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Draft Minutes of Blackshaw Parish Council meeting on **Monday 25th March 2024 at Blackshawhead Methodist Church.**

Present: Cllr Greaves (Chair) Cllrs King, Tiler-Ansell, Bowen, Dyter, Helen Lacey (minutes), and seven members of the public.

1. Accepted apologies previously notified to the Clerk from Cllr Lomax due to illness.
2. Declarations of interest in items on the agenda. None
3. Confirmed the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting on 26th February 2024.
4. Information on matters arising from the minutes of the meeting on 26th February – None
Item 8.3 was taken at this point to enable more public participation, but is minuted below.
5. Agreed to advertise after the required date of 27th March for expressions of interest in co-option following the resignation of Cllr Churchill
6. Cllr Tiler Ansell agreed to replace Cllr Lomax on the Allotment Committee and the Allotment Committee meeting minutes were noted.
7. **To consider planning related matters:-**
 - 7.1. **Information on previous planning applications: None**
 - 7.2. **Planning Enforcement Issues: no** further update
 - 7.3. **New planning applications:**
 - 7.3.1. 24/00186/LBC | New doorway opening. New timber stud partition | 21 Underbank Avenue Charlestown Hebden Bridge Calderdale HX7 6PP . No objection
 - 7.3.2. 24/00123/HSE | Demolition of existing garden building and replacement with new garden building | The Naze Ingle Dene Charlestown Hebden Bridge Calderdale HX7 6PQ Agreed no objection by majority decision with three abstentions.
8. **To consider matters relating to highways, bridleways and footpaths:**
 - 8.1. Update from the Blackshawhead Community Association. Now on cusp of highways putting poles for community speed cameras...locations TBC. Village gateway sign wording..at 40mph welcome to blackshawhead, at 20mph blackshawhead welcomes careful drivers... noted that can move one of the existing welcome signs.
 - 8.2. Any update from Highways regarding the outstanding issues. Still waiting finalisation of the white lines!
 - 8.3. Recent dog attack and notice erected on the footpath at Marsh Farm. Seven members of the public attended and wanted to speak on this issue. A statement from the member of public who was attacked was read out detailing the horrific attack and the resulting physical and psychological injuries. Comments/questions from the members of the public included..whole area along marsh lane and winters lane now a no go area as dogs not contained. Potential for attack outside property perimeter as not secure. Struggle to understand the police response ..why wasnt the dog destroyed ...will itl bite again. What is the law on this sort of incident?? Several members of public have been in contact with the police but not heard back.. one person has managed to discuss with Sgt Becki Thompson who gave some reassurance but member of public not convinced so have contacted Insp Craig Collins. Believe police have issued caution with conditions but haven't said what the conditions are. No clarity from highways about fencing and timescales...when will it be safe? Locals afraid to go in the area but tourists will be unaware of the danger, proximity to Pennine way increases risk of further incidents. The sign put up was seen as threatening, it is still there despite highways telling us they have told owner to take it down. Feeling owner is trying to prevent people from using the footpath that passes in front of

his house by intimidation. Members of public want pressure put on police to explain their decision, suggestions of press involvement. Rights of way staff have visited owner has agreed to keep the dogs away from path by installing fences and repairing walls and agreed to take sign down. Apparently he is getting 2 more rescue dogs to add to the pack. Asking PC to ask the police for clarification about the law. Chair suggested people start a separate group to put pressure on police/ involve press if they want to.

Discussion amongst councillors resulted in following agreed actions:

- Take issue to Safer Cleaner Greener meeting
- Agreed to write to the police to clarify the conditions , outlining community concerns about safety and asking for clarification about the legal basis for the decision to allow the dog to remain.
- Agreed to write to rights of way to clarify timescales for fencing ,have they stipulated the type of fence to be erected and why the intimidating sign is still present. Ask for feedback when conditions have been met so we know when it is safe.
- Contact landowner to clarify what he proposes and timescales and see if PC can help find a way forward. Chair noted he had made contact a couple of days ago and had told him via doorbell conversation about the meeting and invited him.

9. To consider the following Financial matters:

- 9.1. Noted the 2023/2024 budget has £4180 remaining, bank balances are £7268 this reconciles with cashbook.
- 9.2. Payment of the allotments water bill – postponed as not arrived before Clerk left for holiday.
- 9.3. Confirmed payment of the stationery invoice from Viking including postage stamps - £355.65
- 9.4. Confirmed payment of the Clerk's monthly salary and expenses

10. To consider representative reports and invitations:

Safer Cleaner Greener - 11th March – Cllr Greaves attended

CROG - 19th March – Cllr Dyter attended.

Cllr Tiler Ansell reported that the Older People's Welfare Committee and Calderdale Ageing Well held event last wednesday which went very well – very well received.

Dates of future meetings:

Parish Council Meetings: - April 22nd, May 20th (Cllr Bowen sends apologies for this)

Allotment Committee: - October 2024

Signed *Catherine Bann - Clerk to Blackshaw Parish Council*