

Minutes of meeting of Blackshaw Parish Council held on Monday 22 September 2014 at Blackshaw Head Methodist Church,

Present: Cllr. Mick Davies (in the Chair), Cllr Steve Hoyle, Cllr. Carol King, Cllr. Tim Cole, Cllr. Chris Lund, Cllr. Pat Beechill, Cllr. Dorothy Sutcliffe and seven members of the public.
In attendance: Maggie Boyle (Clerk).

- 1. Apologies for absences previously notified to the Clerk – None.**
- 2. Declarations of interest in items on the agenda –** Cllr King declared an interest in item 9.2.2.
- 3. Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 18 August 2014 –** Agreed as correct record and signed by the Chairman.
- 4. Matters arising from the Parish Council meeting 18 August 2014:**
 - 4.1. Cows and Calves leaflet –** The Clerk reported that she had not yet managed to get hold of any but would contact English Nature.
 - 4.2. White lining, Badger Lane –** No reply had been received to the email to Bert Mcleod, The Clerk was asked to follow up.
 - 4.3. Himalayan Balsam in Blackshaw Head –** The Clerk had found DEFRA advice that Balsam should be tackled in Spring. This was challenged by a Cllr. who had tackled the plant. There is a lot of Balsam growing on the Steeps destabilising the slope and blocking view of the road ahead. The Clerk was asked to contact Calderdale to see what could be done.
 - 4.4. Yorkshire Water – response to query about frequency of pipe bursts –** Cllrs. were pleased to have received a reply from YW indicating that replacing the pipe along Badger Lane was being considered. Cllrs. agreed that a YW representative should be invited to the November meeting of the PC.
- 5. Correspondence about/from:**
 - 5.1. YLCA – Recording of Parish Council meetings –** Cllrs. were informed that anyone wishing to record a meeting could do so provided that they had let the PC know of their intention in advance of the meeting. YLCA had produced helpful advice for the public that the PC could make available to anyone enquiring about making a recording. The Clerk informed Cllrs. that the Standing Order would need to be amended. She would look into this and bring revised wording to the next meeting of the PC.
 - 5.2. YLCA – Transparency code – consultation results-** It is likely that legislation will soon be passed that will mean that small Councils will not be required to submit their accounts to External Audit. However to ensure transparency Councils are encouraged to publish more detailed accounts. Furthermore, e-publishing is likely to become mandatory. The Clerk was asked to enquire of CMBC whether they would be able to host pages for BPC to publish information. She was also asked to invite Cllrs., the team supporting the Parish website and other interested people with IT skills to consider what the next steps should be.
 - 5.3. Environment Agency Siren Test 30th October –** Cllr. Davies informed the meeting that the three flood groups in the Upper Calder Valley would be involved, the Hebden Bridge Flood Store would be opened and there would be a stall in Todmorden run by the Todmorden Flood Group.
- 6. Charlestown Allotments**
 - 6.1. Request to go on waiting list –** Cllrs. considered a request for a resident of Hebden Bridge to go on the Allotments waiting list. They agreed that the address given was quite a distance from the Parish boundary and hence decided not to accept the request.
 - 6.2. Lease –** The Deeds had not yet been received from the Solicitor. The Clerk was asked to purchase the Deeds and Title from the Land Registry.
- 7. Neighbourhood Plan –**
 - 7.1. Hebden Royd Wind Farm Policy –** Cllr. Davies pointed out that in fact the document was really 'wind turbine advice'. Cllr. Davies could not attend the next Neighbourhood Planning meeting at which the text for this document would be discussed and asked that Cllrs. provide comments to Cllr. Hoyle who would be attending.
 - 7.2. Neighbourhood Area Consultation –** Cllr. Davies encouraged everyone to register their views on the Neighbourhood Area proposed and asked that the Clerk circulate the url for the consultation. http://calderdale-consult.limehouse.co.uk/portal/planning_services/ndp
- 8. Fete – Feedback from consultations –;**

8.1. Roads and Traffic – Cllr. Davies proposed that a petition is considered to help resolve any traffic/road issues. He undertook to start a petition to address the problems on the Steeps. The WayaHead meeting on October 13 would discuss the possibility and wording of a petition regarding the Steeps and encourage residents to identify any other problems. Marsh Lane exit, Ingle Dene exit and road crossing and a safe walking route from Blackshaw Head to Colden school have also been raised during consultations. The Clerk suggested she would look into booking a room at St James' church for the next WayaHead meeting as it was close to Mytholm Steeps.

8.2. Play area – The lack of a Play Area had been raised at the consultations during the Fete. The Clerk was asked to contact Mr. Greenwood, the Headmaster of Colden School to see whether there was any possibility of a joint initiative with the school.

8.3. Bus service – TLC sent a manager to the Fete. He provided an interesting insight into the values of the company and their commitment to a reliable service. Residents who came into the tent expressed their views that the service had improved in reliability since TLC took over the contract and were happy with the polite and friendly service provided by the bus drivers. The Clerk was asked to write to Metro asking when the contract for the 596 was to be reviewed and to write to TLC to ask how the PC what could be done to ensure growth in passenger numbers.

8.4. Resilience tips competition winners - The winners had received their prizes of a 'flood emergency pack'. The Clerk asked whether Councillors could provide feedback about the resilience tips so that she could create a leaflet that could be included in the Parish Welcome Pack.

9. Planning related matters:-

9.1. Previous planning applications and enforcement notices:

9.1.1. Update from Anne Markwell, Enforcement Team Leader

9.1.2. Green Barn Dark Lane planning enforcement – The Clerk was asked to contact the Enforcement Team and find out what will happen next and what the timescales will be.

9.1.3. 14/00730/HSE | Single storey extension to North East elevation | Green Barn Dark Lane Blackshaw Head Hebden Bridge West Yorkshire HX7 7JR – Permit. Noted.

9.1.4. 14/00802/192 | Conversion of outbuilding to summerhouse (Lawful Development Certificate) | Rawtonstall House Dark Lane Blackshaw Head Hebden Bridge Calderdale HX7 7JR – Refuse Certificate of Lawful Development. Noted.

9.1.5. 14/00832/FUL | Change of use from agriculture to touring caravan site, including 39 pitches, office/toilet facilities, earthworks to create central mounds, internal access road and new boundary walling. | Land Off Smithwell Lane Heptonstall Hebden Bridge Calderdale – Refuse. Noted.

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

9.2.1. 14/00051/FUL | Installation of 1 Tozzi Nord TN535 Wind_Turbine with an overall maximum height from base to tip of 21.6m (height to hub 15m) | Land South Of Lower Earnshaw Water Farm The Long Causeway Blackshaw Head Hebden Bridge Calderdale - Councillors agreed To OBJECT to this application. The grounds were the same as the comments provided during the pre-application consultation (listed below). Councillors agreed that the harms listed still pertained, the arguments put forward in the application did not persuade Councillors otherwise; nor did the application persuade Councillors that the benefits claimed in the application outweighed the harms.

The height of the turbine would adversely dominate the local area, the proposed turbine site is only 60m from Lower Lane. The cumulative effect of another turbine added to the three already located in close proximity to the proposed site would harm the visual amenity (the proposed site is in the Area Around Todmorden and in a Special Landscape Area). It is a short distance from the water course and works may impact water drainage and quality. Residents nearby are already adversely affected by noise from existing turbines in close proximity to the one that is now being proposed so its location would compound the problems already being suffered (it should be noted that, in particular, elderly and disabled people cannot get away from the noise). The proposed site is in a wildlife corridor.

9.2.2. 14/00809/FUL | The renovation and reinstatement of a derelict dwelling | Copley Holme Cow Side Road Todmorden Calderdale HX7 7LD. Councillors agreed TO SUPPORT this application on the grounds that this is a historic building in the landscape and the plans put forward the intention to return it to use in a sensitive and proportionate way. However Councillors asked that Officers require a full

ecological assessment prior to granting permission and add a restriction relating to maximum wattage of outside lighting so as to limit light pollution in this remote location.

- 9.2.3.** 14/00887/HSE | Extensions to existing dwelling to include replacement side extension, porch and two storey rear extension. | Bracewell Hall Barn Bow Lane Blackshaw Head Hebden Bridge Calderdale HX7 7JP. Councillors agreed NOT TO OBJECT to this application having considered that the design presented and the materials to be used were in keeping with the original building and the scale of the development proportionate to the original building and the location.

10. Highways, bridleways and footpaths

10.1. The Chairman moved that Standing Orders be suspended to allow Councillors to receive information from the Neighbourhood Watch Committee – This was agreed. Cllrs. heard that there was a range of cameras that could be used to capture images of thieves in vehicles. Cllrs. asked the Clerk to invite the CCTV Manager at CMBC to the December meeting of the Parish Council.

The suspension of standing orders was lifted and the remaining items on the agenda were addressed

10.2. CROWS – work on Calderdale Bridleway – Sent thanks for cheque and will let PC know when work is done (some time in September).

10.3. Traffic signs - It was reported that the 30mph traffic sign at the entrance to the village on the Mytholm Steeps side has dropped off. A tree is obstructing the give way sign by the junction of Badger Lane and New Shaw Lane. The Clerk was asked to report these.

10.4. The Clerk reported that Jan Gibson was going to unblock a drain near Dover bridge, Pennine Way. This would stop rain water eroding the road surface under the Bridge. Cllrs. asked the Clerk to request that the ROW team reinstate the road surface.

10.5. Jumble Hole – Work has not yet started on reinstating the collapsed bridleway however contracts are being let.

11. Financial matters:

11.1. Budget (2014/15) and balances, bank reconciliation and transfer of funds between accounts – The remaining budget for 2014/15 was £4,416.94, the balance of accounts was £9,421.96 which reconciled to the cash book and it was agreed to move £450 from the reserve to the current account.

11.2. To reimburse the Clerk for Parish Council Fete display £6.50 - Agreed;

11.3. To confirm payment of the Clerk's monthly salary - Agreed.

11.4. The Clerk announced that she was giving notice of her resignation.

12. Representative reports and invitations:

13. 1st September 2014 Neighbourhood Planning meeting - reported under item 7.

18th September Flood Recovery Programme Board meetings – Calderdale Council will be the legal authority for the website.

6th October 2014 Neighbourhood Planning meeting – A vision for the project will be written.

11 October 10-12.30pm Annual conference of Town and Parish Councils, Mytholmroyd, St Michael's Church

13 October Heptonstall Exhibitions and Richard Naylor Charities Cllr. Beechill will attend.

17th November 2014 Neighbourhood Planning meeting

10th December – 2pm until 3:30pm in Halifax town hall Flood Recovery Programme Board

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

Dates of future meetings:-

Parish Council Meetings: - 27 October, 24 November, 15 December, 26 January 2015, 23 February, 23 March, 27 April at Blackshaw Head Methodist Church.

WayAhead meetings – 13 October New Delight, 16 February 2015, Council Chamber, Hebden Bridge Town Hall.

Allotment Committee – 29 September 2014, 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.