
BLACKSHAW PARISH COUNCIL



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Draft minutes of the meeting of Blackshaw Parish Council held on Monday 23rd November 2015 at Blackshawhead Methodist Church

Present: Cllr Mick Davies (in the Chair) Cllr. Roger Butterworth, Cllr. Dorothy Sutcliffe, Cllr. Carol King, Cllr Paul Neill, Cllr Anne Geldard, Cllr Donna Goodman, and five members of the public

In attendance: Catherine Bann (Clerk)

1. Apologies for absences previously notified to the Clerk. None
2. Declarations of interest in items on the agenda. None
3. Confirmed the minutes of Parish Council meeting on 26th October
4. To receive information on matters arising from the meeting on 26th October
 - 4.1. Red phone box. Email from Kay offering to take a group forward, but not until February. Agreed to wait until Feb unless anyone else comes forward in meantime.
 - 4.2. MD put in feedback to CMBC regarding importance of continuing face to face consultations in their consultation processes.
 - 4.3. Chair still to get in touch with Dans Garden Services.
 - 4.4. No response from owner of derelict garage at Fern Villas as yet.
5. **Neighbourhood Plan consultations and Calderdale Local Plan consultations.** Local plan is backbone to planning decisions into the future and outlines proposed sites for development, and the CIL (Community Infrastructure Levy, which is what a developer must contribute to the community for being allowed to develop. Closing date 18th December. Our Neighbourhood Plan needs consultation from participating councils in order to be able to contribute to their own input into wider Local Plan. Three categories of response to the various aspects - Support, Don't Support, or want more work to be done.
 - 5.1. **Potential Development Sites in the Parish.**
 - 5.1.1. **The Pen** – This is one of the filtered sites in our parish, filtered meaning that the Local Plan has considered it for development, but ruled it out. Paul Knights, local resident at Oakville, presented information. The reason documented as to why it has been filtered is that it is under the minimum plot size being considered for inclusion. But it is actually registered as a village green – very concerning that this wasn't listed as a reason for filtering. Oakville Rd Residents Association will be submitting comments and also individual residents. Possibility of using new designation as a 'community green space' – will be discussed at next Residents Association meeting.

Parish Council agreed with Oakville Residents and agreed to comment in similar vein.
 - 5.1.2. **Beechwood Nursery Site.** Tony Dyson from Delmont, adjacent to Beechwood nursery site presented information and distributed maps. In the Unitary Development Plan of 2006 it was outside the village envelope around Charlestown – therefore green belt and not able to be developed. Now however, they are proposing development will be allowed in these sort of sites. The site has High landscape value, geological or ecological value. The area of land is described by the geological survey as post-glacial landslip, and is now maturing woodland. Any proposed development must consider geological conditions; the trees probably help to stabilise the land and shouldn't be removed. There's a spring in the area and it is waterlogged in places, so drainage is a problem as well as contributing to landslip. Access is also major problem as track is no more than 3.5m wide. Hairpin bend involves cars doing 3 point turn, wagons have to reverse up, building work would be impossible, and full size fire engine can't get up. Undercragg track not engineered for modern vehicles, and there could be infrastructure damage with bigger vehicles. All these roads are unadopted, and only maintained by voluntary groups of residents. Entire site is covered by TPO. Also bats present.

Discussion about land ownership, and it is believed owned by a Mr Wilson, living in London who inherited it from parents. There has been no maintenance on site for last 40 years. Parish Council discussed above. Question put to residents about whether they would accept development in return for improved road, but they replied in the negative. Query posed about

whether the land was submitted for inclusion in the Plan by the landowner. This information ought to be publicly available, but can't find out. Agreed unanimously not to support, after judging the potential development against the Neighbourhood Plan criteria.

5.1.3. Callis Mill – Access good, site is derelict, is brownfield site. Agreed to support.

5.1.4. Woodman site – car park was in green belt, so they refused permission in past for development there. But in past was housing. Agreed to support this allocation. Also agreed to remind CMBC that we have long lease on the allotment site, which is filtered site..

5.1.5. Long Causeway & Davey Lane – currently derelict site, lends itself to development providing attention paid to access and infrastructure issues. Councillors believe planning permission refused previously because it was outside village envelope, but now it's inside. Tree Preservation Orders exist, but this issue could be overcome. Sewerage may be a problem, as it was built in 70s and there's a lot more housing now. Agreed to support – depending on adequate infrastructure.

5.1.6. Look again at filtered site on Steeps with the provision of a new road to alleviate traffic. 0667 split into small parcels of land.

5.2. General comment on the fact that where we feel that a development is marginal, between support and not support, we ought to lean towards supporting. This is because the Local Plan must support the 5 year housing need, and if it doesn't, development must legally be allowed wherever it is applied for.

5.3. Discussion about wind turbines – RB proposed a policy of no turbines within 500m of village envelope, and not within 500m of neighbouring property - 200m is current minimum distance. Also a maximum height of 12m to the hub from the ground. Member of public commented that the latter restriction would limit the sort of turbine you can have to those less advanced technologically. There is an almost developed policy on wind turbines that came from Hebden Royd, and was amended by Wadsworth. Impact of turbines on amenity is the broader point here. Motion withdrawn until next meeting. MD to circulate this draft wind turbine policies/papers.

5.4. MD outlined results of NP consultation – Most important to people: climate change, reusing existing buildings, high quality design, sympathetic to local historic context, sustainable design & construction, energy efficient and model of green thinking, protection of green belt, new developments to be near transport links, affordable housing, environmental and countryside protection. Careful siting of wind turbines. Adequate drainage. Issues not addressed in NP that were also important to people – enhancing community, cultural provision, peace & quiet, retail provision and independent shops, better transport links, improved provision for young people.

6. Rubbish bin for quarry on Mytholm Steeps – Clerk explained background to the bin. Councillors to ask Peter Stubbs at Friday's meeting.

7. Discussion on potential review of Emergency Plan – AG and DS to assist MD with the Emergency Plan review.

8. Publicity and preparation for Wayahead meeting. Broadband came up on Neighbourhood Plan, with regards to traffic & working from home. Access to internet fundamental right – prime minister statement.

9. To consider planning related matters:-

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

9.1.1. 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 – **Permitted**

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. 15/01428/LBC | Extension to north elevation to form garden room and south elevation to form wood pellet store.(Listed Building Consent) | Higher Murgatshaw Farm New Shaw Lane Blackshaw Head Hebden Bridge Calderdale HX7 7HZ . **Agreed no objection.**

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

10.1. 20mph zone on Mytholm Steeps. DG had asked the team to extend current 20mph zone roll out to include Steeps. This was agreed, however the signage was due to end outside Glen View. DG wrote back to Peter Stubbs to express thanks for including the Steeps, but would make more sense to end it after the Glen View bend so people don't accelerate into it. 3 weeks ago there was a head on crash with emergency services involved Might be idea to write to police to find out what their opinion is about the steeps and the 20 zone. They should have incident reports on this.

- 10.2. Meeting with Peter Stubbs from Highways – Clerk explained that chapel would be busy with fair preparations. Agreed to explore the option of meeting at the church (RB to report back).
- 10.3. New Shaw Lane – no lights – not working. Clerk to report.
- 10.4. Outside Glen View – battling to keep 5 drains clear of leaves, CMBC haven't done any clearance. Church Lane has flooded twice at times when the drains haven't been clear. So needs to be of prime importance for their drain clearing teams. Slippery leaves also treacherous for cars. Clerk to check on policy of CMBC regarding this.

11. To consider the following financial matters:

- 11.1. The budget remaining for 2015/16 is £6053, and the balance of accounts is £9073
- 11.2. Confirmed payment of the Chairman's annual allowance.
- 11.3. Confirmed payment of the Clerk's monthly salary and expenses.
- 11.4. Confirmed payment of £113.66 to CMBC for uncontested elections
- 11.5. Confirmed payment of £18 to Royal British Legion for wreath
- 11.6. Agreed the purchase of Christmas hampers for vulnerable parishioners, as per the list from last year. Clerk to arrange with May's. Christmas lights – need to contact Steve Hoyle and Phil Knowles. CK to contact Steve, no cost to PC, MD also agreed to help.

12. To consider representative reports and invitations:

12.1. Reports from previous events

- Town & Parish Council Liaison Group Annual Conference – 3rd November
- Neighbourhood Plan meeting - 16th November – discussed earlier.
- YLCA Planning training course – 7th November – Clerk attended
- Remembrance Day 8th November – successful.
- Old People's Welfare meeting – CK attended this morning and they will be writing to BPC requesting a grant

12.2 Upcoming Events and invitations

- Neighbourhood plan** meetings 14th Dec , 11th Jan 2016 MD to attend
- Town & Parish Council Liaison Group - 2nd February 2016
- Community Flood Resilience Board - 15th December (MD to Chair) Only 12 properties suffered serious damage this time, and feeling is that severity of rain would have caused more so big difference made by defence. Flood group did good job, flood stores heavily used, one at ATC almost emptied. Debrief session on floods. 2 flood stores in Hebden weren't open, but it wasn't necessary.
- Flood Recovery Programme Board – 9th December - MD
- National Flood event, London 2nd December - MD to present with CMBC

OTHER CHRISTMAS DATES

Carol Service - 18th December – MD to do the reading.

Parish Council Meetings: - 14th December, 25th January, 22nd February at Blackshawhead Methodist Church.

Wayahead Meeting – 30th November 7.30pm Hebden Bridge Town Hall

Signed *Catherine Bann*
Clerk to the Parish Council