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Draft Minutes of Blackshaw Parish Council Monday 27th February 2023 at Blackshawhead Methodist Church.

Present: Cllr Patterson (chair), Cllrs Lomax, King, Tiler-Ansell and Bowen, the clerk and two members of the public

1. Apologies previously notified to the Clerk. Cllr Lacey and Cllr Churchill
2. Declarations of interest in items on the agenda. None.
3. Confirmed the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 23rd January 2023
4. Information on matters arising from the Parish Council Meeting held on 23rd January
5. Any update regarding issues concerning the defibrillators. According to Phil, a new polycarbonate cabinet would cost between £530 and £590. Waiting to hear about the company repairing the defib, and then would be able to make a decision. Clerk to ask neighbouring parish councils on the tops what they have.
6. Upcoming parish council elections. Clerk outlined the process and distributed the nomination forms. It was noted that it would be good to try to ensure that there was representation from the lower part of the parish as Cllr Patterson is stepping down. Cllr Lacey is also stepping down.
7. Brief update on communications with allotment group. The group wanted the PC to revisit the decisions we made about the contract and termination procedure. They have comments not only about the changes but other aspects of the contract. Some comments were simple misunderstandings. But council can't revisit a decision for 6 months, and this was communicated and said it would be considered through course of the next year, and therefore the contract and termination procedure will stand for the coming year. They thanked us for reassurance and asked for issues to be discussed at upcoming allotments meeting, and agreed to put these on the agenda.
8. Parish newsletter - agreed to include articles on the Christmas parcels, the new speed group. Deadline next Monday. Volunteers needed to help mail out.
9. **To consider planning related matters:-**
 - 9.1. **Information on previous planning applications: None**
 - 9.2. **Planning Enforcement Issues:**
 - 9.2.1. Any update regarding the caravan on land at Burnt Edge – no further update or response from planning enforcement.
 - 9.2.2. Anu update on ongoing enforcement issues. No update from Roy Rizvi.
 - 9.3. **New planning applications: 23/00133/HSE | First floor rear extension | 1 Old Shaw Lane Blackshaw Head Hebden Bridge Calderdale HX7 7JY . No objections unanimous.**
10. **To consider matters relating to highways, bridleways and footpaths:**
 - 10.1. Any updates from Highways regarding the proposed village gateway signage on Badger Lane. Clerk reported the initial response from Highways. Has a direct contact for the person who would review the sign so will contact. Agreed that Cllr Tiler-Ansell in conjunction with speeding group, would look at the exact location, and this would forward to the highways officer.
 - 10.2. Any update from the Speeding group – have had 2 speed monitorings with the warden Simon during February, and he has sent the results. Even with a visible deterrent speeding is still a big issue. Norwood Green has successfully campaigned for speed cameras – these aren't the yellow speed cameras, but they are auto-speedwatch cameras. Cost less than defib box – and £85 a year for the data which will then get sent to the police. Just having cameras there resulted in 50% reduction in speed. Group is trying to link with Norwood Green to find out more details.

Had a big discussion about aims of the group – want to continue with speed monitoring and campaigning for traffic calming, with the latter the most important in terms of actual change in driver behaviour. Really need to be able to get involved e.g. commenting on new developments, tied into works etc. Try to develop a streetscape plan for the village in consultation with all stakeholders. Probably need something like a community association that would have a wider brief, looking at how village could develop, and possibly also applying for funds to make some of the changes happen. This community association would be embracing speedwatch, streetscape and development. Draft aims have been circulated. Want to have a public meeting, inviting comments on their ideas and inviting other ideas from public and ask them to join this new group. Asked what support needed from PC. Perhaps help with funding to organise the public meeting? May be other things depending what is decided at the public meeting.

10.3. Any further update from Highways regarding other outstanding issues. New head of Highways has been invited to the next Ward Forum.

11. To consider the following Financial matters:

11.1. 2022/2023 budget and balances and bank reconciliation.

11.2. Confirmed payment of the invoice for grass cutting at the allotments

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

12. To consider representative reports and invitations:

Town & Parish Council Liaison one off meeting – on budget consultation 25th January. Cllr Lomax attended. General view was in support of CMBC approach to increasing the precept. Most local councils had increased their precept to cover the loss of the grant and Council tax reduction grant.

Dates of future meetings: 27th March, 24th April

Allotment Committee: 13th March 2022

Signed *Catherine Bann - Clerk to Blackshaw Parish Council*