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Draft Minutes of Blackshaw Parish Council at 7.30pm on **Monday 22nd January 2024** at **Blackshawhead Methodist Church.**

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

1. Apologies previously notified to the Clerk. Cllr Lomax, Cllr Churchill
2. Declarations of interest in items on the agenda. None
3. Confirmed the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting on 22nd November 2023.
4. To receive information on matters arising from the minutes of the meeting on 22nd November.
Electric car charging points – Clerk been in touch with CMBC – there is a new officer starting who will be working on this - currently following up.
Yorkshire Water will attend meeting in February.
5. Review of the Emergency Plan for Blackshaw Parish.
Phone tree quickly goes out of date – perhaps alphabetical list style algorithm rather than names and numbers?
Replace the contact for the chapel – insert Cllr Bowen instead.
Possible role in terms of evacuation event in the valley – could fete tents be useful (in the summer)?
However no services/toilets/water etc.
Chapel as central point – but could Colden school or New Delight be more appropriate?
Also May's shop? As a point for food etc?
Felt the plan was a little light on snow as a potential emergency – is there anyone locally with tractors etc – no-one on the list – who has a snow plough / digger?
Is there any info about council about which roads get cleared first? What should people expect?
Tree clearing and power restoration?
Need to include the flood store at the Newdie – needs checking for stock
Snow warnings like flood warnings could be circulated.
First Aiders? Is this a question for the wider community – Cllr Dyter, Cllr Tiler-Ansell are first aiders.
Agreed to publish emergency plan on website once finalised.
6. Considered the Lights Camera Screen Two project consultation at HB Picture House. Agreed to thank them for the information and comment that generally supportive and have no objection.
7. Christmas parcels and carol concert. - parcels cost £216.75. Raised £150 at carol concert gone to Medical Aid to Palestinians. 29.65 for mince pies which came out of Chair's Allowance. A few changes to list of older/vulnerable people noted - Cllr Greaves to provide the amended list.
8. **To consider planning related matters:-**
 - 8.1. **Information on previous planning applications:**
 - 8.1.1. 23/06010/EIA | Scoping opinion | Walshaw Moor Estate Widdop Road Heptonstall Hebden Bridge Calderdale proposed wind farm – **opinion decided**. Noted the response was very thorough. Agreed to circulate a link to the document online to googlegroups.
 - 8.1.2. 23/00949/FUL | Proposed campsite with caravan for Manager (retrospective), two tree huts (retrospective), wc/wash block and associated facilities including septic tank | Land South East Of Willow Cottage Burnt Edge Lane - Withdrawn. Agreed to write to planning enforcement to ask for new case in name of new owner – agreed to ask Cllr Churchill to take photo.
 - 8.1.3. 22/00677/FUL - note that the refusal decision is to be appealed.
 - 8.2. **Planning Enforcement Issues:** Clerk to chase for info on Whiteley arches and High House farm. Clerk has asked planning officer why no movement on aquaponic application on New Rd. Response raised an issue around enforcement and noted that the decision will be going to committee.

8.3. New planning applications:

- 8.3.1.** 23/20199/TPO | Woodland Management (including thinning of Holly) (Tree Preservation Order) Rawtonstall Wood Savile Road Hebden Bridge Calderdale. Some concern expressed about the degree of thinning. Agreed to keep an eye on this site and the following site under 23/20200/TPO vis a vis potential for increasing the camping provision which is already happening on woodland nearby run by same people.
- 8.3.2.** 23/20200/TPO | Thinning and removal of understory trees (Tree Preservation Order) | Knott Wood Turret Royd Road Charlestown Hebden Bridge Calderdale. As above.

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

- 9.1.** Update from the Blackshawhead Community Association. BHCA agreed that they would like in addition to gateway signage on Long Causeway by 40mph, additional signage on all the 20mph signs. This would make a total of 4 gateway style signs. Cllr Dyter to provide some costs.
White lines – not quite finished yet as need a hand machine, but one side done – finally!
Some interest in entering Britain in Bloom (initially to a non-judged category) – BHCA is waiting for volunteers to come forward to lead the project – if no one does it won't happen.
Autospeedwatch cameras – police & highways supportive, but highways need confirmed in writing that police are supportive. Idea will be that BHCA will raise money for the cameras which will be installed by Highways. Cameras will be solar and won't work at night.
- 9.2.** Any update from Highways regarding the outstanding issues. Cllr Dyter attended the Safer Cleaner Greener meeting. The HGV signage into Badger Lane and speed review at High St are both in abeyance through lack of funds.

10. To consider the following Financial matters:

- 10.1.** Considered the budget calculations for 2024/25 and agree the annual precept demand. Clerk circulated the budget calculations and rationale. Agreed to demand £8000 for the precept this year. This is a 6.44% increase, which considering current inflation rates, and the loss of the council tax reduction grants, is not considered unreasonable. In recent years BPC has demanded a precept which is either a very small increase or no increase, so do need to raise this year. Final budget for 24/25 will be set at the April meeting.
- 10.2.** Noted the 2023/2024 budget had £5840 remaining and balances stand at £8918 which reconciles with the cashbook.
- 10.3.** Confirmed payment of the Chapel rent £450
- 10.4.** Confirmed payment of the allotments water bill
- 10.5.** Confirmed payment of the Clerk's monthly salary (2 months) and expenses including payment for the annual web hosting £86 and the SSL safety certificate £60.

11. To consider representative reports and invitations:

- Safer Cleaner Greener - 15th January
Ward Forum - 24th January
Neighbourhood Plan meeting - 28th February – Cllr Dyter to attend.
Town & Parish Liaison meeting - 30th January – Cllr Greaves / Cllr Lomax
Old People's Welfare Committee – Cllr Tiler-Ansell reported that there will be an Ageism action day 20th March – Age Friendly Communities – any ideas what people could provide for older people on the day.
Noted the Calderdale Council Budget Consultation. - Clerk will put this on google group.

Dates of future meetings:

Parish Council Meetings: - February 26th March 25th

Allotment Committee: - March 2024

Signed Catherine Bann - Clerk to Blackshaw Parish Council