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# BLACKSHAW PARISH COUNCIL

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## Minutes of Blackshaw Parish Council meeting on Monday 25<sup>th</sup> September 2017

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

1. Apologies for absences previously notified to the Clerk. Cllr Moss and Cllr King
2. Declarations of interest in items on the agenda. Cllr Goodman declared an interest in item 8.3 as she is the applicant.
3. Confirmed the minutes of Parish Council meeting on 4<sup>th</sup> September. Agreed.
4. Information on matters arising from the meeting on 4<sup>th</sup> September. Clerk reported that she had added the PC comments to the online Local Plan consultation.
5. Update on issues agreed at the Neighbourhood Plan meeting on 18<sup>th</sup> September, specifically regarding the Local Plan. NP meeting agreed comments to the Local Plan largely in line with the statement by Anthony Rae. The NP group additionally agreed to Cllr Butterworth's suggestion to put in a comment expressing overall support for the LP, and also added a point on housing mix to be slightly amended: more stringent requirements for more lifetime housing and accessible housing. NP group agreed to leave detailed comments about development sites to individual parishes. Blackshaw, Heptonstall and Wadsworth put in papers to this meeting. NP group asked parishes to produce a 300 word description of our parish to go in NP. Something like the Hebden Royd one in the draft. Clerk also asked for logo, and discussed updating, producing a new logo. Agreed to adapt current image of Great Rock, as this also on Chairman's chain, and longstanding image connected with Parish Council. MD read the 'vision statement' of the NP in order to comment on it as requested by NP group. DG commented that it didn't refer to historic assets, buildings etc. MD wanted it to be a bit more gripping. MD will come up with some comments and circulate prior to next NP meeting.  
Clerk also commented that we should probably write a specific letter to LP regarding the village envelopes as this was important issue, especially as the wishes of PC and villagers in BH is contrary to the current LP proposal. Agreed.
6. Considered issues around recognition of The Pen as a Village Green. Residents held a long campaign and eventually were told they had won Village Green status, but it doesn't appear on the official register. Clerk agreed to follow this up with Calderdale as evidence is incontrovertible. Issues around maintenance of Oakville Rd: question of who is responsible for dry stone wall alongside Pen/Oakville Rd – and also maintenance of Oakville Rd itself. Paul Knights has a file of correspondence between Calderdale and Railway from 1994-2000, the essence of which is a dispute of ownership and responsibility. Lighting and resurfacing been done by Calderdale. Correspondence ends with a meeting in 2000 to resolve this, but no-one knows what the outcome was. Clerk to write to ask regarding maintenance of Oakville Rd and ask what they are going to do regarding the road. Agreed Chris (from Oakville Rd, in attendance at meeting) to do photocopying. Green space opposite Wood Villas – Charlestown Rec, still unusable because of hole surrounded by orange fence. Clerk has previously written about this, and agreed to chase.
7. Static caravans in the parish. RB showed photographs and commented about situation with increasing numbers of non-moving touring caravans, and static caravans being placed on land in parish. Discussed the various locations. 1) Off long Causeway – 2 caravans not moved for ages possibly belonging to Warcock Farm Cottages 2) Static caravan that is being lived in, at New Laithe Farm 3) Static caravan belonging to someone who's in a home, 4) caravans at the horse place. DG declared an interest in the matter as she has a caravan on her land. Clerk agreed to write to landowners with a gentle nudge and/or Calderdale depending on the circumstances. RB to provide more details on each location.
8. **To consider planning related matters: -**
  - 8.1. Information on previous planning applications and enforcement notices:
    - 8.1.1. **17/00860/HSE | Roof extension to detached property including internal alternations (Amended scheme to 17/00249) The Coach House Stoney Lane Charlestown HX7 6PE - Permit**

8.2. Update from Enforcement Team. None. Clerk has drafted letter of complaint and it was agreed to send this to Richard Seaman in the first instance and if no reply, forward to Chief Exec.

8.3. To consider new planning applications: **17/20150/TPO** | Prune two trees (Tree Preservation Order) | Gudger Glen View Road Hebden Bridge Calderdale HX7 6DA. Two trees belonging to neighbours over the pathway and flat area. Owners of tree favourable, but wasn't sure it could just be pruned without a TPO request. Other is large oak with large branch coming down near head height. Unanimously agreed No Objection.

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

9.1. 20mph zone – update and feedback from Fete. Several residents we met at the Fete were keen to see the 20mph zone in place and discussed possibility of crowd funding some additional speed reduction measures at gateways. Clerk has approached Bridget Kusyj from 20mph zones, and she has confirmed that it is possible for community to fund measures in this way, and said she would ask Peter Stubbs about what would be possible and potential costs involved. Agreed PC should pursue this.

## 10. To consider the following financial matters:

10.1. The budget remaining for 2017/8 is £5043, and the balance in the current account is £6444.

10.2. Discussed paying for a back-up on the Go-Daddy website as de-hacking the website is taking a considerable amount of Grayde's time. Agreed in principle to pay for this, but current quote seems a bit high (£86), so Grayde will go back and see if there is a better deal.

10.3. Noted receipt of the certified annual return from external auditor.

10.4. Confirmed payment of the allotments water bill of £9.36

10.5. Confirmed a donation of £30 to ATC for use of building for meeting on village envelopes

10.6. Confirmed reimbursement of Chair for photocopying expenses

10.7. Confirmed payment of the Clerk's monthly salary and expenses

## 11. To consider representative reports and invitations:

### 11.1. Previous events

Blackshawhead Fete – 2 September. Resounding success, except that Chair had to make hay while the sun was shining so not available to open fete or present prizes. Feedback meeting is on 2<sup>nd</sup> October at 7.30pm at New Delight. AGM will be in spring next year at which will decide whether to proceed with 2018 fete. DS noted that buses were too packed, and noted PC could perhaps ask TLC to look into putting on extra bus. Neighbourhood Plan meeting - 18 September (as above)

### 11.2. Upcoming Events

7<sup>th</sup> October – Annual T & PC meeting at Heptonstall.

19<sup>th</sup> October – NP meeting.

## 12. Items for next meeting

Welcome pack

Invited Speaker Adrian Horton

Colden School

Fly-tipping

**Parish Council Meetings:** - 23<sup>rd</sup> October, 27<sup>th</sup> November

**Allotment Committee Meeting** - 9<sup>th</sup> October, 7.30pm, HB Town Hall

**Signed Catherine Bann Clerk to the Parish Council**