

Draft minutes of the meeting of Blackshaw Parish Council held on Monday 23rd February 2015 at Blackshawhead Methodist Church

Present: Cllr. Mick Davies (in the Chair), Cllr. Steve Hoyle, Cllr. Dorothy Sutcliffe, Cllr Pat Beechill, Cllr. Carol King, 2 members of the public, and invited speakers from Staying Well Project.

In attendance: Catherine Bann (Clerk)

1. **Apologies:** Cllr Cole, Cllr Lund
2. **Declarations of interest – None.**
3. **Minutes of the Parish Council meeting 26th January 2015 –** Agreed as correct record and signed by Chairman.
4. **Matters Arising from PC meeting 26th January 2015 –**
 - 4.1. CMBC declined invitation to speak to BPC on issue of 20mph zones, and provided information about the planned roll-out across Calderdale.
 - 4.2 Broadband – Cllr Lund had written to say that although the speeds will be increased without the superfast speeds promised, we will lag behind and will not be able to keep up with technology required for other services. Cllr Lund anxious that we keep pressure up, and it is on the agenda for next Calder Ward Forum. Should encourage people to attend. Cllr Davies to post info on googlegroups.
5. **Staying Well Project –** invited speakers, Amy Clark from Hebden Bridge Community Hub (town hall) Helen Doodson project worker based in Hebden Bridge Hub. Includes Blackshaw parish, and trying to encompass most of Upper Valley. Working with people who are socially isolated, either geographically or circumstantially. Project funded by Calderdale Clinical Commissioning Group, work undertaken by Calderdale council. Aims are reduction in emergency hospital admissions for older people (65+) and reduction in repeat GP appointments. One of aims is to engage people with their local communities, in whatever way they'd like to be involved, eg. Coffee morning, or volunteering with local project. Other part of project is working with community groups to build up provision, new activities, new groups. The project workers are interested in this parish in particular, as it has been cited as having strong and informal networks already to support people who are isolated. Quite a lot of different groups based at Town Hall already, Alzheimers group, for example. Need to better understand how people manage isolated communities, in particular the hilltop parishes. Other parishes could learn from what happens in Blackshaw. There is a pot of money for exploring what new activities could take place here, or to further develop existing activities. This parish council held up as having an awareness of the issues of isolation. Cllr Sutcliffe pointed out that this building (Methodist Church) is key to the village community – as it is right in the middle of the village, easy to get to and is used by so many different groups. Church used sometimes as emergency centre, e.g. when water is cut off. There is a genuine understanding of who is isolated, who needs to be looked out for in this parish. Google groups helps too. Cllr Hoyle pointed out that in some cases it is lack of transport for people to get to the community events. There's a small nucleus of people who do voluntary transport, but this could be enhanced by setting up a voluntary network for this, but this is a lot of work. For example, could put a funding application in to Welcome Independent Living which could fund people's travel to groups they wouldn't otherwise be able to attend.
6. **Charlestown Rec –** possible event funding available. CMBC sent details about funding for the Fields-In-Trusts (of which the rec is one) – up to £100 available if anyone interested in organising an event. Need to carry out investigations about the site – contact Calderdale and also find out the boundaries (via Mick Harrop), as lots of work going on down there, before we can suggest any particular activity to parishioners. Discussed BPC doing a tent on there to encourage others to get involved, but unsure about whether this would work. Agreed to put it in the newsletter.
7. **Parish Council newsletter –** mail-out Friday 13th March 1pm at the Chapel. Clerk to email googlegroups. Kat Birch for Mytholm Steeps. Also include Floods update, Neighbourhood Plan (MD).
8. **Website development – all Parish Council minutes, accounts, contact details up to date.**
9. **Request for funding from BPC for student apprenticeships in twin towns -** from Hebden Bridge Twinning Society – write back and ask how much they were suggesting in terms of our parish.
10. **Neighbourhood Plan**
 - 10.1. CMBC have started consultation process on mechanisms they plan to use to carry out assessments of Local Plan sustainability, Green Belt review & Land Allocation assessment., This will impact their Local Plan which will interlock with our Neighbourhood Plan. These are significant issues – they're talking about grading green belt according to whether it is more or less likely to be suitable to be built on. Consultation finished on 13th March, looking for input from Parish councils and Neighbourhood planning groups. Our Neighbourhood Plan group will be discussing these proposals and commenting. Agreed that BPC content with leaving consideration of these issues to the Neighbourhood Plan Group. Cllr Hoyle also to look at this and to attend the next Neighbourhood Plan meeting as an observer.
11. **To consider planning related matters:-**

11.1. Previous planning applications and enforcement notices: No further update

11.1.1. Update from Anne Markwell, Enforcement Team Leader. Enforcement notice in place at High House, and formal interview carried out with landowner. Transcript of interview now obtained. They have been involved in complex cases that have taken time up. But now this has been passed to a senior officer to progress which involves collating statements and bundles to pass to the Council's Prosecution lawyer.

11.2. To consider new planning applications (these can be viewed via Calderdale Council website using the reference number shown): **NONE**

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

12.1. Update from the Steeps Campaign - none available due to bereavement. Good progress made with Mytholm steps - Hebden Royd will undertake repairs this time, but made clear this will not be ongoing, as it is not registered as public right of way, and they can't determine who owns the steps. Suggested possibly registering the steps as a public right of way.

12.2. Progress on Jumble Hole bridleway – should be finished in 3 weeks.

12.3. Marsh Lane exit – resident expressed concern with regard to Wayahead minutes, and Cllr Davies went down to see the site and speak to the resident. His suggestion was a mirror, but Calderdale are opposed to these and won't support them on their street furniture, but there is nothing to prevent people putting mirror on private fences/walls. So Cllr Davies offered to buy mirror from Chairman's allowance, if the residents owning the relevant property are amenable. Also shrubbery needs to be cut.

12.4. Land Bridge – correspondence with Dave Smalley noted. Clerk to investigate Calderdale Local Access Forum and possible links there and talk to Heptonstall Parish Council about this

12.5. Halifax Lane is supposed to be only a bridleway, but motorbikes do go up. Need to follow this up with Jan Gibson to get the signs up.

13. To consider the following financial matters:

13.1. The budget left is £1537.53, the balance of accounts is £6730.83 (2014/15)

13.2. To agree the establishment of internet banking for BPC with the current bank. Proposed By Cllr Hoyle, Seconded by Cllr King. Agreed by majority.

13.3. To agree to pay £200 for the grass cutting at the allotments site. Discussion around whether it needs doing now anyway, and what is included in the £200 quote. Check financial regulations about getting a number of quotes. Next meeting to discuss it further.

13.4. Agreed to pay £40.80 to Hebden Bridge Town Hall for new keys to be cut.

13.5. Agreed to reimburse the Clerk for registration of Blackshaw.net internet domain - £43.16

13.6. Agreed to pay the Clerk's expenses of £30.40 (travel to bank, hampers, notices, web mtg)

13.7. To confirm payment of the Clerk's monthly salary.

14. To consider representative reports and invitations:

Calder Ward Forum - 18th March, 6.45pm, Hebden Bridge Town Hall. Broad band on agenda.

Wayahead meeting – 15th June. Next meeting is on technology. Launch of website, CCTV, and Broadband. Eye on Calderdale flood and emergency website.

Community Project Board - Thursday 26th February , Hebden Bridge Town Hall 5pm. Cllr Davies to attend.

Hebden Bridge Flood group - AGM 25th March, 5.30 at the Town Hall. Cllr Hoyle to attend Ordinary meeting: 6th May, 5.30 at the Town Hall.

Town & Parish Liaison Group - Tuesday 12th May at 6.30pm in Hebden Bridge Town Hall

Neighbourhood planning meeting: Monday 30th March 2015. Cllr Davies to attend.

Inspiring Yorkshire - 18th March, Ilkley, free event for councillors and clerks.

Himalayan Balsam meeting Monday 2nd March, Heptonstall Bowling Club. Cllr Davies to attend.

Health care in Calderdale stakeholder meeting, 4th March, Todmorden Health Centre.

BEAT public meeting 17th March

Community Orchard tree planting - 1st March, 10am

Dates of future meetings:-

Parish Council Meetings: - 23 March, 27 April at Blackshaw Head Methodist Church.

Allotment Committee – 16 March 2015, Council Chamber Hebden Bridge Town Hall.

Annual Parish Meeting and Annual Parish Council Meeting – 18th May 2015 at Hebden Bridge Town Hall.

Signed Catherine Bann

Clerk to the Parish Council