



Blackshaw Parish Council

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Draft Minutes of Blackshaw Parish Council Meeting on Monday 24th April 2023 at Blackshawhead Methodist Church.

Present: Cllr Bowen, Cllr King, Cllr Lomax, Cllr Tiler-Ansell, Cllr Churchill, two members of the public and the Clerk.

1. Apologies previously notified to the Clerk. Cllr Patterson and Cllr Lacey
2. Declarations of interest in items on the agenda. Cllr Tiler-Ansell has an interest in 10.2.1
3. Confirmed the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 27th March 2023
4. Information on matters arising from the Parish Council Meeting held on 27th March
5. To note the results of the uncontested election. Five people have been elected with no contest: Grayde Bowen, Rachel Churchill, Carol King, Chris Greaves, Keith Lomax. So this leaves two ordinary vacancies. Cllr Tiler-Ansell indicated that she would be putting herself forward for co-option as she couldn't get papers in in time. Clerk noted that really wanted to ensure some representation from the lower end of the parish. Cllr Lomax suggests that if there are more than 2 people apply for co-option, all other councillors should step down and prompt an election as this is democratically healthy for the parish. Clerk will take advice about this possibility, but other councillors indicated that they would not be resigning.
6. Agreed the co-option policy as presented by the Clerk and based on the YLCA template.
7. Received the minutes from the Allotment Committee.
8. Discussed speaker(s) to invite for the Annual Meeting. Agreed to include an update from the public meeting regarding speeding and the community. Potentially an update from the allotments group, though some felt that they already had a route into the council – would include if anyone attends. Agreed to invite the bus company TLC under the climate emergency issue and encouraging public transport use. Agreed to invite BEAT on retrofit update. Perhaps have an update from Oakville Rd – agreed to invite.
9. Discussed potential Parish Council involvement in coronation celebrations. First suggestion is to have a coffee & cake afternoon to communally watch the coronation on a big screen downstairs in the chapel instead of people watching it at home. Second suggestion is to recognise the new King's emphasis on recognising volunteers, and give some money to CROWS and to Todmorden Food Bank. Both of these proposals were agreed in principle. £100 to each.
10. **To consider planning related matters:-**
 - 10.1. **Information on previous planning applications:** 23/00133/HSE | First floor extension | 1 Old Shaw Lane Blackshaw Head Hebden Bridge Calderdale HX7 7JY - Permitted.
 - 10.2. **Planning Enforcement Issues:**
 - 10.2.1. Update on situation with developments at Burnt Edge Lane. Community Protection team did a visit to the caravan – no-one there at time, but agreed a warning could be issued if there is a named person. This now provided so Clerk to chase. Query from member of the public regarding whether this was trespass and the police could be contacted. Cllr Lomax noted that trespass is not a criminal offence, unless there are certain additional aspects. However no-one is residing there at present. Representations have been made to landowner, who has been in touch through solicitors to confirm that they have not given permission. Query around whether RSPB may be able to intervene. Not aware that RSPB has prosecuting powers. Landowner is unable to get the name and address of the buyer due to GDPR. Landowner cannot remove or interfere with the property although the consequences of them or anyone else physically removing or dismantling anything would be a civil claim, as would not technically be theft.

10.2.2. Any update on other ongoing enforcement issues. None.

10.3. New planning applications: None

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

11.1. Any updates from Highways –

11.1.1. VAS data has been provided to the Parish Council. One vehicle going over 70 and several over 60 through the village. Clerk to forward to the neighbourhood policing team – noting still a lot of very fast traffic. Clerk will ask again for the VAS data in May. NPT could probably contact highways to get more specific data.

11.1.2. No response yet regarding the village welcome sign.

12. To consider the following Financial matters:

12.1. Agreed the review of the effectiveness of the systems of internal control and annual assessment of significant risks. Agreed the Clerk to check Great Rock and Cllrs Bowen and King to check the Allotments site for any issues.

12.2. Agreed the draft accounts for 2022/23

12.3. Agree the budget for 23/24

12.4. Discussed a grant of to CROWS within the budget for this year under S137 - £250 agreed.

12.5. Agreed a grant to the fete for toilet hire under S137.

12.6. Agreed the grant request from BH Speedwatch group – £280.

12.7. Confirmed payment of the annual subscription to YLCA of £325. Agreed.

12.8. Confirmed payment of the allotments water bill.

12.9. Confirmed payment of the annual insurance premium

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

13. To consider representative reports and invitations:

Public Meeting on speeding and proposed blackshawhead community association - 26th April. Most Parish Councillors will be there to represent.

Dates of future meetings: Annual meeting - 22nd May, ordinary meetings 26th June, 24th July

Allotment Committee: October 2023

Signed Catherine Bann - Clerk to Blackshaw Parish Council