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# BLACKSHAW PARISH COUNCIL

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## Minutes of Blackshaw Parish Council meeting at 7.30pm on Monday 26<sup>th</sup> February 2018 at Blackshaw Head Methodist Church,

**Present: Cllr Butterworth (Chair), Cllrs Bowen, Moss, Sutcliffe and three members of the public**

1. Apologies for absences previously notified to the Clerk. Cllr Davies, Cllr Goodman
2. Declarations of interest in items on the agenda. None.
3. Confirmed the minutes of Parish Council meeting on 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2018.
4. Information on matters arising from the meetings on 22<sup>nd</sup> January. Reply received from Craig Whittaker, who said he'd be happy to press for reclassification of the Steeps, and wrote to Highways on this issue. He received a reply, which only really outlined the different routes, and didn't address any of the issues in our letter. It also said he'd written to the PC, but we haven't received anything. This item came up at T & PC Liaison group where Roger expressed disappointment. Clerk to write to Steven Lee asking about this reply and to Craig Whittaker thanking him for raising this.
5. Update on the Neighbourhood Plan (NP). Priority is to get our parish specific requirements decided – Cllr Davies proposed a meeting on this issue, and it was agreed for 7.30pm on 7<sup>th</sup> March in the chapel. NP meeting mainly considered Mytholmroyd and how to create more of a village centre. Clerk said concerns had been raised by couple of members of NP committee who'd been to a NP workshop, and on that basis felt that our NP didn't address various issues. Lindsay Smales has addressed some of these points, and suggested a further workshop to discuss this, date to be set at next NP meeting.
6. Update on Flood Groups – Cllr Davies ill, so postponed this issue to next time. Cllr Sutcliffe pointed out importance of keeping this on agenda, especially using High St old loos as store, as Jack Bridge suffering from floods frequently now.
7. Broadband provision in the parish. Had meeting at CMBC on 24<sup>th</sup> Jan with John Bullivent from WY Broadband among others. Fibre to the property FTTP is being touted as the new way forward. Gave us list of postcodes in parish that were on list to receive this. But failed to say that FTTP wouldn't be available to everyone due to geographic location. Openreach published price list for FTTP. If you're 3km or more from the cabinet, the average price would be £3000 approx. Fiona Thurlbeck suggested looking at private supplier as a community, e.g. Boundless Networks. Supply extensively across North Yorkshire, and have excellent reputation for good broadband. She said CMBC could help with grant aid if we went down this route. Boundless came out to see sites and have gone back to CMBC, who then said they wanted 6 business users to sign up in order to receive funding. Now waiting for a meeting with CMBC, at which 6 business users could register and get a grant of £3k each which would basically do the installation. Probably have a meeting here in next couple of weeks to get this moving. Boundless would come and scout out the area, and work out a reliable broadband provider to work with on this. So things definitely moving forward on this, with PC taking a lead.
8. Discussed parish newsletter – Clerk raised fact that newsletter would be put together in coming month, and sent out in April. May want to include some type of consultation relating to Nplan, depending on timing. Dot suggested Memory Makers (13<sup>th</sup> March at the Chapel) for inclusion in newsletter, but this would be too soon for newsletter.
9. Discussed the Blackshaw Parish Citizenship Award for 2018 – agreed to go with previous year's format
10. Discuss progress on matters relating to Oakville Rd – not had the meeting yet. Clerk suggested looking at minutes from 2000 when WY archive service re-opens in March. Cllr Sutcliffe has been given some info, with old maps of the area, and she's going through this, so hopefully this will shed some light.
11. **To consider planning related matters: -**
  - 11.1. Information on previous planning applications and enforcement notices: None. RB noted that Aquaponics application has now been 17 weeks and still undetermined. The equestrian centre – 21 weeks. Agreed to write and enquire as to why the applications are taking so long to decide.
  - 11.2. Update from Enforcement Team. None. Clerk to chase.
  - 11.3. To consider new planning applications:
    - 11.3.1. 18/00040/HSE | Demolition of existing rear single-storey garage/workshop. Construction of replacement rear single-storey bedroom extension, and new porch to front | 1 Dry Soil

Woodland Hall Badger Lane Blackshaw Head Hebden Bridge Calderdale HX7 7JH. Agreed unanimously not to object.

**11.3.2. 18/00033/FUL** | Construction of five dwellings | Barns South Of Davey Hall Davey Lane Blackshaw Head Hebden Bridge Calderdale. Points made in favour of this included appreciation that the development was low-rise, for a relatively small number of dwellings in relation to the plot size. Also at a meeting last year to discuss the village envelope in relation to the Local Plan, a majority of parishioners present voted to support an expansion of the envelope to encompass this land. It was also noted at the same meeting that the village currently lacks dwellings for older residents who wish to downsize to free up larger houses, but not leave the village. This development would appear to fulfil this perceived need and complement the current housing stock. Some Councillors also liked the design of the houses, around a courtyard. Points raised against this were based on dislike of the particular design (though not in opposition to development here per se), preferring detached bungalows more spread out. It was noted by all that sensible arrangements for drainage were very important. It was also noted that planting should not be too close to the entrance to enable good sightline onto Davy Lane. Voted by majority to support the application.

**12. To consider matters relating to highways, bridleways and footpaths**

**12.1.** Footpath issues in Colden and Hippins Clough. Span was smashed on bridge at Colden Clough, and now they've got scaff and wooden walkways, so it is safe to cross with temporary repair. Agreed old bridge should be repaired rather than new one constructed, but this will take longer due to cost and access. CROWS might be able to help? Cllr Sutcliffe pointed out Steve Hoyle and Phil could do a better job than Calderdale. Heptonstall need to be approached as it spans our parishes. Ask for clarification to Jan Gibson about the situation. Can offer that if they fund it, we can arrange for it to be mended. Could also pay money towards this?

**12.2.** Calderdale Way is in bad state (mainly with water) from Dot's house to Hippins. Clerk to report to CROWS.

**12.3.** 30mph sign is down from Old Shaw lane into the village. Clerk to report.

**13. To consider the following financial matters:**

**13.1.** The budget remaining for 2017/8 is £3550, the balance of accounts is £8855 and it reconciles with cashbook. Agreed to vire £40 from Training to S137 to make up money for grant to Colden School.

**13.2.** Confirmed payment of £600 to Colden School for playground equipment, under S 137

**13.3.** Confirmed payment of £328.09 to Viking Stationery

**13.4.** Clerk explained cheque to B Eccles for audit was lost on way to bank. Agreed not to cancel as it was older than 6 months now anyway and cancelling could incur charges, but to reissue.

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

**14. To consider representative reports and invitations:**

**14.1. Previous events**

Flood Group - 23<sup>rd</sup> January – postponed as Cllr Davies not present.

T & PC Liaison Group - Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> February. RB raised issue of the white lines. Andrew Pitts was going to get onto highways but no reply to date. Ripponden have sent info re Data Protection. Potentially CMBC officer could cover this. In due course they'll write out and let us all know what they can offer.

Broadband meeting (also mentioned above in item on matters arising).

Nplan meeting 12<sup>th</sup> February (see above)

**14.2. Upcoming Events.**

Ward Forum

Allotments meeting 12<sup>th</sup> March

**15. Items for next meeting – Flood groups, Nplan, Fly-tipping.**

**Parish Council Meetings:** - 26<sup>th</sup> March, 23<sup>rd</sup> April and Annual Meeting 21<sup>st</sup> May

**Allotment Committee Meeting** – March 12<sup>th</sup> 7.45pm 2018 HB Town Hall

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