

Draft minutes of the WayaHead meeting of Blackshaw Parish Council held on 15th June 2015 in Hebden Bridge Town Hall.

Present: Cllr. Roger Butterworth (in the Chair), Cllr. Dorothy Sutcliffe, Cllr Anne Geldard, Cllr Donna Goodman, Cllr King, four members of the public. Jae Campbell (invited speaker on EyeonCalderdale).

In attendance: Catherine Bann (Clerk)

1. Apologies for absence – Cllr Neill, Cllr Davies (attending Neighbourhood Plan meeting). Brief introductions to all present.
2. Declarations of interest in matters on the agenda – none.
3. Minutes of last Wayahead meeting. Agreed.
4. Matters arising

4.1. Re-siting of noticeboard – lots of markings on road / and street furniture during site visit. This turns out to have been Environment agency mapping for future flood defences, and nothing will be actioned from this in medium term. So now re-siting of noticeboard could move forward. Proposal was by the bus stop. Clerk to contact CMBC regarding this and possible site meeting.

4.2. Marsh Lane exit – a mirror has appeared, provenance uncertain – some discussion about whether this was on the correct side. The bushes that were blocking the sight lines have been cut right back. Better visibility now overall at this junction.

4.3. Re. A646, could ask someone from Hebden Royd to attend a meeting where we discuss this.

4.4. Re. Mytholm Steps, Cllr Sutcliffe to put in writing about public right of way.

5. Highways and Bridleways.

Issue of road safety is being worked on within Parish Council. Traffic speedthrough village was discussed at annual meeting. Agreed that the white lines need to be reported. Clerk reported that have written to CMBC detailing main issues and to request a meeting with Highways. Agreed to arrange a Wayahead meeting to discuss road safety after the meeting with CMBC.

For the meeting with CMBC Cllr Goodman suggests going with lots of evidence. She has collated pictorial representation of incidents for Steeps area. Clerk to put out notice on board and googlegroups requesting similar info on incidents in the village. Also any other information, such as traffic counts. CMBC now have a request form for the speed indicator device, though this is in demand, so although we can request it, it may be some time before we get it.

Another problem is bottom of Mytholm Steeps, with people using it to avoid the turning circle. This was looked at within the Mytholm Steeps campaign, with school.

6. Eye on Calderdale website – Demonstration from Jae Campbell on the excellent Eye on Calderdale website. It arose as part of work done after the floods in 2012 using DEFRA money, but is now largely volunteer run. It doesn't just encompass flood info, but realtime info on traffic/roadworks/snow etc, so very useful. Also lots of information, contacts, steps to help you alert your neighbours etc. The main point to note is that it relies to some degree on crowd sourced information. So if you encounter an incident, from a flood, to a blocked road, to snow/ice etc, then you can put a pin in map which lasts for 24 hours (no way to remove pin if the obstruction is cleared, but can put a 2nd pin in to explain this). Agreed to encourage participation from parishioners.
7. Launch of new Parish website – Grayde demonstrated the new website. Some of it remains outdated for want of new information, such as the Directory of Local Services. Cllr Geldard suggested that

there ought to be a disclaimer on the latter so that it is clear the Parish Council does not recommend certain traders etc. Clerk is keeping the Parish Council section up to date, including all minutes / agendas / accounts etc. Grayde thanked for his work on improving the website and keeping it updated.

8. Broadband update – update provided from Cllr Davies. Cllr Butterworth explained the background to this issue. On the question of how we can collate information on speeds in order to help the case with pushing it forward, Grayde agreed to look at putting form/message re. broadband speeds on the website. The main issue is that the fibre stops at Jack Bridge, so the further you are from Jack Bridge the slower it is. Previous minutes (Wayahead Feb 2015) outline this more clearly.

Gabriel Serota lives near Land Farm – can only get 1mb or so, and has no prospect of faster speeds. Why are some areas left out completely? He may not be routed even through the Jack Bridge fibre? Clerk agreed to put him directly in touch with of Superfast as he is more likely to get more concrete information. Agreed that BPC should also work on behalf of parishioners such as Gabriel who don't even have the prospect of faster speeds regardless of the new fibre.

9. CCTV in the parish. Cllr Butterworth and Steve Hoyle had meeting at CCTV centre in Calderdale. Neighbourhood Watch group have applied to Police Commissioner for a grant for the community to put CCTV police monitored camera in – the application as been accepted, waiting to find out if successful. Cllr Butterworth wants to bring in the CCTV into the discussion on road safety with Highways. Discussed having a private camera, for example in the Chapel. However this raises issues of privacy and data protection.

10. Items for next agenda – CCTV / road safety & traffic issues / Broadband update /

11. AOB - None

12. Date of next meeting – tbc (after the meeting with Highways)