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Draft minutes of Blackshaw Parish Council Meeting **Monday 26th June 2023 at Blackshawhead Methodist Church.**

Present: Cllr Lomax (Chair), Cllr Greaves, Cllr Bowen and Cllr Churchill and Clerk

1. Accepted apologies from Cllr King previously notified to the Clerk.
2. Declarations of interest in items on the agenda. Cllr Bowen is on board of Heptonstall Exhibitions but is not a pecuniary interest.
3. Confirmed the minutes of the Annual Parish Council Meeting and Annual Parish Meeting held on 22nd May 2023.
4. Information on matters arising from the minutes of the above meetings - None
5. Considered the cooption of new councillors. Agreed to coopt Caroline Tiler-Ansell and Jake Dyter. Agreed to write an appreciative letter to the third applicant, as his application was also very good.
6. Discussed the Community Ownership Fund. Information circulated by Clerk regarding 9/10ths matched funding available for taking on a community asset. Agreed motion to exclude the press and public due to prejudicial/confidential land ownership details. – notes from this section are recorded separately.
7. Agreed to the positioning of a Fete banner at Charlestown Allotments.
8. Discussed the recipient of the Blackshaw Community Award 2023. Agreed to award the Community Award to John Williams and in order to recognise the special contribution of Lettie, agreed to create a Young Persons Award.
9. Noted the request from National Association of Local Councils for case studies on Climate Change. Cllr Lomax has submitted a case study on the PC letter before pre-judicial review to CMBC regarding the climate change aspects to planning conditions.
10. **To consider planning related matters:-**
 - 10.1. **Information on previous planning applications:**
 - 10.1.1. 22/00677/FUL | Demolition of former Woodman Inn and construction of five dwellings. | Woodman Inn Halifax Road Todmorden Calderdale HX7 6PH - Refused (BPC supported with caveats). Noted with regret the response from planning officer to the letter from the PC regarding the refusal. Basically the car park extends into the green belt and they have to stick to the rules on this.
 - 10.2. **Planning Enforcement Issues:**
 - 10.2.1. Update on the development at Burnt Edge Lane. Clerk has circulated the response from planning. Apparently the people who are purchasing the land have contact Roy Rizvi directly. They consider that the stuff on the land is there for the horticultural purposes. Agreed to go back and chase Roy Rizvi – question how the 5m wooden tower could come within permitted development rights, and must require planning permission. Detail the extent of the stuff arriving on the land. Michael Gove mentioned in a speech that CMBC planning department was in special measures.
 - 10.2.2. Update on the caravans at New Rd. Beyond a reference number and acknowledgement, no further response.
 - 10.3. **New planning applications - None**
11. **To consider matters relating to highways, bridleways and footpaths:**

11.1. Update from the Blackshawhead Community Association.

Had a meeting with Insp Ben Doughty and he briefed them on what police had been doing. There is a requirement in government guidance regarding 20mph zones – council is expected to put in traffic calming, street lights closer together. There are no signals in surrounding streetscape that it is a 20 zone. Usually 20 zones are put in in areas where further enforcement isn't necessary as 20mph is already an appropriate speed. Now established as a site of community concern, which means Highways will collect data with speed tubes where data will be sent to Leeds Uni and they will analyse and create a priority list for action. This action could involve positioning of the speed van. They are in process of acquiring some smaller speed vans, which would be parkable in Blackshawhead. Police have to rely on evidence not community noise. Need to show participation as evidence of community concern. Group met with Peter Stubbs from Highways today. Key points are 1) Highways doesn't have any further budget 2) Ben was supportive of private speed cameras and highways will agree to identified places. Cheap and quick option to get the autospeedwatch cameras. This will involve tubes. 3) Meeting with traffic engineers about potential low cost traffic calming measures. Speed limit at Kears Rd and this needs to be requested formally via the Parish Council. Peter will be a contact between CA and Highways. 4) Didn't think it would be appropriate for the group to raise money for street works – should be done through parish council raising the precept. There is no vehicle for highways infrastructure to be privately funded. Strong desire for increase in the precept possibly in future. Meeting monthly and looking at adopting a constitution, discussing whether to be incorporated or not.

11.2. Any update from Highways regarding the outstanding issues - white lines have not been done, but the white line down centre has, which is exactly the opposite of what was wanted. Clerk is going to raise this with Road Safety Group. Cllr Greaves to attend the SCG meeting and raise the New Delight traffic engineer visit.

Clerk to chase highways about the potential gateway signage.

12. To consider the following Financial matters:

12.1. The 2023/2024 budget has £8711 remaining and bank balances are £12,233.

12.2. Considered a grant to Heptonstall Exhibitions and Richard Naylor charities under S137. Cllr Bowen reported that last year 18 grants given to students though unusually none were to parish residents. Agreed to donate £150 this year.

12.3. Confirmed payment of £40 to the Information Commissioners Office

12.4. Confirmed payment of the Chair's allowance

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

13. To consider representative reports and invitations:

Charlestown Open Gardens event. We are pleased to hear it was a success.

Community Resilience and Operations Group – Cllr Greaves attended, lots of discussion about the roadworks in HB. Going to encourage householders to apply for grants for flood resilience. Doing natural flood management in Erringden.

Calder Ward Forum - 22nd June – Nobody attended

Safer Cleaner Greener Meeting - 24th July – Cllr Greaves will attend and mention the highways issues.

Dates of future meetings:

Parish Council Meetings: - 24th July (apologies from Cllr Churchill for July meeting), and agreed not to meet in August unless there was a time sensitive issue that needs discussion.

Allotment Committee: - October 2023

Signed *Catherine Bann - Clerk to Blackshaw Parish Council*