
BLACKSHAW PARISH COUNCIL

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Draft Minutes of Blackshaw Parish Council Monday 25th April 2016 at Blackshaw Head Methodist Church,

Present: Cllr Davies in the chair, Councillors Butterworth, Goodman, Sutcliffe, Neill, King and eleven members of the public.

1. Apologies for absences previously notified to the Clerk.
2. Declarations of interest in items on the agenda.
3. Confirmed the minutes of Parish Council meeting on 21st March 2016
4. Matters arising from the meeting on 21st March
 - 4.1. Information on proposed footpath diversion at Copley Holme
5. Agreed the draft Parish newsletter. Agreed to invite Moy Cash to come and speak on Upland management at the annual meeting in May
6. Grayde Bowen was coopted unanimously onto the parish council.
7. Plans for broadband provision in the parish following on from the last meeting. Trying to organise meeting with Fiona Thurlbeck, still outstanding, but in the meantime received information about a proposal to bring fibre into the cabinet in the village. This yet to be approved, but if so, could start in June 2017. Will mean much faster speeds for many. However, this will not help some outlying properties much so we will still press for a meeting in order to keep pressure up.
8. Neighbourhood Plan – consultation events. One in chapel on 14th May 1-4pm. NP gives us opportunity to have input into planning in the area. Views will be sought on what should happen with Callis mill site. But can make comments and observations about other potential planning sites, plus any other issues. Drop in session. Also the top of Davey Lane site. Could raise again the Gypsy Flats area.
9. Received the minutes from the Allotment Committee meeting 18 April. Agreed that the ploholders who were flooded out of their homes be given special dispensation under the contract to not have to have $\frac{3}{4}$ of their plot under cultivation.
10. Noted receipt of Governance and Accountability for Smaller Authorities – A Practitioners' Guide
11. Noted information regarding the annual relay race through Blackshawhead – Sunday 15th May, and there is an application to close Chapel Lane on the day.
12. Noted the new representative on the Hebden Bridge Partnership - Cllr Mrs Fay Blackburn of Erringden PC
13. **To consider planning related matters: -**
 - 13.1. To receive information on previous planning applications and enforcement notices: None
 - 13.2. Update from Enforcement Team – noted Letter from Christine Sheasby regarding Green Barn Dark Lane
 - 13.3. To consider new planning applications: (these can be viewed via Calderdale Council website using the reference number shown)
 - 13.3.1. 16/00273/OUT | *Residential development of up to 5 dwellings (Outline) | Land To West Of Causeway Fold The Long Causeway Blackshaw Head Hebden Bridge Calderdale.* Councillors support a development on this site in principle, as detailed in the Neighbourhood Plan. However it was felt that the dwellings were on the wrong part of this site. Instead they should follow the line of the existing houses on Causeway Fold in order to complement the village. IT was understood that the trees may be the reason for this positioning, and there was some disagreement about the solution to this. Another concern was the access point on the corner of Davey Lane which was felt to be difficult, and the lack of space for parking and turning in the front. **Agreed to object to this application**, but state that a different application with the dwellings relocated may well be supported and invite a resubmission.
 - 13.3.2. 16/00171/OUT | *Residential development of maximum five dwellings (Outline) | Barns South Of Davey Hall Davey Lane Blackshaw Head Hebden Bridge Calderdale.* The applicant presented some more information about this proposal, saying that they had decided to develop it themselves for the benefit of the village to create more housing for people who wanted to remain in the village. Councillors expressed some concerns that it might be considered just

outside the village envelope, that Davey Lane was very narrow and any detailed planning application would need to look at access. Councillors also spoke about how the development fitted in with the overall Neighbourhood Plan in terms of infrastructure provision etc, especially as there was another planning application for a similar number of dwellings. Any detailed planning application would need to address the bat survey, drainage issues, and also the design of the houses is important, must fit in with the village. However it was felt that a development here could complement the village providing all these issues were addressed at the detailed planning stage. **Agreed to raise No Objection.**

13.3.3. 16/20047/TPO | Works to trees including pruning and removal (Tree Preservation Order) | Land West Of Whiteley Arches Halifax Road Charlestown Hebden Bridge – **Agreed to raise no objection providing the work is done in winter**

13.3.4. 16/00358/LBC | Re-roof inc new rooflights, render to gable, alteration to window opening to form door & window, block up existing door opening, repoint all, external works, internal alterations and thermal upgrade (Listed Building Consent) | 2 High Street New Shaw Lane Blackshaw Head Hebden Bridge Calderdale HX7 7HY - **No comment**

13.3.5. 16/00255/FUL | Proposed new build dwelling of sustainable design on site adjacent to a ruined farmstead. New development proposed to support existing agricultural smallholding use on site, with proposed agricultural workshop/garage for machinery storage. | Copley Holme Cow Side Road Todmorden Calderdale HX7 7LD. Some discussion about this application with a variety of opinions. Concerns expressed about fact that it hadn't been lived in since 1930s, and was now classed as in the area 'Land around Todmorden' which has special planning status. Councillors expressed confusion about the two contradictory comments from Highways and while there was some concern about the bridleway and services, some felt that many lanes in the parish are similar and this shouldn't in itself be a reason for refusal. Other councillors felt this was an exciting development in terms of bringing the land back into use, and the eco-credentials of the house. **Agreed by majority to raise no objection to the application.**

13.3.6. 16/00205/LBC | Internal and external works to include demolition of existing rear extension to facilitate construction of single - storey lean to extension, replacement windows, gutters and downpipes. Changes to internal layout to include repositioning/replacement of main staircase. (Listed Building Consent) | 3 Davy Cottages The Long Causeway Blackshaw Head Hebden Bridge Calderdale HX7 7JE. **Agreed to raise no objection**

13.3.7. Lower Earnshaw Water Farm Barn. RB outlined the concerns and showed photo of delapidated condition of barn. Has been in this state for some time, and it was also mentioned that rubble etc was put into the stream at this site. Believed to be a Stop notice imposed on the development as it was taking place without planning permission, which is potentially why no further work has been done, and it remains an eyesore. Clerk to write to CMBC to find out the current situation, and what steps can be taken to remedy the situation.

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

14.1. Amended proposals and comments from John Leach on the signage and lineage on the Steeps. With regard to proposal to have a 'Blackshawhead Village Only' sign, John Leach had said that this wasn't possible as Church Lane led to other destinations, wasn't a cul-de-sac. However it was felt that this sort of signage was used in other similar locations to discourage through traffic, possibly Heptonstall, MD to check. Some confusion around the response regarding proposed measures to narrow end of Badger Lane to make it look less like the main road to Hebden Bridge. Felt that the lane was wide enough to accommodate something here in terms of road markings, and agreed to ask for this to be looked at again possibly in situ. Agreed that PC was happy with all the proposed changes on the parking restrictions that actually fall within our parish. Some concerns about the restriction on parking outside end of Campden Rd, and though it was our suggestion to restrict parking during day on one side of Bank Terrace, agreed this could be unrestricted as a compromise to allow more residents parking. Agreed however that this was not our remit and would have to be considered by Hebden Royd in more detail.

15. To consider the following financial matters:

15.1. Review of the effectiveness of the system of internal control and consider the annual assessment of significant risks. Clerk pointed out minor suggested amendments, to add in that '*Any legal updates provided by YLCA are discussed and agreed at a Full Council Meeting and changes implemented*', and that notices of meetings etc are also published on the email group. Agreed this as amended.

15.2. Agreed the draft accounts 2015/16

15.3. The budget for 2016/7. Clerk explained that due to not having an election, and a year on year underspend, there was too much money in the account than we can account for with the budget proposed in December. Clerk presented an amended 3 year budget projection to allow a gradual spend of this money to get back to a level, retaining the correct amount of money in reserve. Explained about the new line for IT, and discussed having £500 for the broadband project to go into S137. Explained that CCTV could be an alternative spend, as PC has the power to spend on crime prevention. Barry Eccles, the internal auditor for the PC, was present and had some queries regarding vireing which the Clerk answered. The projected budget for the next 3 years and the amended budget for 2016/7 was agreed.

15.4. Request for a grant from CROWS regarding repairs to a flood damaged footpath. Agreed that repairs to footpaths was what was needed in the parish, also recognised work that CROWS had done on Mytholm steps. Agreed to give £250 for works in the parish of Blackshaw.

15.5. Request for financial assistance from Heptonstall Exhibitions & Richard Naylor Charities. Suggested that we put in newsletter to help advertise this charity. Agreed to give them £200.

15.6. Confirmed payment of annual subs to YLCA of £286

15.7. Confirmed payment of annual insurance premium of £325.25

15.8. Confirmed payment of fee for web hosting of £71.86. This is a reimbursement to the Clerk, as this is an internet only company and there is no other way of paying other than with a card.

15.9. Confirmed payment of the Clerk's monthly salary.

15.10. Confirmed payment of the quarterly allotment water bill - £5.59

16. To consider representative reports and invitations:

16.1. Reports from previous events

Neighbourhood Plan meeting 11/4 MD chaired.

Planning & Enforcement Development Session 18/4. RB attended presented by Anne Markwell – staff of 6 has been reduced to 3. Don't pursue minor planning infringements such as slightly bigger buildings. NPPF – permitted development isn't enforced. Will email the Clerk the presentation.

Beacon lighting Great Rock 21st April for Queen's Birthday – very successful.

14.2 Upcoming Events and invitations

Mayor Making Ceremony – Wednesday 18th May 7.30pm Hebden Bridge Town Hall.

27/4 MD meeting Andrew Pitts & Virginia Saynor re Flood Resilience groups. Plan to merge their volunteer and the local flood volunteer groups, but the latter are concerned about this proposal. There is also a proposal that MD along with Andrew Pitts may be joint chair of this new merged group.

NHP consultation meetings:

30th April	10am - 2pm	Hebden Bridge Town Hall
30th April	11am - 2pm	Reet Waater Do - Mytholmroyd Memorial Gdn
7th May	10am - 1pm	Heptonstall Bowling and Social Club
14th May	1pm - 4pm	Blackshawhead Chapel
21st May	10am - 2pm	Wadsworth

9/5 NHP meeting 7.30pm Hebden Royd TH – MD to attend

10/5 Flood resilience group 17.00 HRTM – MD to attend. This may be the last one of this group before it is reconstituted.

10/6 Flood Steering group Halifax TH 10.00 am – MD to attend

Parish Council Meetings: - Annual PC Meeting and Annual Parish Meeting - 23rd May, Hebden Bridge Town Hall, then 27th June, 25th July

Wayahead Meeting – tbc

Town & Parish Liaison group

Tuesday 3 May 2016 – Ripponden

Annual Conference – Saturday 1 October 2016 – St Michael’s, Mytholmroyd
Tuesday 1 November 2016 – Hebden Bridge

Signed *Catherine Bann*
Clerk to the Parish Council