
BLACKSHAW PARISH COUNCIL



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Draft minutes of Blackshaw Parish Council Meeting, 28th September 2015, held at Blackshaw Head Methodist Church,

Present: Cllr Davies (in the Chair), Cllrs Neil, Butterworth, Sutcliffe, and King, two members of public, two invited speakers.

- 1. Apologies for absences previously notified to the Clerk.** Cllr Goodman, Cllr Geldard
- 2. To receive declarations of interest in items on the agenda.** None
- 3. Confirmed the minutes of Parish Council meeting on 27th July and special meeting on 24 August.**
Member of public (Melanie Taylor) queried the minutes (see matters arising) but not in terms of accuracy of what was reported and these were agreed by the Councillors present.
- 4. To receive information on matters arising from the meeting on 27th July Agreed. 24 August**
 - 4.1. Allotment issues – clarified position about Cllr Goodman attending meeting – she was entitled to attend the meeting as a plot holder. She is not on the PC Allotment Committee, but would also be entitled to attend the meeting as any plot holder or member of the public would be. Her opinions would be treated in same way as those of any other plot holder and not give more weight because she is a councillor also. Clarified that Clerk would take minutes of the committee meeting, but not the allotment plot holders meeting, as this wasn't role of the parish council Clerk. Member of public (Melanie Taylor) added more detail to her concerns regarding what she felt was a personal agenda in relation to Cllr Goodman's issues around the allotments. Her views were heard, and noted by councillors, but the issues were again referred back to the Allotment Committee meeting which will be 19th October.**
- 5. Invited speaker Jae Campbell & Jo Richmond on Budget Consultations – Runs until October 31st to fit in with council budget setting process. Goes to full council in Feb. £86 million cuts over last 5 years, lots of streamlining already done, but now getting to tipping point, where actual cuts to some services need to be made. So CMBC want to know how they should prioritise, as due to cuts in central government funding, cuts are inevitable. Showed an animation explaining the consultation process. 1500 responses so far, but aiming to increase this. Forms can be returned to any council building, or freepost, and the consultation is also online <http://www.calderdale.gov.uk/council/consultations/budget-consultation>
Some discussion at the meeting around different cuts / buildings, whether council listens.**
- 6. Discussed the red telephone box at Jack Bridge. Councillors don't believe that the community actually bought it, so must still belong to BT. Can we do anything with it without asking with BT? Would BT make any fuss if it were to be 'used'. Discussed whether it should be us as a parish council taking this on. But there would then be an ongoing responsibility / cost. We should approach the people interested and say PC would support a group to come together and move this forward.**
- 7. Considered various training courses available to councillors and the clerk. Agreed that Councillors Neil and Butterworth and the Clerk should go to YLCA planning training (total cost of £345. Agreed for two of the new councillors to book on one of the new councillor workshops in addition.**
- 8. Report on information provided by parishioners on broadband speeds, and to consider how to progress this issue. Two separate issues here – 1) outlying parishioners who have no prospect of fibre and are on very slow speeds, 2) the lack of fibre all the way up to the village. Info given by parishioners is of varying use, as some people unaware of whether they're on fibre or not. At the exchange, all the different providers have their own equipment. There is a possibility of everyone contributing to have fibre brought right up into village, as it wouldn't work out too expensive if enough people were interested. Possibility of using telegraph poles to carry fibre for the future? Agreed to arrange another meeting with Superfast West Yorkshire for the next Wayahead meeting.**
- 9. Correspondence to note:**
 - 9.1. Notices from CMBC of various committee meetings – consider whether any councillors wish to attend or be kept informed in the future regarding any particular committees. Scrutiny/Planning**
 - 9.2. Smaller Authorities Transparency Fund – notice from YLCA. Decided not to apply**
 - 9.3. SLCC National Conference – October 15-17**
 - 9.4. Rural Action Yorkshire annual conference 24th October**

10. To consider planning related matters:-

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

10.1.1. 15/00725/FUL | Agricultural barn for storing feed and equipment | Burnt Edge Farm Higher Back Lane Blackshaw Head Hebden Bridge Calderdale HX7 7JA - *Granted*

10.1.2. 15/00844/FUL | Change of use of agricultural land to touring caravan site (30 pitches) including facilities building | Land Off Smithwell Lane Heptonstall - *Refused*

10.1.3. - 15/00353/FUL | Enhancement of existing livery yard to incorporate enclosure to existing outdoor arena: provision of new outdoor arena and location of temporary living accommodation (caravan)| Stables West Of Blackshaw Royd Farm Marsh Lane BlackshawHead – *mindful to refuse.*

10.2. Update from Anne Markwell, Enforcement Team Leader – None

10.3. To consider new planning applications (these can be viewed via Calderdale Council website using the reference number shown): NONE

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

11.1. Unfenced access to river from A646 near Fern Villas – to consider whether to apply to Land Registry to discover ownership. Agreed.

11.2. Report on meeting with Calderdale about road safety/speed limit issues. Cllr Davies to ask for progress report. They agreed that white lines should be put back to where they were, if and when they can find out where they are supposed to be and who repainted them! MD noted that consultation with community was terrible when doing roadworks in the past. For future residents will help, e.g. putting info on googlegroups. New 20mph zone is going to be rolled out soon by the school. The current speed signs (flashing 30mph) can't be altered, as no maintenance contract was agreed when they were purchased, and CMBC don't want to reposition or re-use them. Parking getting worse on the steeps – this came up at Ward Forum, and police said they'd look at it. One proposal for Marsh Lane exit would be a raised kerb edge with chevron border, then cars would be pushed to centre of road, so people can get out easier from Marsh Lane – creates a safety margin. Rocks and planters can be visual indicators of reduced road size, therefore slowing people down. Richard (member of public) to chase Jan Gibson on this point.

11.3. Report on consultations at the Fete regarding road safety issues. - everyone who filled in the consultation sheet agreed with a proposed 20mph zones through village, with some additional info provided about where the zone should begin and end. Quite a few people noted the difficulty of enforcement, but commented that in a 30mph zone people still drive between 35 and 40, so at least with a 20mph zone, it would probably get them down to 30, which was worthwhile. It was agreed that as far as we had had the possibility to consult, that this meant we should proceed with taking this forward with CMBC.

11.4. First left hand bend on the steeps, uprooted tree on the right at the first hairpin. Agreed to report to Calderdale. Overhanging trees when turning right onto Badger Lane - agreed to write polite letter to Hamer cottage, the houses on Oldshaw Lane, asking them to cut them back for safety reasons. Cllr Neil to read draft of letter, and then send to Cllr Sutcliffe.

12. To consider the following financial matters:

12.1. The remaining budget (2015/16) was £7058.69 and the balance of accounts was £10,086.70.

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

12.3. Agreed payment of £60 to Dans Garden Services for work on the allotments.

12.4. Agreed to pay Cllr Sutcliffe £60 for hire of chapel and refreshments for YLCA meeting.

12.5. Agreed to pay Yorkshire Water bill for £8.50 for Allotment supply

12.6. Considered new internal auditor, and the two applicants for this post. Agreed to ask Barry Eccles, as he was a qualified accountant, and Kim Metcalf's experience was more quality rather than financial auditing. Expressed thanks to both for volunteering.

12.7. Agreed to pay YLCA for training courses for councillors, see item 7

13. To consider representative reports and invitations:

13.1. Reports from previous events

Calderdale's Economy and Environment Scrutiny Panel - 13th August – attempt to find £13 million for continued flood work is ongoing challenge. Was agreed to try to work across party boundaries to keep up the pressure.

Town & Parish Liaison Group – 11th August – MD Reported - Can book Speed Indicator Device. Need to decide where to employ this? Also included council budget presentations. Town & Parish Council grant regimes and xmas lights. It transpired that there are quite different regimes for distributing S137 money.

Hebden Bridge Partnership - Mon Sep 7th. Cllrs Butterworth & Geldard had agreed to be our reps, but in fact what was required was one rep for all hilltop parishes. Agreed that as Cllr Sutcliffe represented the parishes for so long, we should write to all the other councils saying it's their turn to provide a rep to the partnership.

Community Flood Resilience Board - 16th September

Blackshawhead Fete - 5th September. Considered a big success, weather helped, but all went smoothly including in the Parish Council tent

14.2 Upcoming Events and invitations

Town & Parish Council Liaison Group Annual Conference – Sat 3rd October

Community Flood Resilience Board - 15th December (MD to Chair)

Flood Recovery Programme Board – 9th December

Neighbourhood Plan - 28th September

Hebden Bridge Junior Band AGM - 8th October

Hebden Bridge British Legion invite to chair

Dates of future meetings:-

Parish Council Meetings: - 26th October, 23rd November at Blackshawhead Methodist Church.

Allotment committee meeting – 19th October, 7.30pm, Hebden Bridge Town Hall

Wayahead Meeting – tbc at this meeting

Signed *Catherine Bann*
Clerk to the Parish Council