 7HN - permitted.

9.1.3 14/01501/HSE | Proposed stabilisation works and extension to living area | Delmont Under Cragg Charlestown HX7 6NX - permitted

9.1.4 14/01490/HSE | Two-storey extension to existing dwelling and replacement garage/workshop | Lower Badger Cottage Lane Head Blackshaw Head HX7 7JP – permitted.

9.1.5 14/01507/192 | Conversion of outbuilding to summerhouse (Lawful Development Certificate) | Rawtonstall House Dark Lane Blackshaw Head HX7 7JR – permitted.

9.2 Update from Anne Markwell, Enforcement Team Leader - None

9.3 To consider new planning applications (these can be viewed via Calderdale Council website using the reference number shown):

9.3.1 14/56021/CLASMB | Prior approval application for a change of use from Agricultural building to two dwellings (C3) | Barn West Of 5 New Road Blackshaw Head Hebden Bridge Calderdale. Comment put that if a few homes were built then we'd have a case to avoid major development in future. This type of housing fulfilling local need. Brief discussion about concerns raised by one councillor regarding water and sewage provision. Appellant agreed to contact environmental services at CMBC. Proposal to support the application. Agreed with 2 abstentions.

9.3.2 14/00088/FUL | Conversion of and extension to existing building to form a brewery (part retrospective) (Amended description) | Mouse Nest The Long Causeway Blackshaw Head HX7 7JB Measurements and descriptions didn't coincide. Description now match measurements on the plan. Our position is that BPC couldn't make a decisions, this position hasn't changed.

10. To consider matters relating to highways, bridleways and footpaths

- 10.1 Progress on Jumble Hole bridleway – not sure when it will be finalised. Wall finished today, but with heavy plant, a section of wall has collapsed further down the lane 2m by 1m, and this will be rectified. On damn side there should be access restored by Thursday this week. Job should be finished by 16th April.
- 10.2 Halifax Lane Bridleway update – no signs yet, and scramblers been up again, also someone trying to drive up there. Carol to send photos, and clerk to send chasing email.
- 10.3 Mytholm Steps now fixed and much better – email from Donna Goodman passing on thanks to parish council for their work on making this happen.

11. To consider the following financial matters:

- 11.1 The budget left is £1206.57 (2014/15) and balances of accounts is £5983.43
- 11.2 Agreed to pay £80 to Print Bureau Hebden Bridge for newsletter printing.
- 11.3 Agreed to reimburse the Clerk £137 for postage stamps for newsletter mail-out. (It was mentioned that franking may be cheaper, and we should ask Hebden Royd about franking machine)
- 11.4 To confirm payment of the Clerk's monthly salary.

To consider representative reports and invitations:

Calder Ward Forum - 18th March. Short shrift was given to BT person who claimed that fibre broadband to Jack Bridge was super fast. Heptonstall representatives also unhappy. One of our parishioners has discovered the existence of superfast grants for small businesses from government. Available in our area, and might be able to solve our problem, because if communities make a contribution then Superfast WY would consider extending the fibre. There are around 20 sole trader and businesses in Blackshaw area and if each got a grant this would certainly help. James Cartwright will undertake to look into this if parish council happy with progressing this. Agreed. John Bullivent is Superfast West Yorkshire contact. Cllr Davies wants to make point that this isn't providing superfast to 90% of properties and therefore could this be described as being a successful project? Are Superfast WY meeting their contract requirements. Item on Calder Holmes park. Mick Harrop organising public survey on opinions on the park and what changes could be made to make it safer. Discussion about drinking and drugs, CMBC trying to work out what they could do to make improvements. Main item for next meeting – uplands management, policing it etc.

Community Project Board - Thursday 19th March - Flood Board – DEFRA project on resilience almost finished and money spent. Three of flood stores now in-situ, with 2 to go (Murts and Bridge Lane car park.) Board wants to continue, to provide ongoing support, and morph into community resilience board, liaising with CMBC, fire, environment agency, hold events periodically, highlight siren testing, keeping things ticking over. Pushing hard to CMBC to identify funds for this ongoing support. Just got £93,000 for damage repair from last floods. Many costs have already been paid, so it's mainly officer time funding that is needed. One of things to do is get local contractors hooked up with insurance companies. Quite likely CMBC will agree to keep something going. One of most exciting things to come out of DEFRA project – Eye on Calderdale website, general purpose, emergency planning, Met office, EA, police etc. Brings up all relevant flood/weather warnings. Also roadworks. Crowd sourcing – people can add to it with pins, e.g. noting where a new hole has appeared. Help for neighbours not on internet. Also useful contacts in case of emergencies. Can we maybe incorporate all this into our emergency plan? If anyone interested in applying for grant from Ward Forum, then the details are with the clerk. Sponsor skip for spring clean for residents? Might be worth us as a parish next year getting skips.

Hebden Bridge Flood group - AGM 25th March, 5.30 at the Town Hall. Cllr Hoyle and Cllr Sutcliffe to go down. Ordinary meeting: 6th May, 5.30 at the Town Hall. (more publicity needed for flood work)

Town & Parish Liaison Group – next meeting tbc

Neighbourhood planning meeting: Monday 30th March 2015 at Hebden Town Hall, 7pm – Cllr Davies to go. Would like to run fete field, for example, through their scoring index as it would help to inform conversation at Neighbourhood Planning.

Pennine Horizons e-trails – Tuesday 24th March, 7-9pm Birchcliffe Centre. (Birchcliffe centre coming to Methodist Church for local history project to do some scanning.- 24th April)

Dates of future meetings:-

Parish Council Meetings: - 27 April, at Blackshaw Head Methodist Church, 18th May, 22nd June, 27th July

.WayHead meeting – 15 June 2015, Council Chamber, Hebden Bridge Town Hall

Annual Parish Meeting and Annual Parish Council Meeting – 18th May 2015 at Hebden Bridge Town Hall.

Signed *Catherine Bann*
Clerk to the Parish Council