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# **BLACKSHAW PARISH COUNCIL**

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## **Draft Minutes of Blackshaw Parish Council Meeting, Monday 21<sup>st</sup> March 2016**

Present: Cllr Roger Butterworth (in the Chair), Councillors King, Sutcliffe, Goodman, Peter Stubbs from CMBC (invited speaker) and one member of the public.

1. Apologies for absences previously notified to the Clerk. Cllr Davies (at Neighbourhood Plan meeting), Councillor Neill
2. Declarations of interest in items on the agenda. None
3. Agreed the minutes of Parish Council meeting on 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2016 as a correct record.
4. Matters arising from the meeting on 22<sup>nd</sup> February
  - 4.1. There was an item on Neighbourhood Plan at the Ward Forum, and it seems to be progressing.
5. Issues around highways through Blackshawhead and Mytholm Steeps with Peter Stubbs from Calderdale MBC.

Agreed that the proposed signage was acceptable. Briefly discussed proposal from BPC about U-turns at bottom of Church Lane but PS said already well signposted, and danger of having excess signage. Regarding better signage outside the school, CMBC are launching big programme of Keep Clear signs and road sign repainting, but currently government is examining law around traffic regulations and need to put in a traffic order. If this is changed will mean 'Keep Clear' signage can be painted easier with no need to go through lengthy process of a traffic order. Other possibilities include wig wag lights (orange flashing warning lights) and a triangle school warning going up and coming down the Steeps.

It was noted that the 20mph zone is extending up the Steeps beyond Glen View and residents have been informed about this by letter. PS explained that the 'Gateway Feature' mentioned in communication would be something like a pole with 20mph sign, or dragon's teeth. This is due to happen imminently, certainly by summer.

Noted that 20mph zone for BH village due in 2017 with the exact limitations to be agreed.

PS provided info on the recent traffic count, done on a normal weekday on the Steeps. The count, done at Bank Terrace of vehicles travelling in both directions (1265 vehicles) was slightly lower than in 2009 (1335)

Examined proposed parking restrictions on Steeps in more detail using map. PS commented that restricting vehicle movements / parking is something of a lottery as to overall impact/improvements.

There is lots of residents parking but it usually conforms to an established pattern. The idea would be to regularise this and prevent problematic parking.

On the area at the end of Campden Rd, agreed to look a bit closer at this, as this area is particular pinchpoint. Everyone unsure how map and proposed restrictions looked on the ground. Perhaps restrictions would only leave space for 1 car- is it possible to allow for two. Suggest need to involve residents of Campden Rd in this discussion although really a matter for Hebden Royd. Considered possibility of a no parking between 7am and 7pm in that particular spot.

Also looked again at proposed restrictions just above Glen View, and agreed to amend these to make spaces for another 3 or so cars to allow for residents of the underwellings to park.

Discussed restrictions through the village – Councillors proposed some kind of physical measures to narrow the end of Badger Lane to slow traffic in addition to changed signage. Discussed again the white lines on edge of road. DS to provide the map which showed locations of white lines – could also look at GoogleEarth.

Councillors also asked PS to look into having cat's eyes on Lond Causeway, and to look into signage at the top of Marsh Lane to inform people no through route to A646.

6. Parish newsletter – Agreed to include items on Neighbourhood Plan, Broadband, Traffic Management, website, flood defences on tops and bottoms and also outline groups we've given grants to this year to encourage applications next year.
7. Re-siting of the Charlestown parish noticeboard and the maintenance required for both. Steve Hoyle, Phil and Roger will do the work, on a voluntary basis. Agreed to proceed with this, paying expenses. Find out whose land the noticeboard at the end of Turret Royd Road, as more people there to read notices. Clerk to investigate option of putting notices on the community noticeboard there too.
8. Clerk reported that as of today, there had been no request for an election in response to notices on boards and in newspaper. Deadline was in 2 days, but unlikely now to happen so probability is that we

will need to coopt. Had one expression of interest, but deadline for applicants not until 15<sup>th</sup> April – notices have been placed on the board and on googlegroups.

9. Broadband provision in the parish following on from the last meeting. Meeting arranged with Fiona Thurlbeck from CMBC on 7<sup>th</sup> April. Richard will also go along to this meeting. Matt Baker who came to Wayahead and PC meeting, wants to get better broadband for whole area. Dave McCall been in touch with AB internet company as a possible best option for wireless internet. They are happy to come and talk to us if we can find 40-50 interested parties. Need funding for the infrastructure. Prices quoting for internet up to 4mb was £15 a month, 4mb – 20mb, £30 a month on wireless. No loss of speed download and upload is same - guaranteed. Small aerial on side of house. Don't need a landline, so this would offset the cost. Up to £100,000 or more for infrastructure – funding required. Council met with someone on 17<sup>th</sup> March (email from Roger) re wireless. Erringden have exactly same problem, and Harvelin Park too. Maybe need wireless system for whole area. If councils put into infrastructure, then that's the main cost. Many have done this elsewhere. But no network exists between all the impacted rural areas as yet. Can we get 1000 homes through the area, paying for BT landline, saying if they don't improve stuff, all those people may well go wireles and lose the landline? As a way of pressuring BT to act – Richard ([hyde@dovescout.freereserve.co.uk](mailto:hyde@dovescout.freereserve.co.uk)) will have a look at finding the postcodes and the landlines as requested by Jae Campbell and John from Openreach.
10. Queen's 90<sup>th</sup> birthday celebration beacon lighting at Great Rock – Apologies from Tim Cole who couldn't be here tonight. He has sent a schedule for the event. Publicity to go out in the first week of April. Cllrs Sutcliffe and King will attend. Clerk to check whether Tim has the beacon.
11. **To consider planning related matters: -**
  - 11.1. **To receive information on previous planning applications and enforcement notices: None**
  - 11.2. **Update from Enforcement Team – no further update. Agreed for Clerk to contact again the two case officers concerned, saying we'll say that we'll contact the Chief Exec.**
  - 11.3. **To consider new planning applications: (these can be viewed via Calderdale Council website using the reference number shown)**
    - 11.3.1. 16/20039/TPO | Prune two trees and remove two self sown trees (Tree Preservation Order) | Delmont Under Cragg Charlestown Hebden Bridge West Yorkshire HX7 6NX. Agreed no objection.
12. **To consider matters relating to highways, bridleways and footpaths**
  - 12.1. Proposed diversion of footpath Blackshaw 51 at Copley Holme, BlackshawHead, Calderdale. No objection with two abstentions due to lack of information specifically on the gates issue – not understood properly why pedestrian gates necessary. *[after the meeting it was pointed out that this vote was out of order as it did not have a seconder, so the 'no objection' was not taken into consideration by CMBC]*
  - 12.2. Discussion on recent car chase and crash on Mytholm Steeps. Todmorden man, recently out of prison, stole landrover and was pursued by police officers through Bacup and back, up Cross Stone Rd, through Blackshawhead village, and then down Steeps where it crashed. Two occupants ran off. Police have said that it was not a chase but a pursuit. Helicopter pursued from above and the two occupants were apprehended. There were concerns locally about wisdom of a car chase – why not have stopped car at one of 3 exits to Blackshawhead? However, if the helicopter is out, then there was no need to have police immediately behind in chase. Agreed that at this point not a matter for PC.
13. **To consider the following financial matters:**
  - 13.1. The budget remaining for 2015/16 is £3936 and the balance of accounts is £6957. Agreed to vire £135 from travel budget to miscellaneous to cover cost of computer. Agreed to vire £45 from training budget to subscriptions budget to cover shortfall due to sub increases.
  - 13.2. Agreed payment of the £150 grant for Blackshaw Arts & Crafts Group as agreed under S 137 at the meeting on 22<sup>nd</sup> February
  - 13.3. Agreed payment of £91.14 to Viking for Laser labels and printer ink
  - 13.4. Agreed payment of £153.60 for the Casual Vacancy Notice in the Hebden Bridge Times from the election budget
  - 13.5. Agreed payment of the annual rent bill to the Methodist Church of £300
  - 13.6. Confirmed payment of the Clerk's monthly salary and expenses including postage stamps
14. **To consider representative reports and invitations:**
  - 14.1. Reports from previous events

Flood Steering Group 11/3 & Community resilience board 17/3 (MD not present to unable to report)  
Ward Forum – item on Neighbourhood Plan – things progressing

Flood Commission – Upland management 14/3 – Meeting was packed but was very unsatisfactory, couldn't hear properly especially as none of the speakers stood up to speak. Nothing will happen before October. However in the other meeting on the Saturday, the group that came from Pickering were excellent, good speakers, knew their stuff, very informative.

#### **14.2 Upcoming Events and invitations**

Broadband meeting at Halifax now on 7<sup>th</sup> April – Richard, Mick and Roger to attend

Neighbourhood Plan meetings 11/4 – NP meeting tonight, MD present

Allotments meeting 18/4 – CK and MD and Clerk to attend

**Parish Council Meetings:** - 25<sup>th</sup> April, 23<sup>rd</sup> May, 18<sup>th</sup> April is Allotment Committee meeting.

**Wayahead Meeting** – Should wait to confirm with Mick, Paul and after Peter Stubbs has spoken with his colleague.

#### **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**