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# **BLACKSHAW PARISH COUNCIL**

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## **Notice of Parish Council Meeting**

### **Minutes of Blackshaw Parish Council on Monday 26<sup>th</sup> September 2016 at Blackshaw Head Methodist Church**

1. Apologies for absences previously notified to the Clerk. None
2. Declarations of interest in items on the agenda. None
3. Agreed the minutes of Parish Council meeting on 22<sup>nd</sup> August 2016
4. Report on matters arising from the meeting on 22<sup>nd</sup> August for information only.
  - 4.1. Network Rail – complaint in process
  - 4.2. Clerk had conversation with planning department at CMBC regarding the difference between Green Belt and Land Around Todmorden. In summary, there should be no difference in how they are treated for planning purposes – both have same level of protection. Difference is historical as with Green Belt, need Act of Parliament to make changes. However, this could be done if needed as part of Green Belt Review, but is more difficult process.
5. Invited speaker – John Spikings from Yorkshire Ambulance Service – John explained he is one of the local comm defibrillator trainers, so has lots of experience with communities aiming to get defibrillators. A defibrillator can restart someone's heart after a cardiac arrest (i.e. the heart doesn't beat properly whatsoever, as opposed to heart attack which is a blockage). If you can use a defibrillator within 3 minutes, it will give 80% of survival. Rural location of village means ambulance may not get there in time, so defibrillator is good solution. Cabinets housing the defibrillator can be locked or unlocked – YAS preference is the latter. There are 4 unlocked cabinets in calderdale and there have been no issues. YAS can provide whole AED (cabinet and defib) at a cost of £1524. Defibrillator isn't plugged into mains but is battery operated. Batteries only last 4 years or so, and will need to be replaced. £150-£200 per battery. Every time it's used, you need to swap pads again at a cost. Most devices will have spare set of pads. £25-£35 per set. Consumables – scissors, gloves, face mask, razor (to shave any hair) – will also need to be replaced. The cabinet has a unique cost – hard wired into mains. Light source and heater so that the pads don't freeze and adhere to patients chest. Running costs of £10 per annum max. Will need to be fitted, and will need an electrician to wire it in. YAS has a charitable fund and they will match half of the money - £780. If we are looking at one in a phone box, there is a Community Heartbeat deal and funding for this will be reissued next April. YAS can provide training for £200 including familiarisation session with defib. Edith asked how to decide what optimum location would be - YAS can assist with this. How it works is that the defibrillator will auto show on the 999 call handler who will give you the code to unlock it. 999. A semi automatic defibrillator is preferred by YAS – you have to push the button when prompted (as opposed to automatic where the defib will shock without needing to press button). Training includes CPR training too. Practical course could be taught for £400 but only for 12 people. 2.5 hour session including practical and participants also get a certificate. BHF also offer free training. Defibs maintain themselves and do a self-check. Needs to be a community guardian who should open cabinet about once a month, and turn it on, at which point it'll tell you if there are any issues. 10 year guarantee but doesn't cover flood damage! If buy from YAS this is a support mechanism as YAS will replace any damaged parts etc. Defibrillators can be insured, under contents insurance. Finn has suggested various funding streams – not sure whether best for PC to buy as not a charity so certain funding streams not open. However PC could recover the VAT if went with the PC buying it. Agreed that Edith could say that the fund has started, and encourage donations, and which body will buy it will depend on best route for funding.
6. Colden School (long term future). Some concern about number of children who have left Colden School, with 26 children removed in last few months. Rumoured that CMBC are leading people to believe that they want to get rid of schools with split year classes. NB – this is hearsay. Cragg Vale school is certainly under threat. Agreed to write a letter to governors to explain that we support the school, expressing how important it is within the community. All encouraged to support the school with events and suchlike. Ofsted due to visit imminently.
7. Update on Neighbourhood Plan and Green Belt Review including Village Envelope. RB concerned about how consultation is done, need to involve everyone, be as democratic as possible. Referred to

2010 Parish Plan. MD said that Blackshaw Parish has had more participation than many areas in the NP. NP will come out as a draft and that will go out to consultation. We could decide to deliver this to every house as a council. This will be expensive but it might be worth it. The final say is a proper referendum for the whole area of the NP. Have an opportunity to push engagement when we get the draft. Meeting with Lindsay Smales was held on Friday. Councillors put forward a few ideas, and covered the village envelope. Discussed field behind Barfield being left undeveloped. Recommended the field at Davy Lane be unfiltered so it can be included in the village envelope. Discussed Steeps bypass proposal (individual proposal from RB). Discussed nomenclature of 'Land Around Todmorden' and 'GreenBelt'. Agreed that it was possible to propose changing this as part of our bit of NP. Difference is purely that it is a local versus national designation. Next NP meeting will be raising this with a chief planner from CMBC. In order to change a designation, this will require a parliamentary act. CCTV in village also discussed. Neighbourhood Watch very keen on CCTV including ANPR as way of reducing crime in area (much rural crime in area involved vehicles). Also discussed future wind turbines. Resolution was passed at PC that there shouldn't be any further turbines within 500m of village envelope. Shared understanding across hilltop parishes, that they had made contribution to wind turbines, and there may be a broader NP statement about turbines. Cumulative effect is blighting. Talked about safe-guarding countryside, untidy farmyards. Road safety – mainly speed. Footpaths – access issues, and ease of diversion (eg diverting them from under people's windows – from a security point of view). Most of these points were individual proposals, not previously agreed by PC. Callis Mill development and Woodman site – lack of footpath access along A646. First draft of NP available 31<sup>st</sup> October. Noted that the Valley Road site proposals (Hebden Bridge) have emerged using parameters identified as result of consultation.

8. Flood resilience update from Cllr Davies – 5 reports on flooding are all now out. Calderdale Catchment Plan, Calderdale Floods Commission report, Calderdale Local Flood Risk Management Strategy(LFRMS), Water Management Act Section 19 Investigation report (Section 19 Report), and last but not least, HMG's National Flood Resilience Review. The local Calderdale group is broken down into several operational groups and Cllr Davies chairs the Community Flood Resilience (CFR) group. This provides a connection from people on ground to people higher up, including MPs. CFR Group want bring all these various reports together under Catchment Plan report, the final version of which is to be published soon. This has a 25 year framework, including hard engineering, upland management, soft engineering, community engagement etc. This will be reported on every 3 months, providing a direct channel to monitor and hold to account all people who are supposed to be delivering things around community resilience and recovery. There will be a new strategic role for the grassroots flood wardens etc, and this CFR group want to meet every 6 weeks.
9. Rubbish and recycling issues in the parish. Reporting on the website seems to help. Extraordinary measures being put in place such as re-employing former staff to train new ones, working on Sundays, bank holidays etc. CMBC are pursuing compensation from Suez. Main problem has been lack of information from CMBC. Will find out more on Saturday at the T & PC Liaison Group AGM.
10. Report on changes to Society for Local Council Clerks and creation of new union. Clerk informed council that new union has been formed to siphon the employment and union aspects away from general support provided by SLCC.
11. Report on Managing Paper course and steps to be taken to archive PC papers. Clerk reported that PC needs to be registered with the Information Commission (Data Protection Act) and produce an information schedule. Also identified lack of detailed knowledge about how our papers are archived. This is larger body of work. DS offered to go to HR Town Hall and inspect our 'cabinet' to identify how much information is there. RB and Clerk to accompany.
12. Report on Allotment inspection and steps to be taken. Cllr Goodman declared an interest. Inspection took place on 17<sup>th</sup> August, with CK and MD. See attached report. This to be sent to plot holders. DS suggested we should excuse flooded ploholders, though was also suggested ploholders should help each other. MD asked PC to organise a working party – agreed, MD to organise. Himalaya Balsam coming over from rec area.
13. Noted receipt of the certified Annual Return.
14. **To consider planning related matters: -**
  - 14.1. To receive information on previous planning applications and enforcement notices: **16/00774/HSE**  
First floor extension to rear 19 Underbank Avenue Hebden Bridge HX7 6PP - **Permitted**
  - 14.2. Update from Enforcement Team. None
  - 14.3. To consider new planning applications: (these can be viewed via Calderdale Council website using the reference number shown)
    - 14.3.1. **15/01573/FUL** | Construction of attached dwelling and extension to front of existing property | Barfield Oakville Road Hebden Bridge Calderdale HX7 6NR. Agreed **No objection**

**14.3.2. 16/01135/FUL** | The installation of an external staircase to the Counterpoise and associated development | Pole Hill Smallholdings Kebs Road Calderdale. Agreed **No Objection**

**15. Misuse of land and property in the parish**

**15.1.** Caravan at New Lane (carried over to next meeting)

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

**16.1.** Report from meeting with Peter Stubbs from CMBC and next steps. Need to confirm what we agreed in writing regarding repainting white lines from village centre down to dragon teeth at village sign. Taking the cobble strips as the width guideline which should be constant. In addition would welcome a proposal to calm traffic between Marsh Lane and Bow Lane mindful of vehicles emerging from Marsh Lane. Also mention the Mary Townley Loop and horses crossing, other signage, drainage and line of sight. Asked him to check when gulleys were due to be cleared. 20Mph zone is up for debate at CMBC, which would mean cancelling of 20mph zone in village. PN proposed that we write to councillors saying we were expecting that village be included in further roll-out, if this were to change, would need further consultation. Agreed. Overhanging vegetation at Davy Hall and in parish throughout – can't see 30mph sign. Agreed to write informally to the owners at Davy Hall as this proved successful in other instances. Can't walk along footpath from Woodman to Jumble Hole because of overhanging vegetation. Wire fencing at Woodman also a danger. As regards further proposal regarding signage as we are waiting for Hebden Royd. Agreed to ask Peter Stubbs what progress he is making with Hebden Royd.

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

**17.1.** The budget remaining for 2016/7 is £5177, bank balances are £10.052 and this reconciles with the cashbook

**17.2.** Noted the certified annual return

**17.3.** Confirmed payment of £114 to SLCC for Managing Paper Course

**17.4.** Confirmed payment of the Chairman's allowance

**17.5.** Confirmed payment of the Chairman and Vice-Chairman's expenses

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

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

**18.1.** Reports from previous events

NP meeting – as above

Catchment Plan drop in – was great- well attended, lots of information, good feedback about the meeting generally. Well supported by community generally, but also the channel modelling for Mytholmroyd which was really interesting.

Fete feedback – wash-out! But extremely well supported, and considering weather it went extremely well.

Upcoming Events and invitations

**18.2.** Annual Conference for all Town and Parish Councillors in Calderdale which is taking place on **Saturday 1st October from 10am until 12-00 noon at Heptonstall Social and Bowling Club, Acre Lane, Heptonstall HX7 7LT .**

**18.3.** Heptonstall exhibits on 1th Oct – PN to attend.

**18.4.** Flood film show on Wed, BH Chapel, 7pm

**18.5.** Old Peoples Welfare meeting - DS attended.

**19.** Items for future meeting

**19.1.** Caravan at new Lane – carried over from this meeting

**19.2.** Defibrillator

**19.3.** NP and whether to fund proposals to send to everyone

**19.4.** Wayahead meeting – and December meeting decision

**19.5.** Archiving

**Parish Council Meetings:** - 24<sup>th</sup> October, 28<sup>th</sup> November

**Wayahead Meeting –**

Signed *Catherine Bann*  
Clerk to the Parish Council