
BLACKSHAW PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of Parish Council Meeting

Monday 15th April 2019 at Blackshaw Head Methodist Church HX7 7JY.

Present: Cllr Bowen (Chair), Cllrs Sutcliffe, Moss, Lacey, King, Goodman and Butterworth and two members of the public.

1. Apologies for absences previously notified to the Clerk. None
2. Declarations of interest in items on the agenda. Cllr Bowen declared an interest in item 10.4 as he is now an actual trustee of the organisation.
3. Confirmed the minutes of the Parish Council meeting on 25th March 2019
4. Received information on matters arising from the meetings on 25th March. Councillor Lacey has done risk assessment on the barn being used for the Community Get-Together. Agreed this was useful and we should ensure this is always done for PC events.
5. Discussed the vacancies on the Parish Council. There has been some interest from people willing to be coopted. Need to advertise also however – agreed to put formal notice in next week's paper. Agreed to make a big effort to try to get someone from the valley bottoms, as this area remains under-represented. Though Clerk pointed out this was stressed in previous circular.
6. Discussed the 2019 Blackshaw Community Award. More nominations received than in previous years. Agreed to give the award to Edith Bowman – Clerk to notify her and award to be presented at Annual Meeting.
7. Update on ownership issues around Oakville Rd/Stony Lane – Member of public outlined the situation back in the 60s and 70s up to the present day. Councillors have seen the paperwork relating to this from the late 90s up to 2000 when the trail goes cold. Clerk has a copy. Railway certainly tarmacked it in 1970, but there is no further mention of Oakville Rd up until 1974. Believe that County agreed to maintain it but bill the railway. And memories stretch back to 80s when it was still tarmacked – did CMCB do this by mistake, or did railway pay for it? Not known. The cause was taken up again when Oakville Rd residents association was constituted in late 1990s up to 2000. Latest news is that in last couple of weeks, highways officer said CMBC wouldn't maintain road as it is unadopted, registered as a bridleway and was therefore fit for purpose as such. He recalled some agreement way back between highways and railways, but couldn't locate detail. Cllr Young emailed legal department of CMBC. Reply was that solicitor couldn't find anything relating to Oakville road agreement. Our parishioner contacted Network Rail recently. He explained he'd been doing some basic work clearing drains and drainage channel. Feels pointless to keep pressuring them, maybe better to go down the route of self repair – several funding pots to apply to, including this Council. Cllr Sutcliffe explained that Chapel Lane was in same position, but eventually evidence was found of local authority ownership – she promised to investigate further by going to archives. Suggestion to write to EA to find out who gave permission to dig up road to do the flood works? Pointed out that if agree to self-repair by residents, some are reluctant as raises question about ownership and liability. Cllr Butterworth suggested getting quote off Holroyds and not just PG. Agreed some further avenues to explore. Cllr Lacey expressed concern about parish council funding repair of road as this would set a precedent and there are many unadopted roads in the parish. Agreed to re-discuss again in July.
8. **To consider planning related matters: -**
 - 8.1. To receive information on previous planning applications:
 - 8.1.1. 18/01263/FUL | Use of land for the siting of three units for holiday accommodation including ancillary works. | Daisy Bank Farm The Long Causeway Blackshaw Head Hebden Bridge Calderdale HX7 7JB - **Permitted**
 - 8.2. Update on Enforcement and other planning issues.
 - 8.2.1. Update from planning department. None as yet. Need an update on the Staups development, but there is a 3 acre paddock there for sale.
 - 8.3. To consider new planning applications:
 - 8.3.1. 19/00235/HSE | Two storey side extension with canopy attached, front porch and refurbishment of outbuilding to create self-contained annexe ancillary to main dwelling |

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

9.1. New lane at Hippins/ Copley Holme – discussed this new lane being made with broken tarmac that goes to nowhere. Holroyds own the land and they are major contractors to CMBC. It costs a lot of money to get rid of waste, so there is a suspicion that they are fly-tipping possibly with unusable green waste. Planning permission surely needed to put in a lane. Agreed to contact Highways, Environment, and Planning regarding this.

9.2. Mountain bike problems on footpaths. Member of public attended, lives at Jack Bridge and is a member of Ride Calderdale (RC). Lots of concern on googlegroup, in particular on Popple Common which is actually Heptonstall Parish, but this raised concerns about similar problems in Blackshaw and elsewhere. RC are advocacy group to help out, doing things like trail maintenance, help CROWS for example, not there to police riders. But do want to try to help out when there is conflict, and they have posted a notice on RC website asking people not to ride across Popples Common. Methods used by some local residents to discourage this don't always help, eg notices barricades etc. RC has also started putting up little signs to help smooth relations. Phil Grady is going to replenish this signs along Pennine Bridleway, which ask for respect and manners. Cllr Sutcliffe pointed out that a bell on bikes would help. Civil offence to cycle on a footpath, but up to landowners to catch and prosecute. Trying to encourage younger members to join RC, and this is having some impact particularly among those who get involved in maintenance. Suggestion to work with tourist info. Member of public explained that it's social media that is causing problems. Including Strava, a new app, which among other things has leader boards of who is fastest to ride across certain segments.

9.3. Steps down to Hebble Hole on Calderdale Way are extremely difficult. Agreed to write to Jan Gibson following up Cllr Sutcliffe's conversation with him at the celebration event.

10. To consider the following financial matters:

10.1. Carried out a review of the effectiveness of the system of internal control and consider the annual assessment of significant risks. Agreed as amended by the Clerk. Changes refer to GDPR, to risk assessment for affiliated events, and to Code of Conduct.

10.2. Agreed the accounts for 2018/9

10.3. Agreed the budget for 2019/20

10.4. Considered a request for financial assistance from Heptonstall Exhibitions & Richard Naylor Charities under Section 137 – Agreed £250

10.5. Confirmed payment of annual subs to YLCA.

10.6. Confirmed payment of the grant to Colden School for £150 under S 137

10.7. Confirmed payment of the Clerk's monthly salary and expenses, including salary increase as per NALC pay scale.

11. To consider representative reports and invitations

11.1. Previous Events

Hebble Hole celebration – went extremely well, with excellent attendance.

11.2. Upcoming Events

Neighbourhood Plan meeting – not sure when it is. Waiting to get a date.

Ward Forum – 10th June

T & PC Liaison - 4th June

Items for next meeting -

Parish Council Meetings: - Annual Meeting: 13th May, 24th June

Allotment Committee Meeting - October 2019

Signed Catherine Bann Clerk to the Parish Council