
BLACKSHAW PARISH COUNCIL

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Draft Minutes of Blackshaw Parish Council meeting on Monday 27th June 2016 at Blackshaw Head Methodist Church,

1. Apologies for absences previously notified to the Clerk. Councillors Neill and Bowen
2. Declarations of interest in items on the agenda. Councillor Goodman declared an interest in the allotment item as a plot holder and abstained from subsequent decisions.
3. Minutes of Annual Parish Meeting 23rd May 2016 – agreed with two changes as follows: Item 4. Funding from Highways AND the pathfinder project; Item 7 change wording from 'proposing a', to 'considering a proposal to'. Minutes of Annual Parish Council meeting on 23rd May 2016 – Agreed.
4. To receive information on matters arising from the meetings on 23rd May
 - 4.1. Blocked drain on Chapel Lane reported and had been logged (Ref: 264287) no further info – and drain still blocked
 - 4.2. Further information provided from PCP wind turbine. Annual profit amounted to £2800 split £1400 paid to investors, 4% return on investment, and £1400 to the Flood Appeal.
5. Update on plans for broadband provision in the parish. Cllr Davies and group of residents attended meeting with Superfast West Yorkshire, BT and Calderdale MBC. Blackshaw wouldn't be getting any further immediate broadband infrastructure as did not meet the metric – there wouldn't be a high enough % improvement to enough properties as a result of this infrastructure. It costs £30,000 per new fibre box installed. There is a possibility of back door funding, and also the possibility of being included in another round of funding in the future. Richard is in talks with a company 'AB' for Todmorden which is proposing using repeaters, and query whether this would be viable in our parish. CMBC is supportive of the parish, and will be taking our concerns to their steering group to see if it is possible to provide £30K for a new cabinet. This would improve broadband for some outlying properties, but not be a complete solution for those furthest from the cabinet. BT have a support group for organisations trying to raise money for improved broadband access.
6. Noted that the BPC resolution regarding Parish Council funding for broadband provision is to be taken to the YLCA meeting on 16th July and Cllr Davies has agreed to attend and speak to this resolution if no one else is able to go.
7. Possible inclusion of the site off Davey Lane in the Neighbourhood Plan as a potential development site. This was discussed, outlining the reasons for the planning refusal by CMBC, which centred around the site being outside the village envelope. Member of public read out a speech to make the case for including this field as a development site (will send a copy to MD). PC was asked 'what do we want to see on this site?'. In the Neighbourhood Plan area we need to locate 450 properties. And if this is not met, would filtered sites be looked at again. Cllr Davies to follow up what the intentions of CMBC would be in relation to this. Cllr Sutcliffe asked why this site was classed as outside the village envelope. Cllr Davies has already requested an outline of the boundaries as defined by CMBC. Can we as PC get this site included in the NP and within the village envelope. Cllr Butterworth put forward the following proposal regarding the Land off Davey Lane 'To include the field, previously the site of poultry cabins, in the village envelope and to designate on the Neighbourhood Plan for development'. This was proposed, seconded and agreed unanimously.
8. Training courses for councillors and the Clerk. Agreed that the Clerk should attend the Managing Paper course with travel expenses paid, and that Cllr Butterworth should attend the chairmanship course in Doncaster, travel paid. [agenda item again for next meeting for Councillors not present]
9. PC involvement in the Blackshawhead Fete. Agreed to focus on broadband, traffic calming, village envelope and what sort of development we want to see. Councillors Butterworth, Goodman and King and possibly Sutcliffe, to date, volunteered to take a turn in red tent.
10. Defibrillator in the red phone box at Jack Bridge. Clerk been in touch with Heptonstall PC, but their situation different as have had donation of equipment, and don't have a the phone box location. Two members of public, Edith and Phil have contacted British Heart Foundation regarding funding, no responses as yet. They are happy to take this forward but need a contact on PC. Cllr Butterworth stated that the phone box is rotten and needs repair. Also, a defibrillator should be central to the village. Local ambulance trust can advise us. PC to choose a representative, and in meantime, Edith and Phil to liaise with ambulance trust.

11. Noted receipt of CROWS annual report – positive report

12. To consider planning related matters: -

12.1. Information on previous planning applications and enforcement notices: None

12.2. Update from Enforcement Team – Clerk been in touch with Anne Markwell who will send update.

12.3. New planning applications: (these can be viewed via Calderdale Council website using the reference number shown)

12.3.1. 16/00045/FUL | Conversion of farmhouse to one dwelling to include rebuilding and roof works to attached barn (Amended scheme to 11/00223/FUL which PC supported). Higher Heath Moor Lane Colden Hebden Bridge Calderdale – views were neutral. RB proposed no comment, all in favour.

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

13.1. Information regarding footpath signage: usually the Council signs public footpaths, but Jan Gibson has several roundels that could be supplied to landowners if required.

13.2. SID results, Badger Lane – update on local opinion. 25 responses. Helen Eccles collated into 2 documents. Cllr Davies has copy of 'white line plans'. Cllr Butterworth suggested working party to discuss. Cllr Sutcliffe drew attention again to overgrown verges blocking drains. Maybe working party can include site visit to look at verges and blocked drains. Cllr Davies proposed getting new map and transposing old white line map on top. Agreed to have working party/open meeting on Saturday 16th July, with a pre meeting at the chapel on Monday 4th July 7pm. Clerk to write to CMBC regarding cutting the verge, and to ask Heptonstall PC how they approach their verge clearing.

13.3. Footpath at Lower Strines – email from CROWS saying they couldn't find a problem apart from cutting foliage back. Cllr King to email CROWS for further discussion.

14. To consider the following financial matters:

14.1. The budget remaining for 2016/7 is £6262, bank balances - £11,709 which reconciles with the cashbook

14.2. Noted a replacement cheque required for CROWS of £250 due to recipient losing the original. The original was cancelled with the bank.

14.3. Request from the Allotment group for a contribution of £50 towards a strimmer for maintenance of communal areas. Cllr Davies reported that he had been in discussion with ploholders regarding this. It would be a small petrol strimmer to be kept in shed and be paid for out of allotment rent. Agreed, Cllr Goodman abstained. MD mentioned that an allotment inspection had not been organised and was still due. RB suggested a "best plot" competition for next year.

14.4. Confirmed honorarium payment of £100 to Barry Eccles for audit.

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

15. To consider representative reports and invitations:

15.1. Reports from previous events

Upcoming Events and invitations

Neighbourhood Plan meeting, 27th June – MD not attending as clashes with this meeting, but will distribute minutes to councillors. Items on flooding and water management, summary of findings from community consultation events and creating a disability access group (put on next agenda)

Calder Ward Forum - 14th July – 6.45pm, Hope Baptist Church

Yorkshire Day Celebration Event - 1st August

Town & Parish Liaison group - Annual Conference for all Town and Parish Councillors in Calderdale Saturday 1st Oct from 10-12-00noon at Heptonstall Social and Bowling Club, Acre Lane, Heptonstall and then Tuesday 1 November 2016 – Hebden Bridge

Parish Council Meetings: - 25th July, 22nd August, 26th September [to discuss at next meeting to whether an August meeting is still arranged without Clerk, or to only hold one if something comes up like last year.]

Wayahead Meeting – tbc

Signed Catherine Bann

Clerk to the Parish Council