
BLACKSHAW PARISH COUNCIL

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Draft Minutes of Blackshaw Parish Council Meeting on Monday 24th July 2017 at Blackshaw Head Methodist Church,

Present: Councillor Butterworth in the Chair, Councillors Bowen, Davies, King, Moss, and Sutcliffe and one member of the public.

In attendance: Catherine Bann (Clerk)

1. Apologies for absences previously notified to the Clerk. Councillor Goodman.
2. Declarations of interest in items on the agenda. None
3. Confirmed the minutes of Parish Council meeting on 27th June. Agreed.
4. Information on matters arising from the meeting on 27th June.
 - 4.1. No response to letter regarding Himalaya Balsam as yet.
 - 4.2. Allotment tenancies – update regarding decision at last meeting. Plot number 7 has been vacated by previous tenant, offered to the first person on the waiting list, and accepted. Tenant of Plot 1 attended this meeting and requested further evidence and others from the Council to visit the plot. This is arranged for 7.30pm on Monday 1st August.
5. **Update on Neighbourhood Plan and Calderdale Local Plan.** Discussion on village envelopes, with feedback from Special Meeting in Charlestown. NP meeting wasn't particularly successful, because Planning Consultant was in hospital and Anthony Rae and Jonathan Timbers also apologised. MD talked about new dates of Local Plan consultation (due to it being called in by Scrutiny Committee). LP is now consulting from 4th / 7th August until 30th September. They have increased consultation period from 6 to 8 weeks, in recognition of holiday period. This has thrown meeting cycles up in the air, and these need to be rejigged.

Charlestown Meeting – successful meeting. Great to see so many councillors and lots of members of the public. Main concern was Callis Mill: everyone in favour of some development, with majority in favour of some houses. RB interested in proposal to make a marina on the canal, by re-engineering the waterways (though others do not recollect specific mention of marina at the meeting). Site is a gateway to Hebden Bridge, should be a nice area. Architect would design any housing development to make a feature of the water. Calderdale have allocated 20 houses in our parish, so we'd be under pressure to find space for 20 houses elsewhere if we were to object to housing at Callis. Suggestion of a hybrid, with some housing, some waterways.? Individuals, groups or organisations can respond to consultation. We will respond to it as a PC and also the NP group will respond. We ought to reflect broad opinion supporting housing at Callis, providing it was sensitively developed. Wanted mill demolished and footpath extended.

Village envelopes – Charlestown meeting – clear majority happy with it being washed over. In Blackshawhead a majority favoured it being inset. NP group will meet on Sept 11th to decide response to LP. Agreed to consult on LP at the Fete, and decide our response to LP at September's meeting. MD has fleshed out our parish specific policies. These include: Water management, heritage assets, speeding, inappropriate traffic and volume, satnavs etc. appropriate development enhancing settlements, burglary, footpaths, valley bottom reinvigoration, broadband, concern about LAT as opposed to GB. Road safety, hydroelectric, management of invasive plant species, water supply and reliability. Keeping good roadside appearance. 20mph white lines, sigh lines etc. Community action in support of traffic violation. ANPR. Gateway/markers at entrance to village. Audit of visual character, standards for key sites, recreation site. Mytholm Steeps remedial work. Different term solutions for problems on the Steeps. Changes to village envelopes. Wind turbine policy, no further wind turbines within 500m of village envelope, no further wind turbines without consideration of cumulative blight. Gulleys maintained. Strong local policy on drainage for any development. Charlestown pedestrian access, safe crossing points, improved access to towpath. Control of traffic speeds. Welcome to Charlestown signs, roadside vegetation policies. Callis Mill and Woodman sites, green space retained on rec. Issues relating to unadopted roads, including state of Oakville Rd. Status of village green. Agreed that MD should put this document forward
6. Parish Council tent at Blackshawhead Fete. - RB to reproduce maps of village envelope. MD to tidy up parish specific policies and send Clerk doc to print copies. Also produce a summary to be printed in

large and laminated to be pinned up. Clerk to write summary of what LP is and NP is. Summary of LP needed – MD to look into whether this exists and send Clerk pointers.

7. Surface Water Management- drains, 'slow the flow', streams and storage such as Redmires. Rep from 'Slow the Flow' came to Ward Forum, and offered to come to the PC meeting. Could invite him to October PC meeting. Possibly called Adrian Houghton? GB to double-check.

8. To consider planning related matters: -

8.1. To receive information on previous planning applications and enforcement notices:

8.1.1. 17/00469/OUT Demolition of buildings to facilitate residential development of maximum 5 dwellings. Barns South Of Davey Hall Davey Lane Blackshaw Head – **Withdrawn** (planners suggested coming to them with a more detailed plan)

8.2. Update from Enforcement Team. None. Clerk agreed to write to Richard Seaman, cc Chief Exec. As there has been no response to the physical letter regarding the caravan at Jack Bridge.

8.3. To consider new planning applications (these can be viewed via Calderdale Council website using the reference number shown):

8.3.1. 17/00769/FUL | Conversion of outbuilding to form holiday let | West Gable The Long Causeway Blackshaw Head Hebden Bridge Calderdale HX7 7JB - No objection unanimous

8.3.2. 17/00540/HSE | Demolition of existing conservatory and outbuilding to facilitate single storey extension | 11 Turret Royd Road Charlestown Hebden Bridge West Yorkshire HX7 6PA - No objection Unanimous.

8.3.3. 17/00860/HSE | Roof extension to detached property including internal alternations (Amended scheme to 17/00249) | The Coach House Stoney Lane Charlestown Hebden Bridge Calderdale HX7 6PE - No comment.

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

9.1. Traffic problems on the Steeps – concerns about this has been written into our neighbourhood/parish specific policies on the NP with suggestions for action (see document on parish specific policies). Further discussion at the next meeting. Himalaya Balsam obstructing the sharp turn chevrons. Clerk to write to BEAT regarding balsam.

9.2. Overhanging Trees at bus shelter. Clerk to write to resident by bus shelter, and to put something out on the various googlegroups regarding their overhanging foliage. Clerk to write to owners of Hamer Cottage and Moorcroft asking them to trim back trees there.

10. To consider the following financial matters:

10.1. The budget remaining for 2017/8 is £5621, and the balance of accounts is £10 914 which balances with the cashbook.

10.2. Confirmed the payment of the receipt for hosting the YLCA meeting 14th June

10.3. Confirmed payment to YLCA of £45 for training course for Councillor Moss.

10.4. Confirmed payment of the Clerk's monthly salary and expenses, including postage for the Charlestown Village Envelope meeting (to come out of the NP budget line).

11. To consider representative reports and invitations:

11.1. Reports from previous events

Calder Ward Forum - 13th July – RB attended, guest speaker was Slow the Flow. Concentrating on Hardcastle Crags, leaky dams etc. Robert Whiteley replacing Mr Woodhouse at Calderdale on the CCTV. Neighbourhood Watch. Best thing for village would be an ANPR camera. RB proposes to pick this up later on. Police reported on crime locally.

N Plan meeting - 17th July – as reported above.

OPWC AGM 28th June – Councillor King missed last meeting, so can't report.

11.2. Upcoming Events and invitations

Blackshawhead Fete, 2nd September – as detailed above.

N Plan meeting 14th August – MD to attend.

Next agenda item – donation to ATC, Himalaya Balsam, Allotments,

Parish Council Meetings: - Agreed to only have an August meeting if there was a significant planning application to be discussed. 29th August (Tuesday as Monday is a bank holiday), 25th September, 23rd October

Signed *Catherine Bann*

Clerk to the Parish Council