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# **BLACKSHAW PARISH COUNCIL**

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## **Draft Minutes of Parish Council Meeting Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2016 at Blackshawhead Methodist Church,**

**Present: Councillors Davies, Butterworth, Sutcliffe, Goodman, Neill and King**

1. Apologies for absences previously notified to the Clerk. Councillor Geldard
2. Declarations of interest in items on the agenda. Cllr Sutcliffe declared an interest in item 11.4 and stepped back from that decision
3. Confirmed the minutes of Parish Council meeting on 25<sup>th</sup> January 2016
4. Information on matters arising from the meeting on 25<sup>th</sup> January
  - 4.1. Feedback on drains clearance schedule from CMBC – they are on an 18 month drain clearance schedule. Cllr Sutcliffe pointed out that would be difficult to find some of the drains in the parish, they are so blocked up/covered over. In particular the one outside the old Coop cottages top of Badger Lane. These drain blockages have implications for the valley bottoms. We should request at least a minimum of annual drains clearance in the autumn. But if there has been storms, then the drains will need doing again. MD to follow this up with the various flood groups. When was the last inspection of bridges in the area? MD said there was an active programme of inspecting every bridge and waterway, and will contact them to check how far they are along with this. Also mention the landslip on Long Causeway.
5. Neighbourhood Plan – MD fed back BPC comments on the Neighbourhood Plan (NP) which are being taken on board in the redraft. These comments sparked others, particularly in relation to the lack of specifics. Flood impact on Neighbourhood plan being worked on currently. Expecting some delays on Local Plan development due to trying to include flood resilience/planning. NP group therefore awaiting timeline on Local Plan. Workshops on Local Plan to be held in Hebden Bridge Town Hall - 20<sup>th</sup> March. RB and DS will try to go. Issue on voting rights raised by Wadsworth was discussed. Although no-one else was concerned about the voting rights if Wadsworth dropped out it would be back to drawing board on NP, so NP group proposed to alter structure so that HR would have 2 rather than 4 votes. Representation will be same, but voting rights controlled differently. Resolved unanimously that we are happy with the new voting arrangements. NP group are making representations to Calderdale's Flood Commission on need for sustainable development. Trying to look at energy production when looking at major engineering works on the river, such as hydro schemes. Several events around the area, but the one that might be of interest to our parishioners is on 14<sup>th</sup> March HB Town Hall – Upland and Countryside management. Open Forum, all invited. Want to organise a final forum in Westminster to pressure government ministers to make any necessary regulatory changes to give local areas more control, on such as building regs etc. More info can be found at [www.calderdale.gov.uk/environment/flooding/floods-commission.html](http://www.calderdale.gov.uk/environment/flooding/floods-commission.html) .  
Wind Turbines likely to become major issue in NP group – some disagreement between green caucus in HB and the communities in upland areas, so debate will be ongoing. RB commented that the problem will to some degree disappear when the subsidies are cut. European funding around for commercial development on the back of floods – Virginia Saynor wondering if any places around the valley that could be used for commercial development – so what is our opinion about Callis Mill as commercial site, rather than housing as we've previously proposed. Agreed to comment that we'd be open to considering commercial development. DS also suggested Woodman site could be used for this.
6. To consider quotes for work in relation to the re-siting of the Charlestown parish noticeboard and the maintenance required for both. £450 from Paul Tiler-Ansell. Some feeling that this seemed expensive, and was it not possible to get cheaper quote from some of the retired people in village. All to explore other avenues.
7. Broadband provision in the parish. MD emailed and phoned Mary Farrar, with no response. Mark Thompson was actually her line manager, and explained she wasn't doing much on broadband but suggested Fiona Thurlbeck was person to speak to, but again with no response. Matt Baker has found out that there is now no Broadband Champion at CMBC, and all responsibility now with Superfast West Yorkshire – which is opposite of what Superfast WY told us previously. RB feels that something is being covered up, and we need to get to the bottom of this. We need to go higher up – need to involve all our ward councillors, and our MP, and the Chief Executive of CMBC. We ought to work with other groups in similar position, such as Todmorden. Contact the others and tell them what we are doing – copy them

in. Clerk to draft letter to Chief Exec. Also copy in the other groups, find out who is interested in working with us. Deadline for response – next meeting.

8. Participation in the Queen's 90<sup>th</sup> birthday celebration beacon lighting at Great Rock. Tim Cole has already begun organising this event. Agreed to support it in whatever we can.

9. **To consider planning related matters: -**

9.1. **To receive information on previous planning applications and enforcement notices:**

9.1.1. **15/01427/HSE** | Extension to north elevation to form garden room | Higher Murgatshaw Farm New Shaw Lane Blackshaw Head Hebden Bridge HX7 7HZ - **PERMIT**

9.2. **Update from Anne Markwell, Enforcement Team Leader**

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

9.3.1. **16/00002/OUT** | Dwelling to replace caravan and fire damaged bungalow (Outline) | Bronlea Bungalow The Long Causeway Blackshaw Head Hebden Bridge Calderdale. Lengthy discussion on this application. All expressed dissatisfaction with the ongoing state of the site, but some expressed view that it was not fault of current applicant, nor to large degree on previous deceased owner, who was taken advantage of. RB said that he objected to the statement in the application that the site would now be cleaned up if planning granted - felt that this implied that it wouldn't be cleared without planning permission. Also that granting permission could be perceived as rewarding site owner for having kept site in a mess. However was pointed out that applications must stand alone, not in relation to any previous application or enforcement, and that there are no material considerations that could be grounds for objection. Some concerns expressed about water supply and drainage and effect on neighbouring properties but accepted this would be dealt with in detailed application. Resolved therefore to have No Objection, but to comment the following "The parish council has been extremely unhappy with the condition of the site for some time and hope that it will be cleared soon. However we have no objection in principle to the outline planning application, and hope that potential concerns around water supply and run-off are dealt with in the detailed planning application."

9.3.2. **15/01573/FUL** | Construction of attached dwelling and extension to front of existing property | Barfield Oakville Road Hebden Bridge Calderdale HX7 6NR . **No Objection - Unanimous**

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

10.1. Proposals from CMBC Highways for consideration – further discussion following on from last meeting. DS has some plans. Emma from HR will be contacting Peter direct, and also reported that a meeting at the school, the children raised safety on the road outside as an issue. Accident recently, so we do need to maintain pressure on this. At NP meeting there was some discussion about people with disabilities and there is pressure for a crossing outside Mytholm Court. Agreed to invite Peter Stubbs to next meeting.

10.2. New CROWS path problems hotline – 07849 640784

11. **To consider the following financial matters:**

11.1. The budget remaining is £4700 and the balances of accounts is £7721

11.2. Confirmed payment of the £150 grant for Blackshaw Gaming Club as agreed under S 137 at the meeting on 25<sup>th</sup> January

11.3. Confirmed payment of £379 to Hebden Computers for a new laptop for BPC

11.4. Discussed the application for a grant from Blackshaw Arts & Crafts Group. Clerk read the application, and DS explained further. Agreed to donate £150 under S 137.

11.5. Confirmed payment of the Clerk's monthly salary and expenses.

12. **To consider representative reports and invitations:**

12.1. Reports from previous events

Neighbourhood Plan meetings

Community Flood Resilience Board – 2 Feb – need to think about whether the communities up here on the tops need any flood stores. Plans to build electrical substation at Callis in a flood area. Northern power have undertaken to look into it.

Town & Parish Council Liaison Group – 2 Feb – Mainly discussion about the perceived reluctance of Calderdale to deal with any local issues.

### **13.2 Upcoming Events and invitations**

Ripponden Civic Ball – Clerk to apologise on behalf of MD

Ward Forum - Tuesday the 15th of March at Waterfront Hall, Hebden Bridge Town Hall, St. George's Street, HX7 7BY. (6:30pm for a 6:45pm)

Monday 14<sup>th</sup> March – Flood Commission Upland & Countryside Management – 7-9pm, Hebden Bridge Town Hall

**Parish Council Meetings:** - 21<sup>st</sup> March, 25<sup>th</sup> April

**Wayhead Meeting** – tbc

Allotment Committee meeting - 14<sup>th</sup> March – Anne Geldard has resigned from the PC, so we need to find another - agreed to try and postpone this meeting due to the uplands flood commission meeting.

**Signed *Catherine Bann***

**Clerk to the Parish Council**