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# BLACKSHAW PARISH COUNCIL

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## Draft Minutes of Blackshaw Parish Council meeting on Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> December 2018 at Blackshaw Head Methodist Church

Present Cllr Bowen (Chair) Cllrs Sutcliffe, King, Butterworth, Goodman, Lacey and three members of the public

1. Apologies for absences previously notified to the Clerk. Cllr Moss
2. Declarations of interest in items on the agenda. None
3. Confirmed the minutes of the Parish Council meeting on 26<sup>th</sup> November 2018
4. Information on matters arising from the meetings on 26<sup>th</sup> November. Update on signage of Mytholm Steeps. Member of public has pointed out that new sign at bottom of Church Lane is somewhat confusing, as it may seem to direct people up the Steeps. Cllr Lacey to raise this with Mary Farrar. Consultation signs have gone up regarding parking restrictions. They have enacted the proposals that we proposed. Yellow lines all the way down with no restrictions outside Bank Terrace. Noted with appreciation that CMBC Did grit Savile Rd during diversion following meeting with Mary Farrar.
5. Update on Neighbourhood Plan. Not going to go to consultation before Christmas now. There is an issue as Calderdale want to have actual policies in NP, rather than 'aspirations'. Also need to consider the EA's flood classifications, particularly regarding the Mytholm /Brown site.
6. Festive lighting and Christmas gifts to the elderly. List of 10 people to whom gifts distributed, and since found another two people. The electric to the plug had been cut, as redirected to power the defibrillator, hence two sets of battery operated lights purchased, installed and all working.
7. Plastic use and recycling. Find out how often bin is emptied at bus stop. Agreed the letter to be sent on behalf of the Parish Council regarding the plastics recycling and their policies regarding reducing use etc.
8. **To consider planning related matters: -**
  - 8.1. To receive information on previous planning applications:
  - 8.2. Update on Enforcement and other planning issues. Site of Whiteley Arches has been clarified. Roy Rizvi has visited the site and waiting a reply from owner. Likely to serve a PCN. The site almost opposite already has an enforcement notice on that. Portacabins application is still invalid. Chase this up regarding a PCN. Clerk also sent a letter to legal team re High House Farm.
  - 8.3. To consider new planning applications:
    - 8.3.1. 18/01263/FUL | Three detached units for holiday accommodation | Daisy Bank Farm The Long Causeway Blackshaw Head Hebden Bridge Calderdale HX7 7JB - applicants present and outlined that this was slightly different from previous application. CMBC allowed creation of camp and converting stables, but said no to shepherd huts. So this has changed from Shepherd huts to pods, and re applying for planning to create 6 holiday units for a better business case. Rural enterprise grant to help them, but funded by EU, so there is a deadline to get this through. Tourist office very much in favour. Sedum roofed, and screened off with non-reflective glass. Agreed no objection by majority.
    - 8.3.2. 18/01318/FUL | Permanent Equestrian Workers' Dwelling | Blackshaw Royd Farm Marsh Lane Blackshaw Head Hebden Bridge HX7 7JU. Cllr Butterworth pointed out that planning guidelines manipulated. PPS 7 makes clear that isolated houses in countryside require special permission. 1 of these permissions is for rural, agriculture, forestry or other *full time* workers to live at place of work. Business needs to have been established for 3 years, and been profitable for at least 1 year. Functional need is not demonstrated if there is existing accommodation in area suitable and available. Where local planning authority particularly concerned about possible abuse, must investigate the holding to establish recent planning use. Buildings at Blackshawroyd granted equestrian based use in 2003. In 2015 permission for temporary dwelling – caravan. In 2014 the farmhouse sold off. Land sold off separately subject to securing planning permission for further dwelling. 80 days later Blackshawroyd Equestrian Ltd was registered. Sale of land registered in Nov 2015. If there was need, why sell farmhouse separately? No full time worker. Net profit very low. Spend is similar to a general horse owner, not the business. Size of any permissible dwelling should be commensurate with the business need, not the desire of the owners. They weren't meant to start business until conditions on

2015 application were met. Also, the promised significant investment in new arenas has not materialised. Agreed unanimously to strongly object. Proposal to write to ward councillors on this matter to enlist their support. Agreed unanimously. CMBC suffered huge cuts. Not implemented Local Plan. Some confusion as to relevance of PPS 7. Councillors use this as seen as being useful and applicable guidance. Proposal to refer whole history of Blackshawroyd to local authority ombudsman. Unanimously agreed.

**8.3.3.** 18/01322/FUL | Construction of a stone built garage building with a slate/stone roof to house one vehicle along with gardening equipment and tools | Sunny View Kennels Kebs Road Todmorden Calderdale OL14 8SB. Agreed to raise no objection.

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

**9.1.** To consider CROWS suggestion of a celebration for the completion of Hebble Hole Bridge. Bridge is open complete with hand rail. Agreed to support and help organise an official opening.

## **10. To consider the following financial matters:**

**10.1.** Considered the budget for 2019/20 and the budget and bank balances for 2018/9

**10.2.** Confirmed payment of the Viking invoice for stationery as discussed at last meeting.

**10.3.** Confirmed payment of our membership of SLCC (£76) and ALCC (£40)

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

**Ward Forum** – Operation Haw Mill (speeding/dangerous driving) Ben Doughty Halifax police sergeant. Via Hebden bridge Clerk. It's possible to contact them and ask them to come to the area. If you have a traffic problem ring them up and they 'll attend, but this isn't true in reality. Ward Forum agreed to chase up the A646 corridor improvement scheme.

### **Items for next meeting**

**Parish Council Meetings:** - 28<sup>th</sup> jan.

**Allotment Committee Meeting** - March 2019

Signed *Catherine Bann* Clerk to the Parish Council