
BLACKSHAW PARISH COUNCIL

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Draft Minutes of Blackshaw Parish Council meeting on Monday 27th July 2020 on Zoom online.

Present: Cllr Butterworth (Chair), Cllrs King, Lacey and Bowen and three members of the public.

1. Apologies for absences previously notified to the Clerk – Cllrs Lomax, Patterson and Tiler-Ansell
2. Declarations of interest in items on the agenda. Cllr Bowen is a trustee of Heptonstall Exhibitions and so has an interest in 10.2
3. Confirmed the minutes of the Parish Council meeting on 22nd June 2020
4. Information on matters arising from the meetings on 22nd June. No update from EA regarding meeting at Sandbed and so Clerk will chase this matter. Cllr Bowen reported that the crack in Hippins Bridge as reported in previous meeting has been mended by CMBC.
5. Update on dangerous cycling on footpaths in the parish. Other parish/town councils interested in being involved, and Jan Gibson also replied saying he would attend a meeting. Need to chase Jan to ask him to provide some suggested dates as his attendance probably most crucial in terms of things moving forward. Cllr Tiler-Ansell reported in an email to Clerk that she is continuing to follow-up with Strava, but nothing concrete to report. Cllr Lacey raised the issue at the Safer Cleaner Greener meeting, and it was generally acknowledged to be an issue. Inspector Doughty interested in issue and said he would look further into this. Agreed to invite him to future meeting.
6. Noted the report from the Allotment Committee on the annual inspection (Clerk to forward). In general everything in order – committee very pleased with progress in general. Some minor issues to deal with but allotments group looking at this.
7. Discussed how to present the Community Award in the light of the Fete being cancelled. We had hoped that Martyn Stocks (May's son) would be present at the meeting, but he wasn't [N.B. The unnamed i-phone who joined the meeting turned out to be Martyn but he couldn't work out how to speak so councillors were unaware of his presence at the time]. No other community events upcoming, and not sure how May herself would prefer the award to be presented. Agreed that Cllr Butterworth should ask Dorothy Sutcliffe, or speak to May or Martyn to assess and report back.
8. **To consider planning related matters: -**
 - 8.1. To receive information on previous planning applications. Discussed the appeal being lodged for 19/00708, new houses on Davey Lane, on which the PC objected and was refused by CMBC. Some initial confusion as the appeal was for the previous application while the current application for that site remains undecided. Member of public confirmed that there was no site notice in place, and that he would be putting in a submission to that appeal. Agreed to also put in a submission, as the situation since our initial objection had changed in that the 7 houses on Long Causeway were now built, impacting the setting of the listed building. Also worth reiterating the initial reasons for objection, as per Cllr Butterworth's email, as amended by Clerk.
 - 8.2. Update on Enforcement and other planning issues.
 - 8.2.1. Update on the enforcement issue near Whiteley Arches – 18/60037/ENF. Roy Rizvi wrote to inform that on 15/07/20 an Enforcement Notice was issued requiring cessation of unauthorised use of land for storage of containers etc. and removal containers etc., also timber/corrugated sheeting fence. The Notice takes effect on 14 August 2020
 - 8.2.2. Update on dumped car near High St. Clerk has written again to owners of Higher Murgatshaw, and has contacted the estate agents, with no response from either. Cllr King thought that the field in question wasn't part of the sale. CMBC environmental health has visited site. Feel that options for action from PC are somewhat exhausted on this issue.
 - 8.2.3. Update on empty houses in the parish. Cllr Butterworth reported that since the positive words from CMBC at the Town & parish Council annual conference meeting many months ago regarding their willingness to tackle empty homes, absolutely nothing has been done on the specific matters reported to them by the parish council. The two houses on Badger Lane remain empty as does the Woodman site. Agreed to write again to CMBC expressing disappointment with this situation and demanding that they stick to their own policies and take action here.
 - 8.3. New planning applications:

8.3.1. 20/00605/CON | Conversion of agricultural barn to dwellinghouse | Lower Blackshaw Farm Badger Lane Blackshaw Head Hebden Bridge Calderdale HX7 7JQ. Applicant addressed the meeting and answered questions relating to carbon neutrality/ low-carbon as posed by Cllr Lomax in a prior email. She explained that it was extremely well insulated, and that environmentally friendly materials were being used. It had solar gain from large south windows, and was designed with a possibility of solar PV panels installation later on. Some other comments about disabled access, and the preference for a barn door. But unanimously agreed not to object. It was noted that we could comment that all new dwellings should be carbon-neutral. Though member of public also pointed out that the housing stock in area does not lend itself to carbon-neutrality.

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

9.1. Update relating to sewage outflow at Hebble Hole. Cllr Lacey reported that Environmental health were contacted in April. Joy Holland did a site visit. Heptonstall PC also working on this, taking different route by reporting to the Environment Agency, who claimed it was Yorkshire Water or CMBC responsibility. Neil Dewhurst from YW has written to CMBC on this matter, and had planned a site visit on 23rd July, including with CCTV cameras etc. We await further updates.

10. To consider the following financial matters:

- 10.1.** The 2020/2021 budget remaining is £8036 and bank balances stand at £12,070
- 10.2.** Agreed a grant of £250 to Heptonstall Exhibitions and Richard Naylor charities
- 10.3.** Discussed purchasing a new parish council computer for the Clerk and agreed the Clerk should go ahead and buy this with an upper limit of £400.
- 10.4.** Confirmed payment of £420 for the allotment tree surgery to Bell's
- 10.5.** Confirm payment of the Clerk's monthly salary and expenses, including £14.39 to Zoom

11. To consider representative reports and invitations

Safer Cleaner Greener Meeting – Cllr Lacey discussed the problem with mountain biking (as detailed above). Also reported that the cameras to address increase in fly-tipping could not be mounted at the quarry on the Steeps (as requested by BPC) as nowhere suitable for installation. Another issue of concern was off-road motor-bikes on public roads – police now have new bit of kit to enable them to pursue this matter more effectively.

Items for next meeting - dog-walking, dog-poo

Parish Council Meetings: - 24th August, 28th September, 26th October

Allotment Committee Meeting - October 2020

Signed Catherine Bann Clerk to the Parish Council