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Draft Minutes of Blackshaw Parish Council Meeting

on **Monday 23rd January 2023 at Blackshawhead Methodist Church.**

Present: Cllr Lacey (in the Chair), Cllrs Lomax, Bowen, Churchill and Tiler-Ansell

1. Apologies previously notified to the Clerk. Cllr Patterson, Cllr King
2. Declarations of interest in items on the agenda. Cllr Tiler-Ansell – the land in 8.2.1 belongs to her.
3. Confirmed the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 9th January 2023.
4. Information on matters arising from the Parish Council Meeting held on 9th January - noted that the Clerk should have mentioned the supporting points regarding the applications as well as the objections on the planning application comments.
5. Agreed to ratify all decisions made at the meeting on 9th January
6. Issues concerning the defibrillators. After much to-ing and fro-ing and a lot of stress in particular to Edith regarding demands for payment, Cllr Lomax asked them to desist from contacting her, which they have. Since received an email on 17th January saying more works needs doing, and it will be sent off to Germany for repair. Already have a loaned unit, and Edith has bought some new pads separately. Discussed the money in budget – whether to keep for potential new defib, or to spend this year on a new cabinet. Agreed to defer decision to next meeting, when prices for a cabinet can be brought for discussion.
7. Clarification around process for new tenancy agreement and termination policy for allotments. Cllr Lomax agreed to liaise with the allotment plotters to make them aware that the new contract and terminations and appeals procedure has been agreed.
8. **To consider planning related matters:-**
 - 8.1. **Information on previous planning applications: None**
 - 8.2. **Planning Enforcement Issues:**
 - 8.2.1. Caravan on land at Burnt Edge. Clerk has had communication from a resident who wishes to put a caravan on their land by their house. They were asking for advice about whether they would need permission (advised to keep trying to contact planning). It transpired that this was a different caravan to that on the agenda which is in an open field, nowhere near any houses or buildings. The owners of this caravan have dumped lots of pallets of plastic matting blocking a bridleway for some weeks. Apparently the owners of the caravan want to live there and run a campsite. No water, no electricity or any services present. Have no permission from either Cllr Tiler-Ansell who owns the land, the tenant of the land, or Calderdale. This is a trespass, and fly-tipping in effect. It is the person who is buying the land which Cllr Tiler-Ansell is selling, who has put the caravan there and they have been contacted through the solicitor. Public health and environmental health should be notified if the people move in. Proposal that we should inform the police although there was a concern that nothing they were doing was criminal. This was not agreed. Agreed to contact the Planning Enforcement team and Rights of Way team in first instance. Also discussed the wider issue with dumped caravans and lived in camper vans causing problems – mentioned the two near Bridgestones. Clerk noted that CMBC public health team had visited at least one of these previously – no major cause for concern, but will get an update.
 - 8.2.2. Staups Mill – noted further discussions held online, nothing further to add to PC actions.
 - 8.3. **New planning applications: None**
9. **To consider matters relating to highways, bridleways and footpaths:**

9.1. Proposed village gateway signage on Badger Lane. Cllr Lacey noted that there already was new large 'welcome to blackshawhead' signs approaching from the Steeps and from Colden. Not sure we need any more – though there aren't any approaching from Burnley. Can't afford the solar VAS, though that may have more impact on speeding. And it would have an impact if we had a 'welcome to the village Please drive carefully' where it drops to 40mph. Voted by majority to buy such a sign. Agreed to agree a design by email and then Clerk will approach Highways to get agreement from them. Perhaps ask CROWS to erect the sign rather than rely on CMBC contractor.

9.2. Update from the Speeding group. Report has been circulated. Thanked PC for support, have had 4 meetings, 2 speed monitoring sessions and continued to write to CMBC. They will formally constitute as a group. Asking PC if we can request data from VAS on a monthly basis as they may be charged for this, and they feel the PC might not be. Agreed to do this. Cllr Tiler-Ansell to pass on the contact at Highways. Speeding group have had a talk on village environment from Emma Reid (from Reid Landscape Architects) and how it could be designed to discourage speeding. Wondering if there was any way to develop these ideas, querying whether funding is available, could she be invited to next PC meeting to discuss her vision? Agreed to invite her and the Speeding group to the March meeting. Speeding vehicles have been reported to the police.

9.3. Any further update from Highways regarding the other outstanding issues, including white lines. Cllr Lacey reported that essentially Highways do not have any money. White lineage is with the contractor. Still. 30mph zone by High St near New Delight is with the traffic officer to look into. Cllr Lacey has reported potholes on Mytholm Steeps at Safer Cleaner Greener and written to Ian Turner to follow up.

10. To consider the following Financial matters:

10.1. 2022/2023 budget and balances and bank reconciliation. Circulated and agreed.

10.2. Discussion on the budget for 23/24 and the annual precept demand. Clerk noted that the annual income this coming year will be in the region of £850 less than normal, due to the loss of the two grants from CMBC. In addition there are significant inflationary rises, so although in last few years the precept has remained static, recommends an increase this year. Proposal to demand £7500 (just under £400 increase from previous year) was agreed by majority, with the minority view being that residents already being charged more council tax this year by CMBC and the PC should do it's bit to help cut costs.

10.3. Confirmed payment of the rent to the Chapel

10.4. Confirmed payment to reimburse Edith for new defibrillator pads

10.5. Confirmed payment of the Clerk's monthly salary and expenses including web hosting of £86.26

11. To consider representative reports and invitations:

Town & Parish Council Liaison meeting - 10th Jan. Clerk attended and spoke about the lack of planning enforcement – this will feature on the following T&PC agenda.

Town & Parish Council Liaison one off meeting – on budget consultation 25th January. Cllr Bowen can't attend, possibly Cllr Lomax could attend instead.

Safer Cleaner Greener Meeting - 16th January. Cllr Lacey attended and spoke about the roads issues as reported above. Police are going to prioritise Blackshawhead which is positive.

Community Operations and Resilience Group - 10th January. Clerk attended but nothing in relation to Blackshaw Parish specifically.

Dates of future meetings: 27th February, 27th March

Allotment Committee: 13th March 2022

Signed Catherine Bann - Clerk to Blackshaw Parish Council