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# BLACKSHAW PARISH COUNCIL

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## Draft minutes of Blackshaw Parish Council meeting Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> August 2016

Present: Councillor Butterworth (in the Chair) and Councillors Bowen, Davies, Goodman, King, Neill, Sutcliffe

1. Apologies for absences previously notified to the Clerk. None
2. Declarations of interest in items on the agenda. None
3. Confirmed the minutes of Parish Council meeting on 25<sup>th</sup> July 2016 as a correct record.
4. Information on matters arising from the meetings on 25<sup>th</sup> July
  - 4.1. Clerk will be attending Managing Paper course on 1<sup>st</sup> September
  - 4.2. Defibrillator – Edith Bowman emailed to say that the main funding streams for defibrillators in the past are no longer available (through British Heart Foundation) and we will need to look for local sources of funding. Various charities can provide and support them, but around £1000 cost. Will wait for Ambulance Service to come to speak to us. We could also consider doing training for CPR in the community using a free kit from BHF.
5. The 'Village Envelope' as per the Calderdale Green Belt Review. RB and GB went to Neighbourhood Plan meeting where this was discussed. Raised possibility of including land off Davey Lane within the village envelope. The village envelope on the online map on CMBC website is extremely small. This has been developed over the years, probably without consultation with PC (no-one can remember being consulted on this). Contact CMBC and ask them to provide a detailed map. This and any proposals to change this (e.g. Land off Davey Lane) in the should be included in the red tent at the fete. RB also mooted the idea that the Land around Todmorden within the parish boundary should be classified as Green Belt. Perhaps write to Todmorden Town Council on this issue. Some debate on this, the differences between 'Green Belt' and 'Land Around Todmorden' – are there the same statutory safeguards on the latter, for example? Need clarification on this matter. Clerk to write to CMBC. GB made point that main concern is not how it is classified, but whether it has been identified as being under review in order to be available for development.
6. Disability Access Group on Neighbourhood Plan. Jonathan Timbers concerned that positive efforts are made to present/consult disability groups on NP. Agreed to ensure any meetings on NP in parish are held in accessible venues, and offer large print etc.
7. **To consider planning related matters: -**
  - 7.1. To receive information on previous planning applications and enforcement notices: **The application at higher Heath Moor Lane will be at Planning committee this week.**
  - 7.2. Update from Enforcement Team – Email from Christine Sheasby regarding Land adjacent to Green Barn, Dark Lane. Discussed this and agreed we had to let this run its course, though councillors expressed frustration that this seems to be being held up due to allowing the applicant to wait to build a new building before emptying the first one.
  - 7.3. To consider new planning applications: (these can be viewed via Calderdale Council website using the reference number shown) None
8. **Misuse of land and property in the parish**
  - 8.1. Refreshment caravan – Steve Hoyle has let the Clerk know that this caravan has now been removed.
  - 8.2. New Lane – big digger has levelled land off and there is a caravan now there. CK to investigate and report back.
  - 8.3. Previous application from Network Rail regarding tree removal alongside railway at Charlestown. The application was only for trees with TPOs – not mentioning that they would clear cut *all* trees in certain areas. MD pointed out that this is not only unsightly but at risk from being taken over by Himalaya Balsam. Agreed to complain to Network Rail. MD to provide Clerk with address.
9. **To consider matters relating to highways, bridleways and footpaths**
  - 9.1. Meeting with Peter Stubbs at CMBC arranged for 1<sup>st</sup> September. Clerk to find out time and location.

9.2. Steeps are to be repainted with lines this week. Has been tar-sprayed, but no fixes on road prior to this. DG reported some pot-holes and these were fixed.

9.3. DS mentioned that stiles were excluding some people from going walking. However seems that financial restraints mean that they won't consider gates. Height of steps on stiles is a crucial thing – needs to be accessible. Can we compile a list, get people to add to in the red tent at the Fete? Contact CROWS, possibly work also with the new project Heart of the Pennines. Calderdale Way is one important route that is particularly bad.

#### 10. To consider the following financial matters:

10.1. The budget remaining for 2016/7 is £5626 , bank balances are £10, 813 and reconciles with the cashbook for 2016/7

10.2. Confirmed payment of the bill for moving and repairing the noticeboards - £172.25. Agreed to send a letter of thanks.

10.3. Confirmed payment of £60 to Dan's Garden Services for allotment strimming

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

#### 11. To consider representative reports and invitations:

##### 11.1. Reports from previous events

**Allotment inspection** was discussed. MD will write up a report and discuss with Carol how to proceed with some of the issues needing attention. Was also mentioned that we need a working party to improve the communal areas of the land.

**NP meeting** already discussed above regarding Green Belt. Also discussed proposed development of Market Car Park at this meeting. Councillors agreed to write to NP group with concerns about parking reductions. Big issue for hill top parishes as some people already going out of town for shopping due to lack of parking. GB also expressed need to preserve character of town, as no-one wants to look at car parks. Could instead improve public transport. Flood commission final report also on agenda.

**Catchment plan meeting** – all strands were supposed to come together for a meeting in Town Hall this Saturday This was postponed to give more time to absorb information and ideas. This will now take place in 3 weeks time. Lots of negotiations to take place, e.g. to get fire brigade involved in flood response. Also for EA to rent unused reservoirs from Yorkshire Water etc.

##### Upcoming Events and invitations

**Parish Council Meetings:** - 26<sup>th</sup> September, 24<sup>th</sup> October, 28<sup>th</sup> November

**Wayahead Meeting** – tbc

Items for future meeting – Waste collections - problems with new contract.

Signed *Catherine Bann*

Clerk to the Parish Council