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# BLACKSHAW PARISH COUNCIL

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## Draft Minutes of Blackshaw Parish Council which will be held at 7.30pm on Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> September 2019

Present: Councillor Bowen in the Chair, Councillors King, Lomax, Lacey, Butterworth, Tiler-Ansell and five members of the public.

1. Apologies for absences previously notified to the Clerk. Cllr Patterson
2. Declarations of interest in items on the agenda. None
3. Confirmed the minutes of the Parish Council meeting on 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2019
4. Information on matters arising from the meetings on 22<sup>nd</sup> July. Noted that the building site at top of Davey Lane was reported to the Health & Safety Exec and site has improved since. Clerk reported that cannot ask bank re dual online signatory as bank has lost record that Clerk is allowed to access account. Councillors asked to sign another. Planning application at top Davey Lane has been amended, and will go to planning committee. Important someone represents the PC at this meeting.
5. Noted new papers lodged in **West Yorkshire Archive**. Clerk reported that papers lodged included the minutes from 2005 to 2014, plus papers relating to setting up of Charlestown Allotments, campaign to get Church Lane resurfaced/adopted by CMBC, and children's play area in Blackshawhead.
6. **Flood related community resilience and the Emergency Plan**. Andrew Entwistle (HB flood warden) is invited to speak to the next PC meeting. Appeal has been made regarding potential storage bin for Jack Bridge. However someone already volunteered a handful of years ago, so need to try to find them first. Mention made by member of public regarding the old toilets on High St as potential store. Cllr Lacey reported on meeting with Andrew Entwistle and Isaac Dziya to find another spot in Charlestown for a flood store near the rec. Positive noises made, and this option will be explored further. The EA flood practice week – no update on this as yet, but believe there will be siren tests. Also Clerk read report from Cllr Patterson on Community Resilience meeting.
7. Discussed proposal by Cllr Lomax to organise an **open meeting on climate change** and species extinction and discuss steps that can be taken within our parish. Many councils have passed motions on this issue, but these are meaningless unless backed by action. Cllr Lomax has discussed with other councils to discover how best to raise the issue, and work out a way to have an open meeting, get local ideas, what actions can be taken. Concerned that PC should take active role to enable action to take place. Actions will be specific to people within the parish. Our parish ought to be a net absorber of carbon – would be nice to have a 'carbon stamp' similar to red tractor. Open meeting should involve lots of members of community, perhaps open to Heptonstall & other neighbouring parishes? Would be difficult to get certain people e.g. those who use pesticides to come to the meeting. Open meeting could have a speaker, then people divide into groups to discuss various ideas. Member of public commented that would be good idea to work with other parish councils. Could mention at T & PC liaison. Member of public added that four parishes used to meet regularly, with an annual rotating chair – this could be revived. Proposed a Saturday afternoon brainstorming session. Proposed to invite a representative from the other councils – agreed. 16<sup>th</sup> November proposed date to be agreed. *Working group meeting 30<sup>th</sup> September. 6.45 at the New Delight.*
8. Considered quotes for tree survey at the allotments. - Agreed to go with CMBC.
9. **To consider planning related matters: -**
  - 9.1. To receive information on previous planning applications:
    - 9.1.1. - 19/00679/FUL | Replacement Kennel building | Sunny View Kennels Kebs Road Todmorden Calderdale OL14 8SB **Permitted**
    - 9.1.2. 19/00579/LBC | Partial rebuild of western gable wall (Listed Building Consent) | Manor House Dark Lane Blackshaw Head Hebden Bridge Calderdale HX7 7JR – **Permitted**
    - 9.1.3. 19/00558/FUL | Ground mounted 16 panel PV array | Higher Heath Moor Lane Colden Hebden Bridge Calderdale - **Permitted**
  - 9.2. Update on Enforcement and other planning issues. Planning violation just into Todmorden. Planning for conversion for a barn, but there are many more buildings there. Agreed to alert Todmorden Town Council about this. Update from Environment Agency regarding dumping at Copley Holme. They said that they would have granted permission. Disappointing, but agreed not to take this further.

A further dumping site is on the Steeps, and this has been waste from a cannabis farm. Tipping also an issue on top of Long Causeway. Cameras would be good idea to catch fly tippers. This came up at Ward Forum, and CMBC policy is to monitor situation but presently to stick with the charges (for dumping certain waste) – and pay people to clear up any fly-tipping. Just need to keep on reporting. Dumping on Steeps was cleared up quite quickly.

On building site issue of top of Davy Lane – some considerable improvements have been made – see matters arising.

Agreed to chase the enforcement issue of High House Farm again.

**9.3. To consider new planning applications:**

**9.3.1.** 19/00873/FUL | Agricultural building | Lower Murgatshaw Farm Old Shaw Lane Blackshaw Head Hebden Bridge Calderdale HX7 7HZ. **Agreed no objection.**

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

**10.1.** Discussion to clarify main points for the upcoming meeting with Steven Lee at Highways Cllr Bowen and Cllr Lacey to attend.

20 mph zone progress and potential for BPC to put in extra signage. White lines on Badger Lane. Roadside verges. Inappropriate vehicles on the Steeps. 30mph sign to be moved – Wadsworth may be able to use it. Consultation on the A646, and this hasn't yet come out. Part of this was to monitor the feed into the A646, and this information would be useful if they also measured traffic coming from Church Lane – if not, why not. Some progress on the ditches and drains after being collated and reported by Cllr Bowen. Oakville Road issue of ownership.

**10.2.** Discussed street-light at Height Top. Several members of the public made representations explaining that they do not want the reinstated street light at Height Top. CMBC's own street lights map does not list that street light. There have been no issues with safety or crime and disorder in the last five years. Concern expressed about safety for pedestrians, in particular for school children. Suggested a timer for the winter months. Member of public pointed out that there aren't many children, and that pedestrians must take own responsibility for their visibility. Clerk also raised issue of setting a precedent by supporting residents in getting a streetlight removed. Cllr Lomax pointed out that this was a particular case, whereby there hadn't been a street-light there for five years. Proposal to support the residents failed, 2 for, 3 against and 1 abstention. A further proposal was made to ask CMBC to look at timers as described above. Agreed to support this proposal, and if timer not available, to support residents in pressing for removal.

**10.3.** Discussed water on the road at Moorhall Farm Lane. Agreed to report to Highways.

**10.4.** Beech hedge at Moorcroft is taking over the bus shelter. Agreed to write to owner.

**10.5.** Pennine way at Shaw bottom, cobbled narrow path. Undergrowth is causing slippiness. Down into the Ragley Road.

**10.6.** Calderdale Way at Hippins. Stile out of Hippins into Apple Tree Farm is very high and unmanageable. Growth from there up to farm makes it almost impassable, and a fall could be into barbed wire. From Bullion to Lower Blackshaw Farm is through a bog, and the fence line is not very visible. Agreed to write to Jan Gibson and ask him to investigate this. Also copy CROWS in.

**11. To consider the following financial matters:**

**11.1.** Considered the bank balances and budget for 2019/20. Agreed to vire money from Training and Travel pots into election and from Nplan/20 mph zone signage to property maintenance for Chapel donation.

**11.2.** Noted completion of official duties for Pensions Regulator

**11.3.** Considered whether BPC can properly donate to the roof appeal for the Chapel under S137. Clerk explained could be S137 funding, but actually PC has power to fund buildings for gatherings/community use, or to contribute to the expenses of anyone else who does. Agreed to donate £500.

**11.4.** Confirmed payment of CMBC election expenses invoice of £112.28

**11.5.** Confirmed payment of £144 to George Shaw & Sons for the toilets at the Fete as previously agreed under S137

**11.6.** Confirmed payment of £7.45 to Yorkshire Water for allotments

**11.7.** Confirmed payment of the Clerk's monthly salary (2 months) and expenses.

**12. To consider representative reports and invitations**

**12.1.** Previous Events

Calder Ward Forum - 9<sup>th</sup> September. Cllr Butterworth attended. Mentioned Callis Mill and the Woodman. We agreed to request Letters of improvement via Councillor Young. This has now been

sent. High House Farm was mentioned – lack of progress.

Blackshawhead Fete - 31<sup>st</sup> August – relatively quiet in the red tent. Some volunteered to be flood wardens. Fete was very much a success in general. Well done to all.

Flood Resilience Meeting – as reported above

## **12.2. Upcoming Events**

Annual Town and Parish Conference - Saturday, 5th October 2019 from 10.00 am to 12.30 pm at Heptonstall Bowling and Social Club. Agreed to raise the policy on empty houses. Need to challenge them on inaction at places like High House Farm.

Heptonstall Exhibitions 15<sup>th</sup> October, Cllr Bowen to attend.

Remembrance Day

**Items for next meeting - Andrew Entwistle.** Neighbourhood Watch group cameras on the chapel.  
Remembrance Day. Climate subgroup update.

**Parish Council Meetings:** - 28<sup>th</sup> October 25<sup>th</sup> November. Annual Meeting: 13<sup>th</sup> May

**Allotment Committee Meeting** - 7<sup>th</sup> October 2019

**Signed *Catherine Bann* Clerk to the Parish Council**