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Draft Minutes of Blackshaw Parish Council meeting on **Monday 25th September 2023** at **Blackshawhead Methodist Church.**

Present: Cllr Greaves (in the chair), Cllrs Bowen, King, Tiler-Ansell, Dyter

1. Apologies previously notified to the Clerk. Cllr Lomax, Cllr Churchill
2. Declarations of interest in items on the agenda. Cllr Tiler-Ansell declared an interest in 9.2.1
3. Confirmed the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting on 24th July 2023.
4. Information on matters arising from the minutes of the meeting on 24th July
5. Noted report on the Allotment Liaison visit circulated – in summary, much improvement since last year. Noted that the allotments rent no longer cover the water bill due to the high standing charge. Was suggested to ask for reduced standing charge as this for community use. Agreed to look at increase in annual rent or other measures at next Allotment Committee meeting.
6. Update on the situation with the defibrillator. Cllr Lomax has circulated a written update, and in summary he recommends currently doing nothing. Would not want to deal further with this company in terms of buying a new one. Issue is the housing as well – but any new cabinet would come as a deal. Also noted that they continue to contact the member of the public who they have been asked not to deal with any longer. If they write to her again, should take it up as a breach of GDPR. Agreed to follow Cllr Lomax's recommendations.
7. Noted the consultation by CMBC on the Sex Establishment Statement of Licensing Policy - councillors may comment individually.
8. Considering PC representation at Remembrance Day. Wreath has been ordered. There'll be a short small gathering outside the Chapel at 11am on the 11th. There is a civic service at the Chapel on the 12th. Cllr Bowen to contact the bugler. Cllr Greaves has agreed to step in and will wear a white poppy as Cllr Lomax will be unable due to ill health.
9. **To consider planning related matters:-**
 - 9.1. **Information on previous planning applications: 23/00558/REM | Removal of Condition 12 (Agricultural Workers Dwelling) on planning application 89/01208/RES | Badgerfields Farm Badger Lane Blackshaw Head HX7 7JX – REFUSED**
 - 9.2. **Planning Enforcement Issues:**
 - 9.2.1. Update on the development at Burnt Edge Lane – no update received from planning enforcement – Clerk will chase again tomorrow. However update from Cllr Tiler-Ansell is that the purchase is going through and a planning application is due to go in soon.
 - 9.2.2. Update on the caravans at New Rd – no further update as yet.
 - 9.3. **New planning applications - None**
10. **To consider matters relating to highways, bridleways and footpaths:**
 - 10.1. Update from the Blackshawhead Community Association.

At recent meeting agreed to write a letter to the parish council requesting support for a review of speed limits on Kobs Rd. Believe that a lower speed limit is not just possible in areas where street lighting exists but where there are entrances onto road or properties. There are 3 businesses and 2 air bnbs in area, and have been several near misses as emerging onto road is difficult. BHCA propose 40mph from Old Sportsmans to Rough Top Cottage. Also 30Mph where the current 40mph limit is. Noted that speed limits are more likely to be reduced if it's a speed people would normally do in that area. Agreed to the BHCA proposal and to request the speed review.

10.2. Any update from Highways regarding the outstanding issues

Cllr Greaves raised white lines at Badger Lane at the Safer Cleaner Greener meeting and the danger the new central line has created – lot of support from meeting where it was suggested BPC write a letter to Adrian Gill. This was drafted, circulated for comments and sent in by Cllr Greaves. Noted that the council formally agree to this letter. Mr Gill responded quickly and sent onto officer who has instructed the contractor - now have a reference number for this. Insp Craig Collins will follow up if there is no action on this. Catherine to follow this up with individual officer to check they understand what is needed.

Also requested another HGV sign in SCG meeting for top of Badger Lane from Old Shaw Lane.

Question whether water on the road should be reported. Cllr Greaves to report via Customer First.

11. To consider the following Financial matters:

11.1. Noted the 2023/2024 budget was at £7495 remaining and balances were £10,604

11.2. To confirm payment to YLCA of £25 for training course for Cllr Greaves – Cllr Greaves didn't attend a course – perhaps registered accidentally? Clerk will query with YLCA, but if registered we will need to pay this whether he actually attended or not.

11.3. Confirmed payment of the invoice for toilet hire for the fete under S137 - £420 including VAT.

11.4. Confirmed payment of the Clerk's monthly salary (2 months) and expenses including £5 for fete printing.

12. To consider representative reports and invitations:

Blackshawhead fete – feedback meeting end of October. Agreed to write a letter of thanks from the Parish Council to the Fete Committee. Red tent was relatively quiet

Neighbourhood Plan – July. The NP has been finalised, and it has gone to CMBC. They have suggested quite a lot of changes. Decision was taken for the main NP organisers (Emma and Antony) and would put together the new version that would exist if we accepted all the CMBC comments – to review at the next meeting. Cllr Greaves thought some of the CMBC proposed changes made sense. Some clauses in NP that would enable at PC to request community contributions from the developer.

Safer Cleaner Greener Meeting - 18th September (as above)

Town & Parish Liaison Group - 7th October – Cllr King to attend, and possibly Cllr Dyter.

Neighbourhood Plan - 11th October – Cllr Dyter to attend.

Ward Forum - 18th October – Cllr Greaves to attend.

Community Operation Resilience Operations Group – will be testing the sirens 28th September. Work going on with leaky dams etc just across from Charlestown at Jumble Hole – river monitoring. Cllr Dyter to take on the CROG

Old People's Welfare Society – Cllr Tiler-Ansell couldn't attend last meeting.

Dates of future meetings:

Parish Council Meetings: - 23rd October, 27th November at Blackshawhead Chapel

Allotment Committee: - 9th October 2023

Signed Catherine Bann - Clerk to Blackshaw Parish Council