
BLACKSHAW PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of Special Meeting of Blackshaw Parish Council at 8pm on Monday 12th June 2017 at Blackshaw Head Methodist Church.

Present: Councillors Butterworth, King, Moss, Goodman and Sutcliffe and 7 members of the public

1. Apologies for absences previously notified to the Clerk. **Councillors Davies and Bowen**
2. Declarations of interest in items on the agenda. None
3. **Planning related matters: -**

3.1. 17/00469/OUT | Demolition of buildings to facilitate residential development of maximum five dwellings (Outline) | Barns South Of Davey Hall Davey Lane Blackshaw Head Hebden Bridge Calderdale.

The discussion about this planning application followed on from an informal meeting to discuss the village envelope in Blackshawhead, and it was in the context of majority support from residents present for an extension of the village envelope.

There was some confusion about the red line in the application – whether the development was proposed to be inside this. Sally explained that the line was indicative, but councillors felt it made a difference whether the development was allowed within the entire blue-edged field, or loosely on the footprint of the existing buildings. Applicant explained when questioned that the current joiners business on the site would go under the proposal.

Councillor Sutcliffe expressed concern about the infrastructure, drains, water supply, traffic/roads, etc, in relation to the number of new dwellings in last few decades in the village.

Cllr Goodman felt that the development should be of low visual impact, and queried whether a row of terraces running parallel to the road, down the site on the site of existing buildings would best fit this. Chair felt that low-rise homes spread across the entire blue edged field would be better.

It was acknowledged that there is a demand for retirement properties in area.

Neighbour of the applicant expressed concern that the development might impact on his property, views and sense of openness, in particular because of the existing outline permission for 5 properties just at the top of Davy Lane on the other aspect of his house.

After much discussion, was agreed by majority not to object to the application. 4 in favour and one against. Proposed by Cllr King, seconded by Cllr Goodman.

It was also agreed by vote, to put the following comments in our consultees statement:

- 1) there should be a restriction placed on the number of dwellings to 5
- 2) they must be built from local stone. Weathered if possible.

There was also broad agreement that the development must be low visual impact and be respectful of the views from the neighbouring properties.

The Chairman announced the death of former councillor Pat Beechill, noted her years of service to the community and expressed sympathy with her family and friends.

Signed Catherine Bann

Clerk to the Parish Council