
BLACKSHAW PARISH COUNCIL

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Draft Minutes of Blackshaw Parish Council meeting 7.30pm on Monday 22nd October 2018
Present: Cllr Bowen (Chair), Cllrs Moss, Butterworth, Sutcliffe, Lacey, King and Goodman and two members of the public

1. Apologies for absences previously notified to the Clerk. None
2. Declarations of interest in items on the agenda. Cllr Butterworth has interest in item 8.
3. Confirmed the minutes of the Parish Council meeting on 24th September 2018
4. Information on matters arising from the meetings on 24th September. None.
5. Accepted the Declaration of Office of Helen Lacey, and Register of Member's Interests. Clerk to update the website with Cllr Lacey's details.
6. Update on Neighbourhood Plan. The preview has gone out to interested parties / stakeholders. The comments made on this is being built into the N plan. Consultation due to go out towards the end of this year. Local Plan might be put off until February (due to changes from national government). Next meeting mid November. Agreed to buy envelopes, printer ink, stamps, paper etc so that we are prepared for the N Plan consultation process to start.
7. To consider festive lighting in the parish – this was raised at the Town & PC meeting. Councils have to pay for this themselves now. Cllr Bowen noted that we had previously had some lights at the Chapel. PC used to have some lights, but doesn't any longer as original ones broken, and Cllr King didn't have support with putting up the ones she replaced them with. Cllr Sutcliffe noted that any lights would have to be extremely good ones. Roger Munday explained that the PC paid for a special timed socket in the past, with electricity supplied by the Chapel – however someone has taken the timed plug out of the socket. Cllr Bowen will look into the cost of good christmas lights.
8. Considered an application from Neighbourhood Watch for a grant. Cllr Butterworth explained the background of the application for a grant. Group wanted to increase their profile. Thought of buying some scan protective credit card holders. Council agreed in principle to grant the group up to £50 to buy these, and NW group will put this in writing with invoice for next meeting.
9. Received the minutes of the Allotment Committee meeting 8/10.
10. Discussed the travellers at Sandbed / Charlestown Rec. The travellers and the rubbish have gone. Clerk read out email from local resident. Comment from Cllr Lacey that CMBC do not have any facilities for travellers in the whole borough. Agreed to write to CMBC (Andrew Pitts) regarding the entrance, and possibility of a height barrier, Clerk noted the proviso that any installation of a height barrier needs to be in consultation with garage owners. Clerk to also write to CMBC to decry the lack of provision for travellers.
11. **To consider planning related matters: -**
 - 11.1. To receive information on previous planning applications and enforcement notices: **17/01452/FUL** | Construction of six semi-detached dwellings and one detached dwelling | Land To West Of Causeway Fold The Long Causeway Blackshaw Head Hebden Bridge Calderdale - **Permitted.**
 - 11.2. Update on Enforcement and other planning issues– Whiteley Arches – liaison with Erringden Parish Council as they had been in touch with Environmental health on this issue, while we'd approached it from a planning perspective. Will continue to work together. Report on Camper van on Eastwood Rd – it's taxed, so not breaching anything though it seems someone is living there. Agreed to invite the ward councillor (Sarah Courtney) to a meeting. Agreed that we still need meeting with Richard Seaman despite the tardy response. Agreed to write back to Richard Seaman requesting this. Was noted that there are moves to have area classified as national park and this may impact planning decisions and enforcement practices.
 - 11.3. To consider new planning applications: **18/01179/FUL** | Change of use of single 28 m2 bedroom from residential accommodation to short-term rental as temporary sleeping accommodation for less than 120 days per year. Construction of all timber Tree Cabin of less than 20 m2. To be loosely attached to & supported by living trees. It is therefore expected to have a serviceable life of between 5-10 years. (Retrospective) | Rodmer Clough Farm Dark Lane Colden Hebden Bridge HX7 7PJ. Unanimously agreed to raise no objection, but to add our comment that the land should not be considered to be building land when this particular cabin reaches the end of its lifespan.

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

12.1. Discussed the 20mph zone and possible relocation of 30mph signs to Wadsworth parish. Agreed to liaise with CMBC to try and have these relocated to Wadsworth. Clerk pointed out that we still need to identify a suitable site for welcome stone with Bridget Kusyj. Cllr Bowen to go and look and suggest some potential sites.

12.2. Update on proposed traffic scheme for Church Lane – Cllr Young has been persisting with this one, keeping pressure on CMBC, whose response is to cite lack of staff for the inaction. Agreed to thank Cllr Young.

12.3. Discussed the meeting next month with Steven Lee and identify items for the agenda. Assume he is still coming to meeting, but not had reply to previous email. Chapel Lane as it turns into Badger Lane, accident during the night. Anyone coming from Chapel Lane, bracken is causing problems. The elder there is overhanging. That will be sorted out. Cllr Sutcliffe asked about the stile. Clerk will report back on email communication. Cllr Butterworth said landowner very happy with any work, and encouraged them to come to the farm. 20mph zone, traffic on Steeps (damage caused to property – chain broken/padlock broken four or five times) – lane not fit for purpose – new signage inadequate. White lines on badger lane.

13. To consider the following financial matters:

13.1. The budget remaining for 2018/9 is £6097 and bank balances are £10,485

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

14. To consider representative reports and invitations:

14.1. Previous events

Town & Parish Council Liaison Group - Conference 6th October - Heptonstall Bowling and Social Club. Good attendance – been mentioned in minutes several times above.

Ward Forum - 8th October – Cllr Butterworth attended. Cllr Moss asked who runs the Ward Forum?

Ward councillors attend, police (Inspector), and the public. Two PCSOs also attend. Environment Agency did presentation – waiting time to get through Mytholmroyd was average 6 minutes they said! But this was thought to be nonsense by local people.

Fete Feedback meeting – Next meeting in Feb. Made a profit this year, largely due to hiring out the tents. Cllr Sutcliffe said the committee must make sure winners of prizes actually receive their prize.

Cllr Butterworth attended YLCA as he is a deputy. They reported on a meeting with NALC. Suggested that PCs should review their role in the modern day. What objectives should be, and performance indicators, particularly in relation to the precept and elections and so on. Would be good to think that people value the Parish Council and feel it's a worthwhile organisation. Provision of charging points for electric cars came up.

Heptonstall Exhibitions/Richard Naylor Charities – 17 students and they all got between £200-£400 each, with some from our Parish included.

14.2. Upcoming Events

Remembrance Day events. - 11th. Act of remembrance at 11am at Chapel. Colden School will be involved. Bugler has been booked. A number of community events planned. National bell-ringing and Piper at dawn. Tim Cole is trying to coordinate some of these other things. Possibly getting hand bells out. Beacon will be lit in the evening at Great Rock.

Training course for Cllrs Bowen and Moss

Village Carol Service – Friday 21st Dec 7pm.

Civic Service – still planning to do around January / February.

15. Items for next meeting - Meeting with Steven Lee, Report back on CROWS stile, for next but one – look at the role of the PC, and our objectives. **Xmas hampers.**

Parish Council Meetings: - 26th November

Allotment Committee Meeting - March 2019

Signed *Catherine Bann* Clerk to the Parish Council