


**Minutes of Blackshaw Parish Council Meeting held at Blackshaw Head Methodist Church, Old Shaw Lane, Blackshaw Head on Monday 25 October 2010.**

**Present:** Councillors Dorothy Sutcliffe, Pat Beechill (Chairman), Carol King, Frank McLaughlan.

**In attendance:** The Clerk, Adrian Lord, Tim Cole, Lucy Brill, Steve Hoyle, Pat Field.

1. **Accepted apologies** – Michelle Dargan-Cole.
2. **Declarations of interest in items on the agenda** – none accepted.
3. **Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 27 September** – agreed.
4. **Information on matters arising from the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 27 September:** -

 **Domestic Wind Turbines** – A response had been received from Calderdale Council. The Clerk was asked to reply and express the concern of the Council that the problem should be investigated in order to provide objective information to guide future planning decisions about domestic wind turbines.

5. **The threat to the local Bus Services** – Councillors discussed the possible threat to bus services as a result of the spending cuts. It was agreed to keep a watching brief.

6. **The traffic surveys in Blackshaw Head and on Mytholm steeps** – Adrian Lord gave a detailed and thoughtful presentation on the traffic surveys carried out in 2009 and 2010. The presentation was discussed in detail and it was agreed to share the information with the community through the Google group, a resident of Glen View and Calderdale Council Highway Engineers. The Council thanked Adrian for his work and excellent presentation.

7. **The Queen's 2012 Diamond Jubilee** – Tim Cole and Steve Hoyle reported on arrangements for the Diamond Jubilee and sought support from the Parish Council for the Jubilee celebrations in 2012. The Council agreed to support the celebrations and offered to provide insurance cover for events that were agreed with the Parish Council. Tim and Steve offered to keep the Council informed on a regular basis.

8. **The draft Local Emergency Plan** – More volunteers were still required as well as information about any vulnerable people who might need extra help in the event of an emergency. It was decided to invite someone to a future meeting to discuss flooding in the Calder Valley.

**9. Planning related matters**

9.1. **Efficiency and effectiveness in the Planning Service:** – There was a discussion concerning the planning service and it was decided to invite a Planning Officer to attend a future meeting to discuss efficiency and effectiveness in the Planning Service.

9.2. **Information on previous planning applications** –

**10/2/20079 Prune one tree (Tree preservation order) at Gudger, Glenn View Road, Hebden Bridge – approved.**

**10/00971/HSE for a conservatory to south east elevation at Garden Cottage, Underbank Avenue, Charlestown – approved.**

**10. Matters relating to highways, bridleways and footpaths:-**

**Davy Lane** – It was reported that Davy Lane had been blocked at Hippins Bridge on 23 October by an HGV lorry allegedly destined for Knowle End Farm. The Clerk was asked to write to Calderdale Council to inform the Highway Engineer.

**Footpath from Hippins Bridge to Daisy Bank** – It was reported that the recently erected footbridge over Earnshaw Water had been washed away in the recent heavy rains. The Clerk undertook to investigate the matter and report it to Calderdale Council.

**11. Representative reports and invitations:**

- **9 October Annual Town and Parish Council Liaison Group** – Councillors Sutcliffe, Jones and King attended but were not impressed.
- **30 October the Calderdale Christian Resources Exhibition** – noted.
- **10 November YLCA South Pennine Branch Meeting** – Couns Beechill and Sutcliffe to attend.
- **27 November YLCA Rural Action Yorkshire AGM** – noted
- **The Parish Council's representative to the Hebden Bridge Partnership** – It was agreed that the current representative Coun Sutcliffe should continue until after the 2011 Local Elections when there should be a further round of consultations to agree who should represent Blackshaw, Erringden, Heptonstall and Wadsworth for the following 4 years.
- **Councillors Learning and Development programme** – noted.
- **Parliamentary Outreach in Blackshaw** – It was agreed to ask a speaker from the Parliamentary Outreach to come to give a local seminar in the new year.

**12. Financial matters:**

**12.1. 2010/2011 budget and balances** – the remaining budget for 2010/2011 was reported as £4,111.06 and the Council balances as £7,502.77. It was agreed to transfer £450 from the Reserve Account to the Current Account.

**12.2. Appointment of a new Internal Auditor** – Gary Marsh is no longer able to continue and the Clerk is waiting for confirmation that a local accountant is willing to take on the responsibility as Internal Auditor.

**12.3. The rent for the use of the Chapel by the Parish Council** – It was agreed to pay the £210 rent.

**12.4. Remembrance Day Wreath** – It was agreed to pay £18 for the wreath to be laid on behalf of the Parish Council.

**12.5. Blackshaw Food Network** – A request for a £20 section 137 grant to the Blackshaw Food Network was considered but although the concept was supported the Parish Council voted, with one abstention, not to grant aid a commercial venture.

**12.6. Clerk's fee** – The Clerk's fee was confirmed for payment.

**13. Dates of future meetings:**

**Parish Council Meeting** – 22 November, 13 December, 24 January 2011, 28 February, 28 March, 25 April.

**WayaHead Committee Meetings** – 6 December at the Sportsman and 21 March 2011 at the Sportsman.

**Annual Parish Meeting and Annual Parish Council Meeting** – 9 May 2011 at a venue to be confirmed.

**Signed**