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Draft Minutes of Parish Council Meeting Monday 27th November 2023 at Blackshawhead Methodist Church.

Present: Cllr Greaves (Vice Chair), Cllrs Dyter, Bowen, King, Tiler-Ansell and Churchill

1. Apologies previously notified to the Clerk. Cllr Lomax
2. Declarations of interest in items on the agenda. None
3. Confirmed the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting on 23rd October 2023.
4. Information on matters arising from the minutes of the meeting on 23rd October. Noted that clerk had forwarded details on previous CCTV proposal to BHCA.
5. Discussed the proposals regarding ending the process of the Neighbourhood Plan. Cllr Dyter circulated the documents and highlighted the relevant section. Acknowledged that there were some issues with not having a Neighbourhood Plan, eg less say over developments in area, the Community Infrastructure Levy, it's likely that there wasn't going to be much development up here anyway in the Local Plan – so most policies are included in LP. Very few policies left. There was some concerns raised that due to longevity of process, most current councillors had little in-depth knowledge of process. Agreed reluctantly to end the process of the NP, and also agreed would want to continue to work with other parishes on common issues.
6. Discussed provision for electric vehicle charging in Charlestown. Agreed to contact CMBC to explore options regarding this – both for council owned property or privately owned property. Also may be national or West Yorkshire schemes for this.
7. Discussed the proposed wind farm on Walshaw Moor Estate. Cllrs King, Dyter and Greaves attended the joint meeting with the other parishes. There is still a lot of information missing from Scoping Opinion, and a working group has been compiling questions – another meeting convened for 11th December. Will put questions to Cavendish consultants in advance and at next meeting there will be a presentation by them hopefully answering the questions. Vast majority of those present were opposed to the development.
8. Discussed inviting the Calderdale & Huddersfield NHS Foundation Trust governors to a future PC meeting. Agreed would be appropriate to invite to the Annual Meeting in May.
9. Discussed the ongoing issues with water supply in and around Blackshawhead and potential solutions. Agreed to invite Alasdair Harvey from Yorkshire Water to the January or other future meeting depending on availability. Suggested that ask someone on the google group to compile a comprehensive list of water issues over the last five years which we would then send to YW in advance.
10. Emergency Plan for Blackshaw Parish. Noted that this was really out of date, but rather than just simply update the contact details and other minor issues, felt it was time to completely review this. First created in around 2012 and as far as Clerk knows, has never been used in an 'emergency situation. Community tends to sort out difficulties with participation from councillors – sometimes might feel it is overbearing for council to involve itself. Discussed that some issues not mentioned, eg now phones are going digital how to communicate when power goes down. All councillors asked to spend time before next meeting reviewing this document and send suggestions to Clerk prior to next meeting.
11. Christmas visit to vulnerable parishioners – agreed councillors to share the task as Chair likely unable to do this this year. Clerk will forward list to Cllr Greaves who will run this by former councillor Sutcliffe.
12. Representation at the carol concert – Cllr Bowen reported that this will be 7pm on 14th December. Chair would usually do a reading, so Cllr Tiler-Ansell happy to do this again. She will also buy the mince pies.
13. **To consider planning related matters:-**

13.1. Information on previous planning applications: 23/20157/TPO | Fell one tree (Tree Preservation Order) Consent Granted

13.2. Planning Enforcement Issues: any further update. Whiteley Arches was mentioned at Safer Cleaner Greener by Cllr Greaves, and someone from Building Control was going to look at it.

13.3. New planning applications: None

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

14.1. Update from the Blackshawhead Community Association. Looking at gateways – Lindsay will put together a document regarding village gateways.

Next meeting is at the New Delight on the 13th December, open to everyone.

Question regarding the data from the VAS – is there an easy way – or to get the data for the whole 12 months, for example. Clerk will explore this option.

14.2. Any update from Highways regarding the outstanding issues. Clerk to ask them to keep pressure up regarding the white lines. NO update on speed review as yet.

14.3. Inappropriate vehicles on Halifax Lane – agreed to request CROWS / CMBC for some signage. Will send photo. Cllr Churchill will look at how to remove the route from google maps / satnavs.

15. To consider the following Financial matters:

15.1. To note the 2023/2024 budget and balances and bank reconciliation.

15.2. Confirmed payment of the Society of Local Council Clerks Membership - £105

15.3. Confirmed payment for the Remembrance Wreath. £25. Agreed for next year to either recycle the wreath if it's still in good condition and donate full amount to RBL, or to order one online in summer delivered to the Clerk.

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

15.5. Noted the upcoming payments (in January) for the website and agreed to pay the extra for the SSL certificate.

16. To consider representative reports and invitations:

Safer Cleaner Greener - 13th November. As mentioned regarding Whiteley Arches – white lines supposedly happening on Badger Lane and additional signage being considered along with other requests for signage. Can raise blocked drains / water on road, if already been reported on the website.

Dates of future meetings:

Parish Council Meetings: - December meeting cancelled unless there is a crucial planning decision needed, January 22nd at Blackshawhead Chapel

Allotment Committee: - March 2024

Signed *Catherine Bann - Clerk to Blackshaw Parish Council*