
BLACKSHAW PARISH COUNCIL

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Draft Minutes of Blackshaw Parish Council meeting on Monday 4th September 2017 at Blackshaw Head Methodist Church

Present: Councillor Butterworth (Chair), Councillors Sutcliffe, Davies, Bowen, Goodman, Moss, King and three members of the public.

1. Apologies for absences previously notified to the Clerk. None
2. Declarations of interest in items on the agenda. None
3. Confirmed the minutes of Parish Council meeting on 24th July.
4. Information on matters arising from the meeting on 24th July. Clerk wrote to BEAT on Himalaya Balsam issue, and was redirected to contact Matt Taylor from Forest and Land. Steeps has now been sprayed so will solve this issue anyway.
5. **Calderdale Local Plan consultation.** Chair began by saying that in his opinion Local Plan (LP) has got a lot of things right. It has taken into consideration the whole of Calderdale and its different aspects, topography, deprivation levels and it is designed for next 15 years. Bulk of development in lower valley due to transport access, infrastructure, availability of brownfield sites etc. Some controversy about relative less development in Halifax as opposed to Brighouse and Elland where significant levels of new development proposed. Cllr Davies agreed that the plan seemed reasonably well-balanced. Comment that the numbers of homes proposed for Calderdale is imposed by central government and that CMBC has struggled to find sites to allocate, taking into consideration floods and topography. Only 350 or so houses in our neighbourhood plan area which will be built incrementally over 15 years. Councillors answered a question from member of public regarding the timetable of Neighbourhood Plan (NP) and how it relates to LP, and what it encompasses. NP will begin consulting shortly after the LP consultation. More local detail in NP such as things that we would or wouldn't like to see in our area that don't feature in LP. A further question was about how these extra requirements impact on planning applications. MD explained that once it is formally agreed, the NP will be part of planning regulatory framework for the area. Chair added that parish specific policies will come into it, things like village design statements, for example, relating to type of materials used for any new development. NP can pick up on national initiatives to put in NP but also push CMBC to include in LP.
 - Vision for Calderdale – agreed in principle with the Vision, would like to see some more mention of active transport, health and leisure, some more reference to heritage features in towns other than Halifax, and also tourism.
 - Approach to distribution of housing growth and numbers – Most of 13,000 housing sites in Brighouse, Elland and Halifax, but relative to the existing settlement, big proportion in Brighouse, which is proving controversial. Other sites would be classed as windfall – additional extras. 352 houses in NP area – not very many. Is this what we want? May want more development for example to keep villages sustainable. Most people felt that the distribution was sensible – was space in Brighouse, near M62. Also more industry in Brighouse area. Access to rail and road is crucial. Agreed to express broad support for housing allocations. DG surprised by numbers of housing for Todmorden. 789+ housing. Questioned the assumption about people travelling towards Manchester. Agreed with Anthony Rae's comment - Should additional housing opportunities come up, *“such allocations should be made within the NP framework, and not the LP, so that such allocations are better able to respond to locally determined need, and to fulfil a core principle of the NP process: to support the provision of housing on brownfield sites in the sustainable locations of Hebden Bridge and Mytholmroyd and not greenbelt/greenfield sites elsewhere.”*
 - Proposed employment/ mixed use site - there is only one in the Neighbourhood Plan area – this is a mixed use site on old fire station in Hebden Bridge. Discussed possibility of Callis Mill being mixed use rather than just housing. Everyone happy with some development on this site, housing or mixed use, we wouldn't want to limit the site being developed in sensitive and flood resilient manner in whatever way was economically viable.

- Proposed housing sites page – discussed the one proposed site in Blackshawhead as extension of village envelope (this isn't a site specifically included in LP as already under consideration). This will be most likely dealt with prior to LP being agreed. Gypsy Flats was other proposal made previously, to allow another road to bypass Steeps, built at expense of developers. This has been rejected by LP. Discussed how to approach this, with some feeling that we should express disappointment it was excluded. Others felt that this wasn't agreed by everyone on council and some concern about discussing this as ought to have been specified on the agenda. Agreed to comment that that site could be further considered by the PC under the NP with regard to easing traffic on Steeps.
- Approach to flood risk management - broad support but agreed to add comment that better management of existing/historic drainage systems to avoid water overflowing onto the roads and that land owners should not take measures that make flooding worse.
- Treatment of transport issue page 163 onwards – agree with more car parks e.g. those being built at the train stations. Discussed parking issues in Hebden Bridge. Anecdotal evidence to suggest people not going to Hebden shopping due to lack of parking etc. But problem with creating more parking is that it will encourage more traffic and this is not sustainable. Different views on this issue expressed. NP says no increase in parking, but better management. Agreed to support the NP policy on the parking along with investment in public transport.
- Proposed revisions to Greenbelt boundary page 221 - most GB parcels retained. Agreed to support the LP proposals with regards to GB areas.
- Proposed revisions to village envelopes page 224 - Charlestown residents happy to be washed over with proviso of exclusion of the development sites at Woodman and Callis mill. In Blackshawhead the desire was to be inset, to enable a bit more development needed by village in interests of sustainability of infrastructure. Agreed to request that Blackshawhead be inset, and support the proposal that the greenbelt wash over Charlestown envelopes.
- Problem of air pollution (particularly in Hebden) - is this approach adequate? The PC hasn't taken an opinion on this, but individuals will comment separately.

6. To consider planning related matters: -

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

6.1.1. 17/00685/191 | Stationing of a residential caravan and use of ancillary land for residential purposes (Lawful Development Certificate) | Caravan West Of Bronlea Bungalow The Long Causeway Blackshaw Head HX7 7JB - **Grant Section 191/192 Certificate**

6.1.2. 17/00769/FUL | Conversion of outbuilding to form holiday let | West Gable The Long Causeway Blackshaw Head Hebden Bridge Calderdale HX7 7JB - **Permit**

6.1.3. 17/00540/HSE | Demolition of existing conservatory and outbuilding to facilitate single storey extension | 11 Turret Royd Road Charlestown HX7 6PA - **Permit**

6.2. Update from Enforcement Team. None

6.3. To consider new planning applications: None

7. To consider the following financial matters:

7.1. To consider the budget for 2017/8

7.2. Discussed a donation to ATC for use of building for meeting on village envelopes - Agreed to donate £30.

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

Parish Council Meetings: - 25th September, 23rd October,
9th October Allotment Committee meeting.

Signed Catherine Bann Clerk to the Parish Council

For next meeting – 20mph zone oakville rd, apologies from Sarah.