



# Blackshaw Parish Council

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**Draft Minutes** of Blackshaw Parish Council which will be held at 7.30pm on **Monday 27<sup>th</sup> March 2023** at **Blackshawhead Methodist Church.**

**Present: Cllr Patterson (Chair), Cllr Tiler-Ansell, Cllr Bowen, Cllr Churchill, Cllr Lomax, Clerk and two members of the public**

1. Apologies previously notified to the Clerk. Accepted apologies from Cllr King (sickness) and Cllr Lacey (holiday).
2. Declarations of interest in items on the agenda. None.
3. Confirmed the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 27<sup>th</sup> February 2023
4. Information on matters arising from the Parish Council Meeting held on 27<sup>th</sup> February. Clerk was thanked for the parish newsletter.
5. Update regarding upcoming parish council elections. Notice has been published online and in the boards.  
Clerk talked through some of the learning from the recent course that she attended by YLCA on elections and casual vacancies. Agreed that it would be desirable to have a co-option policy. Clerk will look at the YLCA template and bring a version forward to the next meeting.
6. To receive the minutes from the Allotment Committee. Not prepared yet - defer to next meeting.
7. Noted that the Fete will be held on 2<sup>nd</sup> September, and would like to be covered under the Blackshaw Insurance policy - would save a lot of money for the Fete Committee. This has happened previously, and Cllr Lomax had looked into it vis a vis the insurance. Agreed to do this again this year, but the Fete needs to ensure that the right wording appears on the publicity – 'supported by BPC'.
8. **To consider planning related matters:-**
  - 8.1. **Information on previous planning applications:** 22/01236/HSE | Construction of a double garage | Colden Water Holiday Cottage New Road Blackshaw Head HX7 7HS - refused.
  - 8.2. **Planning Enforcement Issues:**
    - 8.2.1. Update on ongoing enforcement issues. No response from enforcement team on outstanding issues despite clerk chasing prior to meeting. Regarding the caravan at Burnt Edge Lane – Cllr Churchill reported that they have now put down a lot of plastic matting which covers maybe 40 or 50 square metres. There are critically endangered species in this field (lapwings and curlews). The sale is still in limbo, so the people are trespassing / squatting, as well as in breach of planning. They have moved in a water bowser. They have been asked to cease via solicitors, but they haven't. Agreed to write to the three ward councillors copying in the planning officer, and say that the lack of response is unacceptable and would like an urgent reply. Difficulty enforcing against people who are trespassing effectively, as it would fall to the landowner to do this. Agreed to ask Jae Campbell to raise as a potential community protection issue.  
Clerk noted that there is a national shortage of planning officers which isn't helping matters and many areas are in this position with ineffective planning enforcement.
  - 8.3. **New planning applications: None**
9. **To consider matters relating to highways, bridleways and footpaths:**
  - 9.1. Updates from Highways. At the recent Safer Cleaner Greener meeting, it was reported that white lines on Badger lane still with the contractors. The inaction by the contractors is the subject of a joint letter of complaint from SCG. Also discussed the proposed village welcome sign on Long Causeway. Cllr Tiler-Ansell has now provided a couple of potential locations so these will be passed to Highways

for consideration – though they said they do not see the advantage / necessity for such a sign in that location.

**9.2.** Update from the Speeding group – member of public expanded on what is happening in Norwood Green as she attended meeting there which was very well organised and attended. They have got a residents association which is now a CIC – and as a result have more traction. Also had three ward councillors present, and they were very invested in the issue of speeding. Private speed cameras (joint scheme with CMBC and police) were about £800 each – an achievable sum to raise - plus an annual sum of about £180. Also notable that Highways gave them a traffic calming plan with the 20mph scheme – it was rejected by the residents however – so wants to dig deeper to find out what the objections were.

Meeting on 26<sup>th</sup> April at the Chapel to put forward the proposed community association and its three aims as detailed in the newsletter. Road safety would then just be one project under the auspices of that group. Councillors have been invited and some residents from Norwood Green will come and present. Their problems are identical to those in Blackshawhead. It was noted that Norwood Green doesn't have a PC, therefore needed to create an association and also got their 3 councillors fully involved. Road safety cameras criteria has changed very recently so no longer need to have a serious road traffic accident, nor give notice of locations. Clerk to forward the details to speed group and councillors. Can we push on the VAS data? Apparently other parish councils do manage to get this by filling in a form. Clerk has written on this and awaiting a response. Police have been up doing a speeding operation again recently. Data demonstrates that a continuing problem exists.

Autospeedwatch does have ANPR and police can identify persistent offenders and speak to them. Emma Reid is going to present a plan for Blackshawhead, regarding things like traffic calming and amenities etc at the public meeting on the 26<sup>th</sup>.

Speed group plan to ask the PC for money for the room on 26<sup>th</sup> and for the following year's room hire.

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

**10.1.** The 2022/2023 budget is at £4658, bank balances are £7468 this reconciles with cashbook

**10.2.** Agree clerk to transfer excess reserves above £4000 into current account occasionally.

**10.3.** Confirmed payment of the Print Bureau invoice for the newsletter.

**10.4.** Confirmed payment of the Viking invoice for stationery

**10.5.** Confirmed payment of the invoice for the training course for the Clerk on casual vacancies etc.

**10.6.** Confirmed payment of the Clerk's monthly salary and expenses including for postage stamps for newsletter.

#### **11. To consider representative reports and invitations:**

Safer Cleaner Greener meeting 13<sup>th</sup> March – Cllr Lacey attended meeting but not present today.

Invitation regarding the Coronation – there was an event in 1953 in the Chapel. The church council was wondering whether some sort of event could be arranged similar to that for the jubilee, by the parish council. This can go as an agenda item on the next meeting. Suggestion that there might be funding available through the crown/government etc.

CROG – Cllr Patterson can't attend. Clerk will attend instead.

T & PC Meeting Cllr Lomax might be available if it was virtual or Cllr Bowen in person.

**Dates of future meetings: 24<sup>th</sup> April, 22nd May** – query about whether to have a speaker at the annual meeting or a particular topic. Agreed to feature the speeding issue, with the minimum being to report back on the public meeting. Perhaps invite relevant people regarding the climate emergency issue eg BEAT.

**Allotment Committee: October 2023**

**Signed Catherine Bann - Clerk to Blackshaw Parish Council**