
BLACKSHAW PARISH COUNCIL

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Draft Minutes of Parish Council Meeting Monday 23rd January 2017 at Blackshaw Head Methodist Church,

Present: Cllr Butterworth (in the Chair) Cllrs Goodman, Davies, Sutcliffe, King, and Bowen and one member of the public

1. Apologies for absences previously notified to the Clerk – Cllr Neill
2. Declarations of interest in items on the agenda. None.
3. Confirmed the minutes of Parish Council meeting on 28th November 2016
4. Report on matters arising from the meeting on 28th November. Clerk reported that archiving of paperwork at Town Hall almost complete, and will be ready to place in Archive service in Halifax when it reopens. Clerk read response from Network Rail regarding clear-cut, and response from Calderdale regarding the unstable Bank on Mytholm Steeps.
5. Update on progress with the defibrillators. - Need a minor works certificate from the electrician. Agreed to the quote of £150 from local electrician Matt Annison to install the defibrillators.
6. Proposals for a seasonal gift / party for vulnerable parishioners. Thanks received from two parishioners, one of whom thought social event was a good idea. Chair concerned that using benchmark of 80 years old meant that some people would be missed. Advice from YLCA is that hampers shouldn't be purchased from S137 budget (or from the Chairman's allowance). Clerk suggested that a community social event open to all in the parish may be more allowable under S137. Chair concerned that precept being spent on just a few parishioners. However CK pointed out that we support other things which also benefit a particular section of the parish, e.g. the school. DG thought maybe if point of hamper was to alleviate winter poverty, then a social event won't fulfil this original aim. MD said that good to make contact with those more vulnerable parishioners in the parish, and hampers was a convenient mechanism for doing this. Christmas card and £10 voucher might work just as well. Some parishioners do appreciate the visit. DG suggested asking all the people concerned what they would prefer. Suggestion also of a get-together in the summer. DG proposed £15-£20 at the chairman's discretion (from his allowance) christmas gift/parcel and then look at having another social event at another time of year open to all in the parish. Agreed.
7. Update on Neighbourhood Plan. Two meetings happened since last PC meeting. Planning Officer (Richard Seaman) came to the first one. RB discussed Land around Todmorden vis a vis Greenbelt. It was made clear that villages should be excluded from greenbelt in order to encourage some development and good planning design. Unless the parish and town councils make a good argument against the proposal to exclude villages from the greenbelt, this bit of policy will change with the Local Plan. Also discussed was the issue of brownfield development on the flood plain, and the different in approach. Planning officers agreed to revisit this and to engage with people who develop flood proof buildings. The Calderdale Local Plan is running later than ever. Wadsworth pushed Planning officer on number of houses allocated to their area for new houses, but he wouldn't put a figure on it, except to say that the amount of planned development in our area is reducing, and more pushed into places like Brighouse and Elland. Smaller developments more likely in our area, as identified by NP to keep our communities viable. Discussed wind and solar power, and RB raised waterpower, but they just said to put this in consultation. Series of documents are in progress for LP, (they should have done this before) these have to be part of overall LP to go out to full consultation. Question about resources committed to it, but MD said they're very stretched but not sure about numbers. Second meeting on NP was more useful and more positive. Lindsay Smales, the consultant had introduced an organisation of innovative developers, including such as houses on stilts in flood risk areas. They spent a day in valley and got excited about key sites, including Callis Mill. So investigation underway for all identified sites, and much enthusiasm about this. The other interesting thing that came out of meeting is about High St in Hebden Bridge above Fox & Goose – potential plans exist to rebuild, as a community land trust. Could be added as key site or "site of interest" to NP. Area between canal and river by old children's centre, scrap work, stubbings area etc, - could also go into NP as key development site or "site of interest" . MD circulated comments and feedback on consultations in the area.
8. Discussion and agree a formal way of recognising the contribution made by certain parishioners to our community. YLCA advice is that we can't spend the money on a citizenship award, only on committing

people to be freemen/women of the parish. However we could do something that didn't involve expenditure – for example just a certificate. DG proposed getting the press involved. We couldn't give money to the charity, but they would get profile. MD posed certain questions which were discussed and the following agreed: one citizenship award per year, awarded to one person for services to the parish. Individuals only (e.g. not groups). Nominations from anyone in the parish. Awarded at the Fete, the Annual Meeting or the summer social. Awarded by the Chairman. Convene an informal meeting for councillors to decide. Agreed a certificate. Agreed to put newsletter out in March with deadline of late April for nominations.

9. Proposal regarding old red phone box at Jack Bridge from the historic society. SHED proposing to use this but can't afford it – therefore wanting PC to buy and maintain it. Phone box in terrible state, needs money spent on it. Go back to SHED for an actual proposal and cost estimate.
10. Problems with parcel deliveries in the parishioners. Lots of vans and personal cars being used to deliver parcels. From a Neighbourhood Watch perspective, this is a concern, as people when challenged can say they are delivering parcels. Could PC take a lead in helping to resolve situation – could we find somewhere in parish open in office hours so people could get their parcels delivered there? Perhaps approach May, or the school office? GB suggested that this was a possibility but that May would have to pay for privilege of being a eg Yodel drop off point. Also offered to investigate adding addresses / farms etc to googlemaps.
11. Whether the PC can support parishioners in changing energy providers. Over half population haven't changed electricity supplier and are losing few hundred pounds per year. Could PC do a drop-in on this issue to help people do this online or by phone? GB says that if we give advice then it goes wrong, we could be liable. Barry Eccles also suggested that this was dangerous ground – easy to give piece of info in good faith that is then used incorrectly. Could mention the issue in newsletter – willing to help you put in touch with advice charities etc – quote something from government website. Agreed.
12. **To consider planning related matters: -**
 - 12.1. To receive information on previous planning applications and enforcement notices:
 - 12.1.1. 16/00808/FUL | Proposed data centre (B1) and associated ground works and landscaping. | Land South Of Whiteley Arches Halifax Road Charlestown Hebden Bridge - **Withdrawn**
 - 12.1.2. 16/01295/FUL | Demolition of existing public house and construction of ten dwellings | Land Adjacent To Woodman Inn Halifax Road Todmorden Calderdale - **Withdrawn Explanation from Claire Dunn – agreed to write to express disappointment.**
 - 12.1.3. 16/20195/TPO | Management and safety works of trees | Gudger Glen View Road Hebden Bridge Calderdale HX7 6DA - **Grant Consent**
 - 12.2. Update from Enforcement Team - Letter from Roy Rizvi regarding Lower Earnshaw Water Farm Barn and High House Moor, and letter from Christine Sheasby. Asked for clarification regarding Lower Earnshaw Water Farm Barn.
 - 12.3. To consider new planning applications: (these can be viewed via Calderdale Council website using the reference number shown)
 - 12.3.1. 16/01554/HSE | Extension to existing detached garage to create garden room | The Naze Ingle Dene Charlestown Hebden Bridge Calderdale HX7 6PQ – proposal carried no objection, 3 for, one abstention, and two objections. The concerns were because councillors felt that it was too large a footprint in comparison with the garage.
 - 12.3.2. 16/01171/CON | Conversion of part of barn to form living annex including single storey extension to north elevation | Knowl End Farm Staups Lane Todmorden Calderdale OL14 8RR – additional information is that the proposed conversion is very close to existing farm.
 - 12.3.3. Appeal at Copley Holme was dismissed, the letter mentioning Land Around Todmorden. This points out the loopholes to get planning permission in the greenbelt. Clerk to bring copy to DS at next meeting.
13. Use of land and property in the parish
 - 13.1. Update on caravan at 3 Lane Bottom – was removed swiftly in response to visit from Mick Smith who responded to our letter.
14. **To consider matters relating to highways, bridleways and footpaths**
 - 14.1. Update on progress with proposals from John Leach regarding signage on Badger Lane, Church Lane, new line markings and parking restrictions. Agreed to go with our original points on the restrictions. But agreed to write back in regard to the 8%. White lines are in progress.
 - 14.2. Overhanging trees need to be cut back straight across from Chapel. Agreed to write a letter to the Bradleys – 4 Badger Lane.

15. To consider the following financial matters:

- 15.1. The budget remaining for 16/17 is £3728.23, bank balances and reconciliation were agreed
- 15.2. Agreed budget calculations for 2017/8 and confirmed the precept demand for £6100
- 15.3. Confirmed payment of £211.22 to Viking Stationery
- 15.4. Altered cheque previously made to Dan's Garden Services to Dan Shaw
- 15.5. Confirmed payment of £18 to Royal British Legion for supply of poppy wreath
- 15.6. Confirmed payment of allotments water bill of £5.82
- 15.7. Confirmed payment of the Clerk's monthly salary (and for December) and expenses.

16. To consider representative reports and invitations:

16.1. Reports from previous events

Neighbourhood Plan meetings 8th Dec, 16th Jan

16.2. Upcoming Events and invitations

State of Calderdale Assembly - Thursday 9th of February – DS and MD to attend

Ward Forum - Tuesday 7 February 2017 - Hebden Bridge Methodist Church, Market Street – DS to attend

T & PC Liaison Group - 14th February, 6.30pm Tod Town Hall – MD to attend

17. Items for future meeting - Discuss the summer event.

Wandering Sheep

Newsletter

Wayahead

Emergency Plan

Parish Council Meetings: - February 27th, March 27th, Allotment meeting in March (date to be confirmed with allotment holders)

Wayahead Meeting – tbc

Signed *Catherine Bann*

Clerk to the Parish Council