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Draft Minutes of Blackshaw Parish Council meeting on **Monday 27th September 2021 at Blackshawhead Methodists Church.**

Present: Cllr Lacey (Chair), Cllrs Patterson, Tiler-Ansell, Lomax, Churchill, Bowen and for part of meeting, Cllr King, and two members of the public

1. Apologies previously notified to the Clerk.
2. Declarations of interest in items on the agenda. None.
3. Confirmed the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 23rd August with amendment on CCTV issue to make it clear that the PC will give a grant, for cameras but they will belong to Neighbourhood Watch, who can apply in future years for any ongoing costs.
4. Information on matters arising from the minutes of Parish Council Meeting on 23rd August. From previous minutes it was agreed to visit Colden School Eco-Council and this is arranged for 15.50pm this Thursday. Cllrs Lomax, Bowen and Patterson to liaise on this matter prior.
5. Renewed waste spreading on land at Hippines Clough. Details about potential animal waste spread on fields that were previously subject to complaints have been circulated by email. Now it is not only plastic but foul smelling animal/abattoir waste products. Member of public attended to explain and said we should involve Defra, as there are regulations around this sort of waste management, especially in view of animals now grazing on land. Has video evidence and physical evidence, timed and dated. Agreed to contact the Environment Agency and copy in Environmental Health. Need to request an urgent visit and possibly injunction to stop further spreading. Ask for response within 7 working days. Member of public gave permission to pass on contact details. Agreed to write separately to DEFRA regarding the suspected untreated abattoir waste and animal grazing.
6. Agreed the complaints policy for the Parish Council. This will be listed on website asap.
7. Discussed waste and recycling collections. Cllr Bowen reported that there were still lots of weeks where the recycling wasn't collected. Noted that councillors understand the difficulties facing CMBC, but if 1 week is missed, must be collected following week rather than several weeks missed. Another issue is that when trying to report it, the missed collection is often listed erroneously as complete. Agreed to report the problems and ask what their solution is. Could there be temporary solutions whereby residents can assist, eg take stuff to the end of a track? Have some expertise in the parish.
8. **Planning related matters:-**
 - 8.1. **Information on previous planning applications:**
 - 8.1.1. 21/20101/TPO | Fell five trees (Tree Preservation Order) | Wellside The Long Causeway Blackshaw Head Hebden Bridge Calderdale HX7 7JF **Consent Granted**
 - 8.1.2. Noted appeal launched at Land west of 8 Glen View Rd
 - 8.2. **Planning Enforcement Issues:** Potential planning breach reference 19/60176/ENF (New Rd). Clerk explained the background to this development, and referred to the complaint Statement from a resident circulated to councillors by email. Chair noted that according to the original planning application, the current development is in breach of the conditions. Cllr Lomax noted that he had spoken to landowners under complaint, and they are in touch with the Planning Officer on this matter, and a business viability assessment is in progress. Cllr Lomax said that the owners should have the opportunity to answer the complaints as only one side is currently being presented. Cllr Bowen noted that we must not turn a blind eye to any breach of planning. Chair again noted that regardless of the content of the complaint, it does appear planning has been breached. Agreed by majority to ask CMBC regarding this application both on the time period, and also the buildings/track that were not in the original application.

When raising this matter, the resident had also implied impropriety by Councillor Lomax by not declaring a financial interest in the project under consideration. Councillor Lomax was given opportunity to speak on this, and categorically refuted that any of his family or himself had any interest whatsoever in the project. This was accepted by the council and the Clerk noted that if this was a formal complaint about a councillor breaching the Code of Conduct then it must go to CMBC Monitoring Officer. Agreed to respond to this effect to the complainant.

8.3. New planning applications

8.3.1. 21/01010/HSE | Erection of a single storey extension to rear, reinstatement of extension to cellar and works to be done to interior and exterior to property. | Hippines Farm Davey Lane Blackshaw Head HX7 7JG. Applicant outlined the proposed changes and the reasoning behind them. Questions were posed regarding the removal of the chimney, the new elements on the rear, and some internal changes such as bed decking/removing the newer ceilings. Another member of public, a neighbour, said that best way to preserve a listed building was to make them more liveable in the modern world but to renovate in a sympathetic way, and felt this application did just that. Majority of people agreed to support, with two raising no objection.

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

9.1. Cllr Lacey reported that there was no update from Highways regarding the outstanding issues. Coming up to a year since they said they were going to do the 20 mph zone. And no progress on request for double-yellow lines around top of Davey Lane. Felt that Highways department was in crisis, and that the suggestion to invite someone to a meeting would be fruitless.

9.2. Clerk noted there was no response from Highways regarding plans for a skip to enable clearing the verges / drains in Blackshawhead. Clerk to chase this. Need some assurance eg in writing that tip would take our waste if we went ahead.

10. To consider the following Financial matters:

10.1. 2021/2022 budget remaining is at £5855, bank balances £9816 which reconciles with cash book.

10.2. Changes in bank signatories. Agreed to remove Paul Neill, Mick Davies and Dorothy Sutcliffe and to add Cllr Rachel Churchill as a signatory. All other councillors already signatories.

10.3. Confirmed grant to Fete under S137 via a payment for portaloos. Clerk noted that it was significantly more money than expected. Cllr Tiler-Ansell explained due to Chapel being shut as a result of Covid. Agreed to pay it but for to review for next year.

10.4. Confirmed payment of the allotments water bill to Business Stream of £7.60.

10.5. Confirmed payment to YLCA of part 2 of the Chair's skills course. £30.

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

11. To consider representative reports and invitations:

Blackshawhead Fete. All agreed was excellent event, extremely well attended. PC tent wasn't so well attended, perhaps because it was behind sound system. Also felt it would help to have an A board. Cllr King volunteered an A-frame and Clerk agreed to look into cost of a laminated sign. Vote of thanks agreed from PC to the fete committee.

Safer Cleaner Greener meeting. 20th September (no one able to attend)

Ward Forum - 4th October – Cllr Patterson and Cllr Lacey to attend the ward forum.

Cllr Tiler Ansell to attend Old People's Welfare Committee.

Town & PC Liaison Meeting – Clerk to contact Andrew Pitts regarding absence of these meetings.

12. Items for the next agenda. Remembrance Sunday, anything for CCTV for church council meeting? plans for christmas. Update from Pennine Community Power, Yorkshire Water for the November meeting. Clerk to write to Roger Butterworth's family regarding the Chair's chain.

Parish Council Meetings: - 25th October, 22nd November at Blackshawhead Chapel

Allotment Committee: - 11th October 2021

Signed Catherine Bann, Clerk to Blackshaw Parish Council