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## **Draft Minutes of Parish Council Meeting**

Monday 28<sup>th</sup> June 2021 at Blackshawhead Methodists Church.

New Chair, Cllr Lacey introduced herself, and remarked upon the sad passing of the previous Chair, Roger Butterworth, and how difficult it would be to follow such a dedicated person with so much knowledge. She paid tribute to his contribution over his many years on the Council.

1. Apologies previously notified to the Clerk. Cllr Tiler-Ansell due to self-isolating.
2. Declarations of interest in items on the agenda. Cllr Bowen is a trustee of Heptonstall Exhibitions (17.3) and Chair of Fete committee (17.2).
3. Confirmed the minutes of the Annual Parish Council Meeting held on 17<sup>th</sup> May 2021 and Annual Parish Meeting on 24<sup>th</sup> May.
4. Information on matters arising from the minutes of the Annual Parish Council Meeting. Formally ratified all the decisions of the previous meeting including the Parish Specific policies.
5. Discussed cooption to fill the casual vacancy. Remarked upon the quality of the candidates, and councillors found it extremely difficult to choose. The fact that we had three excellent applications may be a reflection of the greater level of public involvement recently, and the sorts of issues we have been involved with. Agreed to coopt Rachel Churchill, with thanks to the other excellent candidates.
6. Agreed unanimously to cover the insurance for the Fete subject to the various conditions as per 2019.
7. Discussed a Design Statement for the parish for the Neighbourhood Plan. Cllr Lacey has discussed this with Emma Green (Neighbourhood Plan Clerk). The NP committee are still collating all the comments relating to the previous consultation. CMBC comments include the need to rework some of the NP, so this will delay matters. There will be a design code for hilltop parishes and the consultant is now working on this. So any comments we make will feed into this. Cllr Lomax has taken other T & P Councils Design Statements as a starting point, included other parish concerns to come up with the draft that he has circulated. Agreed Cllr Lomax to amend to include other comments as sent by email and then Clerk will forward to the NP Committee.
8. Proposed change of use at Callis Mill. Some feedback from the sound test by WhatisDrum has been collated and forwarded by the Clerk. General summary is that noise wasn't intrusive, but that the test was very brief. Agreed to thank Aid for doing the sound test and listening to concerns and we hope that he will continue to be in discussion with the PC and local people.
9. Agreed the following motion. Blackshaw Parish Council resolves to support the Slow Ways initiative, promote Slow Ways for local residents and representatives to walk, review and use routes, and take any Slow Ways routes into consideration for future planning decisions and other policies.
10. Discussion on ownership of Oakville Rd. Meeting addressed by member of public, explaining the terrible state of Oakville and Stony Lane. Talked about the confusion of ownership – between the council and railways – in late 70s, the local council (pre CMBC) said they would take responsibility for some maintenance. The MP got involved and the road was tarmacked by the council. So logically when CMBC was formed it should have taken on future upkeep. Railways have only accepted responsibility for under the bridge and have indeed sorted this out.

Cllr Bowen noted that the lighting is maintained by CMBC. Noted the PC had previously written to CMBC to no avail, though Jan Gibson did respond with a sheaf of historical paperwork. Noted that grants are available for a residents group that has a constitution. Another suggestion to check the deeds for the properties. Agreed this would be an uphill struggle to convince any authority to take on

maintenance, but agreed to write to Ian Turner to complain about the state of the road, and safety concerns.

11. Ongoing problems with water supply in Blackshawhead. Some info has been provided by residents, but Councillors felt that they didn't understand the detail. Agreed to be in touch with the Yorkshire Water representative whose contact has been provided.
12. Agree the recipient of the 2021 Blackshaw Community Award would be Pat Munday. Agreed Vice-Chair to present the award at the Fete.
13. Discussed Parish Council support to and participation in the Fete. Cllr Lomax discussed situation with sustainability and cups etc, vis a vis Covid. No conclusions reached. Agreed to do include in the PC red tent on the climate sustainability that PC has been working on, Slow Ways and Slow the Flow. Along with consultation regarding additional road signage for the 20mph zone.
14. Noted receipt of the CROWS Annual Review with thanks for all the hard work.

**15. To consider planning related matters:-**

**15.1. Information on previous planning applications:** None

**15.2. Planning Enforcement Issues:**

**15.2.1.** Any update from Roy Rizvi – Clerk had circulated an update from Roy. In summary, the developments on the footpath at Mount Olivet Chapel were not felt to be a high enough priority to action; illness had prevented the removal of stuff from High House Farm but was planned by end of July, and the landowner near Whiteley Arches was claiming that they do not own the land, but plan in place to pass to legal. Also said that an interview room had still not been found. Councillors were upset by the response to the issue at Mount Olivet, and utterly bewildered that an interview room could not be located in the whole of Caldredale. Agreed to write a response expressing mounting disappointment with the planning enforcement service.

**15.3. New planning applications**

**15.3.1.** 21/20055/TPO | Prune one tree and fell one tree (Tree Preservation Order) | Barfield Oakville Road Hebden Bridge Calderdale HX7 6NR. No objections.

**15.3.2.** 21/20070/TPO | Management of trees (including reduction to monoliths) | Gudger Glen View Road Hebden Bridge Calderdale HX7 6DA. Agreed to support.

**15.3.3.** 21/00167/CON | Conversion of agricultural building to new dwelling | Wagtail House Lane Head Blackshaw Head Hebden Bridge Calderdale HX7 7JP. The applicants attended and spoke to the application. Noted that it isn't an agricultural building as described in the planning notice, but is actually a garage, and could have been developed under permitted development rights. It was also described as being at Lane Head (where there is a listed building), but in reality is about 100m away. Quite possibly an error caused by googling the postcode? Converted property would be close to footpath but existing house is nearer to footpath. Applicants stated that this conversion would be freeing up a 3 bed house for a family, which was useful in terms of making the parish more sustainable. Agreed no objections.

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

**16.1.** Update on progress with the footpath mountain biking meetings. CMBC has very little to offer in terms of protecting footpaths and restricting access etc. Legal powers are restricted. Have asked CMBC to go to solicitors to get a legal opinion on interaction between health and safety and footpaths legislation. So very little progress. The Encouraging Cycling meeting was postponed, and Richard from CROWS has suggested a longer time frame prior to next meeting to enable surveying of the problematic routes.

**16.2.** Update from Highways regarding the outstanding issues. Cllr Lacey phoned, but didn't get through – has had an email from Ian Turner, saying no progress yet on 20mph zone, and is still waiting for response from Peter Stubbs. CMBC still very short of staff. Sam Pearson (Highways Enforcement) has now got in touch regarding the planters at Leafather View, but Cllr Lacey explained the issue was actually the parked cars and sightlines rather than the planters per se, though the ownership of the bit of land remains questionable.

**17. To consider the following Financial matters:**

- 17.1. 2021/2022 budget and balances and bank reconciliation.
- 17.2. Agreed a grant to the Blackshawhead Fete for portaloos under S137.
- 17.3. Confirmed the grant to Heptonstall Exhibitions/Richard Naylor charities
- 17.4. Confirmed payment for the casual vacancy notice to JP Media.
- 17.5. Confirmed payment to YLCA for Chair Skills for Cllr Lacey
- 17.6. Confirmed payment of the annual data protection fee to the Information Commissioners Office
- 17.7. Confirm payment of the Clerk's monthly salary and three hours for cycling meeting and expenses

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

- Calder Ward Forum - 7<sup>th</sup> June. No one attended
- Safer, Cleaner, Greener Meeting upcoming, Cllr Lacey to attend.
- Flood Resilience – Cllr Patterson to attend.
- Neighbourhood Plan – Cllr Lacey to replace Roger as rep.
- Allotment liaison visit - agreed 11am 8<sup>th</sup> July.

**Dates of future meetings:**

**Parish Council Meetings: - 26<sup>th</sup> July, 23<sup>rd</sup> August (tbc at next meeting) at Blackshawhead Chapel**  
**Allotment Committee: - October 2021**

**Signed**     *Catherine Bann*

*Clerk to Blackshaw Parish Council*