
BLACKSHAW PARISH COUNCIL



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Minutes of Blackshaw Parish Council meeting 14th December 2015 at Blackshaw Head Methodist Church

Present: Cllr Butterworth (in the chair) Cllr King, Cllr Sutcliffe, Cllr Goodman, Cllr Geldard and one member of the public

1. Apologies for absences previously notified to the Clerk. Cllr Neill, Cllr Davies (attending Neighbourhood Plan meeting on behalf of BPC)
2. Declarations of interest in items on the agenda. NONE
3. Minutes of Parish Council meeting on 23rd November. Agreed.
4. Matters arising from the meeting on 23rd November
 - 4.1. Rubbish bin on Steeps – Feedback from CMBC was not positive, felt it would encourage more fly-tipping as most of rubbish large items in this spot. Agreed to write to ----- and say thanks but can't accept as CMBC discouraged us
5. Discussion on Neighbourhood Plan consultations and Calderdale Local Plan consultations
 - 5.1. Agreed to put forward the comments on sites within Parish to Local Plan, with the caveat that we make it clear that BPC leases site alongside Woodman as allotments.
 - 5.2. Proposal put forward by RB regarding wind turbines, as carried over from previous meeting. RB outlined problems arising from previous wind turbines (include noise nuisance, devaluing properties, flicker), which he believes might be solved by having a policy of no turbines within 500m of neighbouring properties and the village envelope. Proposing to put in a comment to Local Plan. Member of public offered information about financing turbines – this can either be done personally, or via a company who rents your plot of land to site a turbine. Suggests objecting more strongly to turbines that are corporate owned as money wouldn't be spent locally. Also important to have insurance so that if they are faulty they would be repaired. Difficult to put in a blanket policy as seems to be not so much the height or distance but the quality. Point also made that there are too many variables for us to make a decision which would be seen as arbitrary by planning authorities. After discussion RB proposed the following 'BPC should adopt a policy that states there should be no future wind turbines within 500m of neighbours or village envelope'. DG proposes amending this along the lines of BPC will not look favourably on new wind turbines close to the village envelope or neighbouring properties, nor those which do not have adequate insurance, nor the best available technology. More discussion around this, but RB felt it watered down the original proposal too much. CK proposed amendment to RB's proposal which excludes the 'neighbouring properties'. This amendment was carried three votes to two. The proposal was then also carried as amended, three votes to two, now reading 'BPC opposes any new wind turbines sited within 500m of the village envelope'. Councillors also requested that we should revisit this in a future meeting, as time constraints on this discussion has meant that some feel this policy is inadequate.
 - 5.3. Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL). This part of the Local Plan was explained by the Clerk, who also explained some concerns that existed relating to whether the CIL did not adequately allow for the potential difference between brown and greenfield development. However the council did not feel they wished to comment on this.
6. Report from Wayahead meeting and any steps to be taken as a result of discussion there. RB reported that BT, Superfast, and CMBC only apologised for the meeting on the day, but meeting was useful anyway due to some well informed residents attending. Working party – RB and Steve Hoyle have agreed to be part of a working party to move things forward, beginning with visiting Mary Farrar from CMBC. Find out whether BT were paid to get fibre to village rather than Jack bridge, for example. Clerk proposed including Mick Davies on working party as he has agreed to collate info on speeds. Agreed. Noticeboards – it has now been agreed that we can site our noticeboard at Charlestown Rec. Agreed to get 3 quotes for doing this work, and need to include treating the wood also. Will need to be on next PC agenda.

7. Planning related matters:-

7.1. Information on previous planning applications and enforcement notices:

7.1.1. [Construction of aerial bunched conductor](#) and overhead power line pole, Badger Lane.

15/90019/ELC and 15/90022/ELC - for information only

7.2. Update from Anne Markwell, Enforcement Team Leader. None.

7.3. New planning applications: NONE

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

8.1. Report on meeting with Peter Stubbs from Highways

PS made forcible point – No comprehensive way of reducing traffic through Steeps, short of shutting road completely. Problems were as a result of increased car ownership, increased commuting. Double yellow lines to remove parked cars would only result in traffic moving faster, and shifting the parking issue elsewhere – must consider parking needs of residents – balance their needs with those of road users. Agreed signage on main road may help, e.g. 'to Burnley, straight ahead', Blackshawhead Village Only, No Lorries etc. PS considered ways to funnel traffic coming off Long Causeway through Colden rather than down steeps. Question is how many Steeps users are residents, and how many vehicles are through traffic? CMBC will put temporary ANPR cameras at bottom and top of steeps to assess this.

DS noted that some people are parking by Church all day when commuting by train. Could look at 'no parking' at certain times of day? They've also asked police not to actively divert traffic up steeps when bottom road blocked. They could then do some diversion signs up Heptonstall way.

On issue of repainting the white lines, cost of scrubbing out and repainting is too high, but easier and cheaper to paint more and do some cross-hatching. Could also request school signs.

DG reported that as she requested to CMBC, the 20mph zone on Steeps now been extended to round first bend after Glen View, which is helpful. Need to make clear that the bend is partly in Hebden Royd and partly in Blackshaw. Therefore we'd need to engage Hebden Royd. Also illegal U-turns at bottom of road – we could incorporate that issue on behalf of school. Propose inviting someone from Hebden Royd.

Also interesting to note that the idea of a Steeps relief road up Gypsy Flats was not ruled out, and they would consider this should we proceed.

DG and RB felt it was quite encouraging. Peter Stubbs will come up with an overall proposition on traffic in the area from village to A646, including 20mph zone for village for the January PC meeting. (20mph zone in village would be in the last phase of 20mph roll-outs in 2017). Agreed to invite Peter Stubbs to come along to next meeting.

MD will talk to police at ward forum about parking issues, using DG's presentation.

9. To consider the following financial matters:

9.1. Budget (2015/16) remaining was 5486 and the bank balances are 8780

9.2. Budget calculations for 16/17

Clerk explained that with current planned expenditure, we were going to have excess money left over, due to there not being an election this year, plus a small underspend last year. Reserves should stand at 3500, which is a 1750 election contingency, and 1750 – 3 months running costs. Agreed to try and ensure as much of existing budget lines are spent in 15/16, including S137 grants.

Agreed to spend £400 on laptop, as Clerk has been unable to use existing broken one for last year, using her own home computer, which is now itself damaged.

Agreed to put £500 into reserves for a future broadband project.

Agreed to freeze the precept for next year.

Look into CCTV as a possible spend.

Chair's Allowance could increase for next year, as it has been static for many years, and Christmas parcels could be included in this budget line.

9.3. Confirmed payment of the annual membership of SLCC - £77

9.4. Confirmed payment of the Clerk's monthly salary

9.5. Confirmed the payment of £224 to Mays for Christmas hampers for vulnerable parishioners

10. To consider representative reports and invitations:

10.1. [Reports from previous events](#)

National Flood event, London 2nd December

Ward forum Hebden 3rd December – mostly about 20mph zones

10.2 [Upcoming Events and invitations](#)

Neighbourhood plan meetings 14th Dec , 11th Jan 2016 MD to attend
Community Flood Resilience Board - 17th December
Flood Recovery Programme Board – 6th January MD to attend
Town & Parish Council Liaison Group - 2nd February 2016
Christmas Carol Service - 18th December. Councillors need to supply mince pies.

Parish Council Meetings: - 25th January, 22nd February, 28th March at Blackshawhead Methodist Church.
Wayahead Meeting – tbc

Signed *Catherine Bann*
Clerk to the Parish Council