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# BLACKSHAW PARISH COUNCIL

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## Minutes of Blackshaw Parish Council Meeting on Monday 24<sup>th</sup> October 2016 at Blackshaw Head Methodist Church,

1. Apologies for absences previously notified to the Clerk. Cllrs Neil and Goodman
2. Declarations of interest in items on the agenda. None
3. Confirmed the minutes of Parish Council meeting on 26<sup>th</sup> September 2016
4. Report on matters arising from the meeting on 26<sup>th</sup> September for information only. Clerk written to Davy Hall residents (DS believes bushes are now cut back), and to Governors of Colden School.
5. Discussed buying defibrillator(s) with money raised from the appeal by parishioners. The parish council agrees to progress with buying two defibrillators (with matched funding from YAS) with the money raised by the villagers, and pay for the training sessions. The PC will own the defibs, and commit to any ongoing expenses/repair, and will insure them on our insurance policy. PC supports the proposals from Cllr Neil and Edith and Phil for the siting of the defibrillators.
6. To discuss the Christmas Hampers for vulnerable parishioners. Cllr Butterworth raised question should the PC funds be used to benefit a very few parishioners? Who are the 'vulnerable' parishioners; for example, if it is people over 80, then perhaps in our area, older age people aren't in need. Child poverty is more of an issue in today's society? Cllr Sutcliffe argues that it is really appreciated, especially if the Chair delivers and visits them, wearing chain. Cllr Butterworth asks how we identify people who qualify? Clerk confirmed that a list exists, but this is necessarily only a partial list based on personal knowledge. Are hampers an appropriate gift? Cllr King argues that in past it was just a simple gift, not whole hamper. Are there alternatives, would a Christmas dinner be more appreciated? Would spending time be better? All agree that we do bear a responsibility to the poor or vulnerable of the parish. Cllr Davies said that in the flood work, there was going to be an attempt to build mechanisms to identify who the vulnerable/ill people are – you can't do it officially, so it has to be done informally. Agree to divvy up the list between all councillors and try to establish whether they were still there, and try to find any other people who need to be on the list. Will revisit this at next meeting.
7. Update on Neighbourhood Plan. First draft isn't available til Spring next year – MD commented that he got this wrong in last meeting. Intention is to present online, on paper and in open meetings in each community with 6 week consultation period. MD took forward our concerns about lack of engagement and proposal to post to everyone and there was some support of this from Hilltop parishes, though Hebden Royd would find it costly to post to everyone in their area. Lindsay Smales said would draft a summary that we could circulate. But this summary isn't as comprehensive as MD had expected. We'd need to add about our specific issues to his which is very vague. As to money set aside for NP in our budget – there is no idea among NP meeting as what we'd need to spend this on, so we could have some money available to do a mail shot. If we want specific responses to things, we'd need to consult on this. Door to Door might be an option, putting them through doors if no one in. Other key information to note is that CMBC local plan has been substantially delayed. Was due this year, and NP would have come out in step with it. The delay is due to inadequate consultation, according to legal advice taken. Local Plan now due late 2017. Until then NP will be in planning limbo. Other difficulty is village envelopes will not be part of the green belt. This will be regarded as developed area. There is an argument that we are better off if village envelope isn't green belt as then can have some small scale development in the village. If it's in green belt they can instantly rule it out. So some arguments for accepting this logic. Woodman car park is not considered brownfield, but Green Belt. We need as PC to have the chief planner come and talk to us. So can we arrange a meeting with Phil Radcliffe -he was due to attend NP meeting, but didn't. Need a written record of the conversation regarding the significance of Green Belt / Land around Todmorden and discussion on whether PC should fund greater consultation on draft by posting to every property. MD to draft something to send out.
8. Flood resilience update including recent flood exercise, drop-in at Woodland View, and water retention proposals in parish. Meeting at Heptonstall Bowling Club – Discussed level of water buffering in water reservoirs. Since it became privatised, leaving a 0.5m buffer was not included in contract apparently. YW apparently now leaving some capacity in reservoirs, but this not entirely confirmed. Looking to hilltop parishes to give help, and RB has proposed a few measures for water retention in parish.
  - 1) Colden Water - (also ideal for generating hydro electric. 2) Redmires dam could be put back into use.

3) Staups Dam – acre of land, and still has operational valve, but privately owned and drained as they see it as a danger for kids. 4) Copley Holme Dam 5) Two dams on Marsh Lane with culvert between them (also good site for generating electricity). MD has sent these to EA and NP group already. Good that it includes some proposal for leisure and green energy too. Agreed unanimously that we should continue to propose these ideas as working proposals.

Catchment Plan has been drafted, has gone to Minister and it will be published on 28<sup>th</sup> October. MD has been working on community resilience section which has around 80 actions. There will be copies available in libraries and so on.

MD attended Charlestown drop in, which was very good. Aiming to capture lots of water and feed into river, rather than flood over the top onto the road. Plans for A646 at Woodland View – conduits will be installed with a higher profile leading to a hump in the road, which will coincidentally slow traffic down.

9. Discussed potential update to the Emergency Handbook. Agreed to look at it, and electricity supply number changed. Clerk will do first basic update and bring to next meeting.
10. Discussed CCTV in village. NW group still in favour of having this. In Heptonstall, CMBC CCTV has been revamped. Someone from NW group will go and see them again and see what is available. Doesn't need monitoring all time. RB commented that at Callis Mill, £7000 was spent for flood warning camera just to watch water. MD responded to say this wasn't contentious as it's not ratepayers money, and it will be very useful, records both road and water and can warn people.
11. Agreed the purchase of a wreath for Remembrance Day.
12. Discussed a future Wayahead meeting – this could be NP meeting a little further down the line.
13. Discuss the PC archiving arrangements. RB, DS and Clerk visited Town Hall. Will visit archive service in Halifax as next step.
14. **To consider planning related matters: -**
  - 14.1. Information on previous planning applications and enforcement notices: **None**
  - 14.2. Update from Enforcement Team – Letter from Christine Sheasby re 14.60283: Land adj Green Barn Dark Lane - will chase the current enforcement cases.
  - 14.3. To consider new planning applications: (these can be viewed via Calderdale Council website using the reference number shown)
    - 14.3.1. **16/00768/MINS** | Quarry extension | Rock End Moor Delph Staups Lane Todmorden Calderdale OL14 8RR **No objection**
    - 14.3.2. **16/01149/OUT** | Construction of 9 no. units for B1 (Business) , B2 (General Industry) and B8 (Storage or Distribution) and formation of access off King Street (Outline) | Site Of Former Mytholm Works King Street Hebden Bridge Calderdale **No comment**
15. Misuse of land and property in the parish
  - 15.1. Caravan at New Lane – had an email from a parishioner saying. Agreed to pursue this with enforcement at Calderdale
16. **To consider matters relating to highways, bridleways and footpaths**
  - 16.1. Traffic Speeds in valley bottoms. Noted the speed surveys requested by Erringden. Main issue for us is at Underbank and bends in that area.
17. **To consider the following financial matters:**
  - 17.1. Agreed amendments to budget to include the defibrillator, viring done by Clerk. The bank balances are 9552.48 and this reconciles with cashbook for 2016/7
  - 17.2. Confirmed payment of the Clerk's monthly salary.
18. **To consider representative reports and invitations:**
  - 18.1. Reports from previous events

T & PC Conference 1<sup>st</sup> October – CK thought it was good (learnt a lot about cameras and other things), RB less so. Glad they'd picked up on the refuse issue, but this seems to be running much smoother now. RB thought flood resilience was encouraging hearing how people rallied round from all different groups. Disappointed about lack of action on preventative measures. Nobody is talking about the water retention and how this would impact, for example on Stansfield Moor. Catchment plan is being published soon and there should be big chunks of this in there. The report wasn't specific enough, and some suggestions had been ignored. Trees seem to be more the thing than bringing back into use old dams etc. DS pointed out that leaves cause problems with drains, and they also cause problems for vulnerable people. They are going to organise a Broadband conference which will be of interest to this parish.

Neighbourhood Plan meeting 17 October – covered previously

Heptonstall Exhibitions 1<sup>st</sup> October – PN attended. Financially fund is healthy, so they made more generous grants – 5 grants of 350 and 4 of 450. DS wanted to ask PN where the students came from who received the grants.

**18.2. Upcoming Events and invitations**

Allotment Committee Meeting 31<sup>st</sup> October

Remembrance Day – So there will be a minutes silence at Blackshaw.

Ward Forum, 9<sup>th</sup> November 6.45pm, Hebden Bridge Town Hall

**19. Items for future meeting**

NETWORK RAIL – to be invited to November meeting

Recognising the contribution of members of our parish. Groups fixing noticeboards, defibrillators, fete etc.

**Parish Council Meetings:** - 28<sup>th</sup> November. Agreed to miss December meeting unless there were crucial planning decisions to be taken.

**Wayahead Meeting** – tbc

**Signed *Catherine Bann***

**Clerk to the Parish Council**