

Minutes of the meeting of Blackshaw Parish Council held on Monday 24th November 2014 at Blackshawhead Methodist Church

Present: Cllr. Mick Davies (in the Chair), Cllr. Steve Hoyle, Cllr. Cllr Sutcliffe Sutcliffe, Cllr. Pat Beechill, Cllr. Tim Cole, Cllr. Carol King, three members of the public, and invited speakers from Yorkshire Water.
In attendance: Maggie Boyle (old Clerk) Catherine Bann (new Clerk)

1. **Apologies: Cllr. Chris Lund.**
2. **Declarations of interest – None.**
3. **Minutes of the Parish Council meeting 27 October 2014 –** Agreed as correct record and signed by Chairman.
4. **Matters Arising from PC meeting 22 September 2014 –**
 - 4.1. Chair agreed to speak to Jonathan Timbers (Mayor, Hebden Royd) re Mytholm, and he was delighted to be able to work with us, and the plan is to get together and pressure CMBC (Calderdale Met. Borough Council)
 - 4.2. Cllr Sutcliffe was to talk to Marsh Lane residents regarding parking but hasn't managed to find anyone in yet.
 - 4.3. Chair will try to speak to allotment neighbour about the broken fence this month.
 - 4.4. **CMBC Webhosting –** Clerk has been in touch but they suggested we should do our own website
 - 4.5. **Access at Underbank –** CMBC won't resurface, but new hardcore has been put down, and with the drain fixed this might resolve the worst of the problem. Locals there will keep an eye on this, and we may want to revisit this to put more pressure on CMBC for a permanent solution.
5. **Yorkshire Water – Presentation on issues with water supply.** Martin Smith (Customer Solutions Manager for N & W Yorkshire) and Wendy Herndlhofer (Customer Services) displayed a detailed map of the water supply up to Blackshawhead. The recent problems were caused by a fault at the pumping station. This is being closely monitored now with better alarm systems in place, and surge logs still operating on the system. YW have secured funding to replace a part of the main between Bow Lane and the track to Scammerton, and hopefully this will happen before April 2015 (YW to keep BPC updated). YW have also installed non-return valve at Jack Bridge, which will mean that if a fault occurred lower down the system, interruption times at Blackshawhead will be much more minimal. YW also looking to extend the main up Old Shaw Lane, so that there will be two mains routes into the village. Engineers are currently working on this to explore the feasibility. Cllrs asked whether there was a process by which BPC could actively support this option, but YW informed us that currently this was internal, but will keep us informed. Cllr Sutcliffe questioned whether it was viable to extend the main beyond Hippins, as people there have trouble with Spring water supply. YW informed us that there is a standard process to follow to look into this, using the Water Act, and this would require those neighbours to action that.
There is a 5 hour window, beyond which if the mains have not been fixed, it triggers the provision of bottled water. Cllrs felt this was too long considering how remote the location is. Discussed quicker water provision for more vulnerable people in the event of a mains interruption. YW agreed that providing a pallet of bottle water to the Methodist Church would be a good idea, so people would know where they could come to pick it up. BPC will provide list of vulnerable people in parish to YW, and YW will pass on details of the Helping Hands Register that YW hold, to Clerk.
Cllrs expressed thanks to YW for attending and agreed that it had been extremely useful. Letter of formal thanks to be sent. Maps of the water mains now held by BPC
6. **Allotments Lease –** Clerk now has lease from Land Registry, address now needs to be changed to new Clerk.
7. **Wind Turbine Workshop -** Cllr Cole has spoken with Finn from PCP, who didn't want to run the workshop themselves, but suggested someone else in Heptonstall. Proposal to have the workshop after May, as if there is a new council, there is more benefit to be gained. Chair was invited to, and attended the AGM of PCP, and although it wasn't quorate, stayed to listen to useful discussion.
8. **Neighbourhood Plan –** the application from Hebden and the Hill Top Parishes was approved by CMBC. This will open doors for funding.
9. **Planning related matters –**
 - 9.1. **Information on previous applications**
 - 9.1.1. **Update from Ann Markwell, Enforcement Team Leader –** Regarding Green Barn Dark Lane – the Enforcement Notice has expired, the Team are working to get a new building which

has received planning permission erected so that the unauthorised building can be removed. They have asked for timescales, and will look to carry out a PACE interview if no positive response. Regarding the Shed, New Rd, Jack Bridge – CMBC say caravan appears only in occasional use, no further action needed unless BPC has any information. Cllr King to check on this situation.

Regarding the Sportsman's Arms – no evidence of residential use, no further action

Regarding High House Farm – now seeking prosecution, but time consuming.

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

9.2.1 - 14/80014/DNO | Demolition of mill chimney | Jumble Hole Jumble Hole Road Charlestown Hebden Bridge Calderdale HX7 6PR. - *Reported that chimney should be down by end of the week.*

9.2.2 - 14/01204/HSE | Three storey extension to North elevation | Naze Cottage Ingle Dene Charlestown Hebden Bridge West Yorkshire HX7 6PQ - *Cllrs considered the plans, and raised no objection with one abstention.*

9.2.3 - 14/40013/AGRR | Agricultural building for storage of farm machinery (Agricultural Notification) | Greenland Farm Greenland Road Blackshaw Head Hebden Bridge HX7 7PJ – *No objections.*

Suggestion by Cllr Sutcliffe that CMBC should inform BPC why an application is withdrawn, but it isn't always clear as this is up to the applicant, therefore BPC can consider seeking this information on case by case basis.

10. Highways Bridleways and Footpaths –

10.1. Mytholm Steeps – Donna Goodman was present, and gave a detailed update (attached). In answer to her question regarding the 30mph flashing board in the village, parishioners did traffic count themselves but not monitoring. Generally agreed that getting a petition was the first step. CCTV / Neighbourhood Watch might be useful – CCTV officer coming to next meeting. Donna stated that while there was a campaign around traffic at the school, and this within Blackshaw Parish, but that left a gap between – need people to get involved. It was resolved to allocated up to £40 towards leaflet printing for Mytholm Steeps campaign, and to ask Jonathan Timbers to match fund that. Cllrs expressed thanks to Donna for all her efforts.

10.2. Steps at Mytholm Steeps. The steps were in terrible repair, and although local resident does try, they are very dangerous. Not in Blackshaw Parish, but it was resolved to write a letter to Hebden Royd about the steps.

11. Financial Matters: .

11.1. The budget left for 2014/15 was £2899.37 the balance of accounts was £8724.77p which reconciled to the cash book and it was agreed to transfer £970 from the reserve to the current account.

11.2. Budgeting for the elections 2015 – received an estimate regarding election costs from CMBC £1587 – a little less than anticipated. But we are unsure whether this is our contribution to the general election, or whether this is exclusively for a Blackshaw election. Need to get more clarification.

11.3. It was agreed to pay British Legion for wreath for Remembrance ceremony 2014, £18

11.4. It was agreed to pay Methodist Church for hire of room for 2014/15 £231

11.5. It was agreed to make a grant under section 137 to Colden School £200.

11.6. It was agreed to make a grant under sec 137 to Heptonstall Exhibitions £100

11.7. It was agreed to reimburse the Old Clerk for mileage £51.69.

11.8. It was agreed to reimburse Old Clerk for catering costs for 27/10/14 £12.90

11.9. It was agreed to reimburse Old Clerk for printer ink purchase £18.89

11.10. Agreed payment of the Old Clerk's monthly salary.

11.11. Agreed payment of New Clerk's monthly salary.

11.12. Chair suspended Standing Orders to discuss the Christmas Hampers. Agreed there would be 8 hampers with one of the parishioners to receive a plant as more appropriate. Agreed to spend £30 per hamper.

12. Representative reports and invitations

British Legion Coffee Morning, Mytholmroyd. – Cllrs Sutcliffe and Beechill attended.

Wreath laying Remembrance Sunday – well attended by members of the public, possibly more this year.

Liaison Committee of Town and Parish Councils - Cllr. Hoyle attended and reported that a particular item of interest was a section on how to run efficient meetings. It was felt that more information on this would be beneficial and it was resolved to meet at 6.45pm, before the next BPC meeting, to discuss this. Also reported that Cllrs who post on facebook must make clear that any views there do not represent those of the Council.

10 December Flood Recovery Board meeting Cllr Davies to attend.

19th December – Carol Service at Methodist Church, 7pm, all welcome.

25th December – Service on Christmas morning, 10am

Neighbourhood Planning meetings: Monday 12th January 2015, Monday 16th February 2015, Monday 30th March 2015

Dates of future meetings:-

Parish Council Meetings: - 15 December, 26 January 2015, 23 February, 23 March, 27 April at Blackshaw Head Methodist Church.

WayAhead meetings – 16 February 2015, Council Chamber, Hebden Bridge Town Hall .

Allotment Committee – 16 March 2015, Council Chamber Hebden Bridge Town Hall.

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