

Draft minutes of the WayaHead meeting of Blackshaw Parish Council held on 13 October 2014 in St James Church.

Present: Cllr. Mick Davies (in the Chair), Cllr. Dorothy Sutcliffe, Cllr. Tim Cole, Cllr Steve Hoyle, one member of the public.

In attendance: Catherine Bann (Clerk)

1. Apologies for absence – Cllr Lund, Cllr Pat Beechill
2. Declarations of interest in matters on the agenda - none.
3. Matters arising – Himalayan Balsam meeting
4. Highways and Bridleways.

Marsh Lane exit. Raised issues by Ian Symington. Mick has been to see him to discuss this matter further. Cars are parked there, and sight lines are difficult. Vegetation makes this more difficult also, regardless of cars. There is a fence post between the houses that would be an ideal site for a mirror. Calderdale won't do it and don't approve of it. But if parish council put it there, we may well be liable for it. However, if we made a donation from Chairman's allowance to a group of residents, then that would be different. We will raise this at the next meeting.

Jumble Hole – progressing fairly well, but another month before it will be finished.

Heard nothing on the A646. Hebden Royd has done press releases as regards schools. Donna is aware of that, but no further news. No enthusiasm in Ingledene for a mirror, although mirrors only cost about £25. Nobody knows who owns the actual post here. Will try and galvanise Donna into ensuring that Jonathon Timbers knows what we're up to as regards this.

Mytholm Steps – update from Hebden Royd. Investigated how to register public right of way. Need evidence that it has been in public right of way. Could look up who built the houses.

Proper tarmac all the way up Underbank, about 50 yards.

5. Parish Website – could we have launch of new village website, specifically inviting all the groups. Maybe at the next Wayahead meeting. Able to put a link for the minutes on the website. But we shouldn't start to rely solely on this as method of communicating to parishioners.
6. Update on Flood Resilience. Setting up 4 containers one at the back of picture house, which was previously at garden st by the well – group of residents objected and this has been moved to picture house. Filled with equipment for use during flood, sandbags, polythene road signs, shovels etc, and also with cleaning materials for clearing up after flood. One in Bridge lanes car park next to calder terrace, one next to ATC at Charlestown to service woodland view and one at Murts Garage. These should be in position in next month or so. Hebden Bridge Flood Group had meeting at Murt's. Various questions raised. Why did raising river wall stop at the garage, allowing river to top it by Wood Villas/ Answer from Env Agency. Raising wall stopped there so flood water would run along backs of houses as they are somewhat higher. Alternative locations to allow over topping that do not adversely affect properties further down stream? 2) why not make holds in wall between A646 and rec so field could be used as a flood plain? Although this is superficially good idea. The A646 slopes down towards the houses so the level of the water wouldn't reach the holes in the wall. The env agency looking at other ways of draining road into playing field. 3) problems at Jumble Hole road – comes through railway arches, road belong to Saville estate, and they may be responsible for part of it. Proposals being developed to minimise problem and will keep us informed. Andrew Cohen is going to clean it all out apparently. Problems at Walsden were because sump had got full. Could they divert water coming down jumble hole road onto the rec?
Environment agency looking at lots of different small localised schemes. Important for BPC to

maintain presence on flood groups to keep the pressure on the various agencies. Calderdale looking at ways of trying to continue action after DEFRA funding runs out in March.

Could we get a set of plans from Andrew Cohen (Env agency contact) at the next Community Project Board meeting. Perhaps invite him to April parish council meeting? Agreed - MD to do this. Will hopefully be a residual body beyond March to keep the pressure on.

- 7. Broadband update.** Cllr Lund wrote regarding the broadband. Not acceptable that the new fibre hasn't come up into the village. And although it's much better, it's not equivalent to what everyone else in the UK is getting, and will not keep up with technological developments where fast internet is necessary. Just because situation is rare doesn't excuse the situation. Cllr Beechill now able to get 11 mb and considers this to be fantastic.

Also another route coming to bottom end of the village from box at coop. Might not be too difficult to bring fibre from this box, on the posts?

In principle we should be saying that they should bring the fibre up to the box in the village. Wanda doing presentation on broadband at next Ward Forum and bringing the bloke from BT again. Main point is to keep pressure on, and express the strength of feeling that people want faster speeds. We don't have quite enough information. Someone in particular with knowledge to bang the drum. It only comes to the edge of the parish. Make sure we publicise the ward forum so people attend and make the strength of opinion known. BPC not entirely happy with this and need a full written explanation about the technical problems so we can consult someone else.
- 8. Resiting noticeboard on A646.** Discussed the rec as possible place. Or the Woodman? Is under offer. Just behind wall at Rec? Need a site visit. Would need permission from Calderdale for by the garages or the Trust of Charlestown Rec if this location chosen. Site visit arranged for 10am this Friday at the Rec. Can be raised in BPC meeting under wayahead report.
- 9. Calderdale wrote saying £100 available towards a fete if a local group wanted to run one on the rec.** It's a Fields in Trust site. Unclear whether it needs to be a group local to Charlestown. Would it be worth us doing a small thing there? We have a red tent, publicise it, etc, coincide with a newsletter? Publicise the election. Liaise with Charlestown group/Oakville Road community. Publicise the rec itself as a venue for community events. Possibly better in the summer? Put the rec in the newsletter and the funding opportunity. Erringden could be included. Follow up in the summer with the new council. This committee would like future councils to consider this. MD to write article for newsletter.
- 10. Items for next agenda – launch the website, broadband, Charlestown Rec, CCTV**
- 11. AOB - burglars again last week in the parish, several different burglaries recently, and parishioners very upset.** Neighbourhood Watch have appointment to go and see Calderdale guy on 26th and look at camera set up. Put this on council agenda for March meeting.
- 12. Date of next meeting – June 15th**