

**Minutes of Blackshaw Parish Council Meeting held at Blackshaw Head Methodist Church, Old Shaw Lane, Blackshaw Head on Monday 28 February 2011.**

**Present:** Councillors Dorothy Sutcliffe, Pat Beechill (Chairman), Carol King, Frank McLaughlan, Sally Jones and 6 members of the public.

**In attendance:** The Clerk.

- 1. Accepted apologies** – Cllr Michelle Dargan Cole.
- 2. Declarations of interest in items on the agenda** – The Clerk and Cllr McLaughlan declared an interest with regard to item 10.4 for a planning application for Badger House.
- 3. Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 28 January** – agreed.
- 4. Information on matters arising from the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 28 January:** - The Clerk reported that he had received a response from Calderdale Council concerning litter being strewn from the recycling lorry. The response agreed that this was a problem that Calderdale Council were treating very seriously and doing their best to deal with.
- 5. Minutes of the Special Parish Council Meeting held on 5 February 2011** – agreed.
- 6. Hebden Bridge Railway station** – It was confirmed that the Parish Council strongly supported the installation of a new lift to help anyone with mobility issues to use the Station.
- 7. Hebden Bridge Picture** – It was agreed to support the transfer to the local community of Hebden Bridge Picture House. Councillors and everyone was urged to attend the public meeting on 4 March to discuss the issue.
- 8. Blackshaw Broadband Community Initiative** – It was agreed to support this community initiative which was a part of the Parish Plan. Comment was also made that if the mobile phone service could be improved that would also be welcomed
- 9. Transferring the land at Great Rock and between The Woodland Inn and Ingle Dene on Burnley Road, Charlestown, to the Parish Council** – It was agreed to formally ask for the two sites to be transferred back to the Parish Council to be improved and enjoyed as public open space. The Clerk was also asked to make enquiries about the ownership of the Old Naze graveyard.
- 10. Planning related matters**
  - 10.1. Calderdale Local Development Framework refined issues and options** – A consultation meeting has been arranged on 8 March to discuss the issues and options and all Councillors were urged to attend.
  - 10.2. Equipment to enable web based consultations on planning applications** – Calderdale Council are making an offer to provide a free laptop, projector and internet connection for Parish Councils at the

venue where the Parish Councils normally hold their meetings. A three year maintenance contract would be included. Reluctantly the Council agreed to accept the offer. Councillors agreed to refer the offer of a broadband connection to the management of the Chapel for their consideration.

### **10.3. Information on previous planning applications –**

**10/01477/HSE for a 2 storey side extension to east elevation and porch to west elevation at Wood Farm, Turret Hall Road, Charlestown – approved.**

**10/01437/FUL for proposed conversion of existing barn to side and extension to existing lean-to rear. Creation and extension of new garden area and the re-positioning of Winters Lane at Higher Laithe Farm, Winters Lane, Blackshaw Head – approved.**

**10/01460/OUT for land adjacent 1 and 2 Woodland View, Halifax road, Charlestown – refused.**

**10/01587/FUL for retention of existing roof-top solar panels (retrospective), retention of three storage containers for rear yard (retrospective) and additional proposed solar photovoltaic panels to the container roofs at 2 Sandbed, Halifax Road, Charlestown, HX7 6PT – approved.**

### **10.4. New Planning applications:-**

**11/00106/FUL for a detached stable block at Badger House, Badger Lane, Hebden Bridge, HX7 7JX – no objection.**

**11. Matters relating to highways, bridleways and footpaths:** - The closure of Widdop Road was discussed and comment was made about the helpful involvement of Cllr Janet Battye in improving the arrangements for access. Comment was also made about the drainage works being carried out on Old Shaw lane. The Clerk was asked to contact Calderdale Council.

**12. Charlestown flooding issues and the draft local emergency plan –** It was agreed that Cllr Sutcliffe and the Clerk would visit the affected properties backing on to the River Calder and discuss flooding issues on either Saturday 5 or 12 March.

### **13. Representative reports and invitations:**

- **29 January Consultation on the budget for Adults, Health and social care –** Cllr McLaughlan attended and reported that the budget cuts were not expected to affect frontline services even though several staff and two day care centres were being closed.
- **31 January Fete AGM –** noted.
- **3 and 11 February Hebden Bridge Picture house meetings –** everyone was urged to attend.
- **4 February Town Hall User Group –** Cllr Sutcliffe and the Clerk attended.

- **12 February Localism Seminar** – Unfortunately Councillors were unable to attend but a number of local residents were able to attend and found it very useful. Tim Cole reported on the principles involved and urged the Council to proceed with the transfer of land mentioned in item 9 above before the Localism Bill became law.
- **16 February “More than a Home”** – Cllr Sutcliffe and the Clerk attended what was a very useful and informative seminar.
- **17 February Prospective Councillors Seminar** – The Chairman Cllr Beechill, Cllr Sutcliffe, the Clerk and 5 local residents attended.
- **7.30pm 3 March Public Meeting about Hebden Bridge Picture House** – everyone was urged to attend.
- **1pm 4 March Town Hall User Group** – Cllr Sutcliffe and the Clerk to attend.
- **7.30pm 8 March consultations on the refined issues and options of the core strategy of the Local Development strategy at Hebden Bridge Town Hall** – all Councillors were urged to attend.
- **7.30pm 9 March YLCA South Pennine Branch Meeting at Meltham** – The Clerk was asked to send Councillors apologies.
- **10, 11, 12 June Great Poppy Party Weekend** – noted.

#### **14. Financial matters:**

- 14.1. 2010/2011 budget and balances** – the remaining budget for 2010/2011 was reported as £2,376.46 and the Council balances estimated as £5,734.26. It was agreed to transfer £460 from the Reserve Account to the Current Account.
- 14.2. Separate Poll Cards for the Blackshaw Parish Council Elections** – The Parish Council accepted the offer from Calderdale Council for the Parish Election Poll Cards for the Poll information to be printed on the reverse of the District Council Elections at no cost to the Parish Council.
- 14.3. YLCA Membership Fee – Ripponden Parish Council had written to say that they were withdrawing from YLCA because of the increase in fees.** It was agreed that the increase was unfortunate but reasonable under the circumstances.
- 14.4. Engraving the Chairman’s chain** – It was agreed to pay £28.80 for the latest engraving of names to the Chairman’s Chain of office.
- 14.5. Flowers** – It was agreed to pay £40 for flowers that were delivered to a long time Councillor on her 100<sup>th</sup> birthday.
- 14.6. Transferring Hebden Bridge Picture House into Community ownership** – It was agreed to pay a £112 section 137 grant to Hebden Bridge Community Association to support the transfer.
- 14.7. Hebden Bridge Band Heritage Weekend** – It was agreed to make a £50 section 137 grant.
- 14.8. Sue Ryder** – a section 137 grant application was refused.

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

**15. Dates of future meetings:**

**Parish Council Meeting** – 28 March, 18 April.

**WayaHead Committee Meetings** – 14 March at Stubbings Wharf.

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

**Signed**