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Draft Minutes of Blackshaw Parish Council at 7.30pm on **Monday 24th July 2023 at Blackshawhead Methodist Church.**

Present: Cllr Greaves (Chairing), Cllr Bowen, Cllr Tiler-Ansell, Cllr Dyter, Cllr King, three members of the public and the Clerk.

1. Accepted apologies from Cllr Lomax and Cllr Churchill previously notified to the Clerk.
2. Declarations of interest in items on the agenda. Cllr Tiler-Ansell declared that her husband owns land at Burnt Edge Lane, item 8.2.1.
3. Accepted the Declarations of Office of the two co-opted councillors, Cllr Dyter and Cllr Tiler-Ansell.
4. Confirmed the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting on 26th June 2023.
5. Information on matters arising from the minutes of the meeting on 26th June – Clerk has notified the nominators for the two award recipients and to be awarded at the Fete. Clerk will notify the ploholders about the banner.
6. Parish Council participation at the Fete – agreed to share the red tent with the BHCA if that was of interest to them. Focus would naturally be on Road Safety and the Clerk will produce something that gives a bit of background / historical context to the issues.
7. Discuss a PC response to the proposed closure of Hebden and Todmorden train station ticket offices. Agreed to do this to oppose the closures.
8. **To consider planning related matters:-**
 - 8.1. **Information on previous planning applications:** Noted that the application for UpPlant still outstanding and would likely be called into the Planning Committee in August or September.
 - 8.2. **Planning Enforcement Issues:**
 - 8.2.1. Update on the development at Burnt Edge Lane.

Cllr Tiler-Ansell informed meeting that Roy Rizvi has written to buyer and to owner. The buyer is now employing a planning consultant but she has been told that it is unlikely they would pass anything for storage. Owner (Cllr Tiler-Ansell's husband) will be privy to any correspondence in the future.
 - 8.2.2. Update on the caravans at New Rd. Still no response to this.
 - 8.3. **New planning applications**
 - 8.3.1. **23/00558/REM | Removal of Condition 12 (Agricultural Workers Dwelling) on planning application 89/01208/RES | Badgerfields Farm Badger Lane Blackshaw Head HX7 7JX.** Applicant attended the meeting. Explained that they didn't want to sell, but at some point, it needs sorting out – wanted to get things in order, as land agent said they could never sell this with such a restriction. Have been working the land, but have never made a living out of it. Agreed unanimously to raise no objection to this application.
9. **To consider matters relating to highways, bridleways and footpaths:**
 - 9.1. Update from the Blackshawhead Community Association (BHCA). Last meeting agreed a constitution and they are getting a bank account. Positive meetings with Inspector Doughty (who has now left and Craig Collins is now in post). Also had a meeting with Peter Stubbs, went reasonably positively. Very sympathetic to community speedwatch cameras, and highways have offered to put up mounting posts. Long lists of things they discussed. Main point is that there isn't a budget for the traffic calming measures, even though he is supportive of the need. But could be some movement on re-establishing the rumble strips as more like speed bumps. Highways also want to know what has gone wrong with the white lines. The job was to do the white lining in centre of the village by the Chapel but

the contractors have gone much further. The 'pavement' white lines are still with the contractors. Issues are definitely getting more attention. Noted from Cllr Lomax's report from the Town & Parish Liaison group that Cllr Lynn picked up on white lines fiasco. Probably the first action for BHCA will be the speed cameras – will be a fundraiser for this for the cameras and operating costs. These are privately funded speed cameras -police aren't allowed to prosecute, but you get the speed record and a photo of the back of the car. But they will write to the top ten repeat offenders with a warning, on a monthly basis. Sign with speed cameras will also be helpful. Also community association can write directly to companies (eg with speeding vans/wagons). Issued two speeding tickets in last month in 20mph zone in Blackshawhead.

9.2. Any update from Highways regarding the outstanding issues.

Member of public reported that Trees at Lower Earnshaw Water Farm Barn need cutting back. Also in Colden – member of public advised to report to CMBC. CMBC will just write to property owner reminding them of responsibility and giving them 21 days to cut down.

Response to PC on the issue of white lines – investigating what went wrong.

Noted what member of public shared on the situation with near-miss – was almost a horrible accident outside Four Winds at top of Badger Lane - two pedestrians could have been killed. But got car registration and this will be passed onto the police. This must contribute to the evidence being put forward to make the case for traffic calming measures – this spot in particular as it's Calderdale Way. There is now a community spreadsheet where things like this can be recorded and any details of the cars involved. This has been shared on the googlegroup.

Reduced speed limit outside High St / New Delight is with traffic engineers.

Discussions ongoing regarding speed limit extending 40mph to among BHCA and likely to be brought to a PC meeting soon.

Noted should maybe be a sign saying no left turn for HGVs outside the chapel on New Shaw Lane as there isn't one from that direction. Action for Clerk.

10. To consider the following Financial matters:

10.1. The 2023/2024 budget is £8047 remaining and balances are at and bank reconciliation.

10.2. Agreed a grant of £150 to Heptonstall Exhibitions and Richard Naylor charities under S137

10.3. Agreed payment of £110.40 to CMBC for election expenses

10.4. Agreed payments of the allotments water bill.

10.5. To confirm payment of the Clerk's monthly salary and expenses

11. To fill the spare places for parish council representatives on the following committees / groups:

11.1. Allotment committee (3) – Cllr Dyter has agreed to join Cllr Lomax Cllr King

11.2. Yorkshire Local Councils Association (2) - Cllr Churchill Cllr Greaves

11.3. Old People's Welfare Committee (1) – Cllr Tiler-Ansell

11.4. Neighbourhood Plan (1) – Cllr Greaves will attend Wednesday but going forward, poss Cllr Dyter.

12. To consider representative reports and invitations:

Town & Parish Liaison Group – report from Cllr Lomax. Richard Seaman and Claire Dunn from planning attended. There's her, Roy Rizvi, a trainee just in post, and recruiting for 2 site investigator & compliance officers, and part time admin assistant. There's a statutory duty to investigate planning breaches but after that action is discretionary. Priorities are:

- 1) dangerous, listed buildings, trees;
- 2) time limits being reached; fast moving developments;
- 3) general - change of use of previously undeveloped land etc etc
- 4) minimal

There are No statutory timescales.

Safer Cleaner Greener Meeting - 24th July. Aware of all the issues in Blackshaw, both in Council and police. Operation Hawmill has been refunded and the allocation of where that happens it will be based on a number of different data – so hope to have more police presence here. Mentioned the gateway

signage and white lignage. People reporting gullies blocked. Report overflowing water causing problems to Chris to raise. Identify Four Winds as a hot spot?

13. Items for future meetings –

Dates of future meetings:

Parish Council Meetings: - August meeting will not happen unless important planning or other issue, 25th Sept, at Blackshawhead Chapel, 23rd October, 27th November.

Allotment Committee: - October 2023

Signed *Catherine Bann - Clerk to Blackshaw Parish Council*