



Blackshaw Parish Council

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Parish Council Meeting

MINUTES

of the meeting held on

Monday 23rd February 2026 at Blackshaw Head Chapel

Chair: Cllr Tiler-Ansell

Present: Cllr Tiler-Ansell, Cllr Dyter, Cllr Higginson, Cllr King, Cllr Bull, Cllr Bowden

In attendance: S Hughes, Clerk, and two members of the public

1. **Chair's welcome** The chair welcomed everyone to the meeting and reminded everyone to raise their hand and speak through the chair.
2. **Apologies:**
 - 2.1 To receive apologies for absence and record these in the minutes
None were received.
 - 2.2 To consider the approval of reasons for absence given by councillors – n/a
3. **Declarations of interest:**
 - 3.1 To receive, consider and decide upon any applications for dispensation – none
 - 3.2 To receive any declarations of interest not already declared under the Council's Code of Conduct or the Register of Disclosable Pecuniary Interests – none
4. **To consider confirmation of the minutes of the meeting held on 26th January 2025 as a true and correct record.**

Resolved: The minutes of the meeting held on 26 January 2026 were agreed to be a true record.
5. **To receive information on the following ongoing issues and decide further action where necessary:**
 - 5.1 Allotments issues – clerk to check that there isn't duplicate insurance coverage of communal area. Allotment holders agree to pay increased rent to cover water costs.
 - 5.2 Community defibrillator
Resolved: The Blackshaw Head Community Association and the parish clerk will work separately but in parallel on finding funding for a sufficient number of working

defibrillators and suitable cabinets. They will keep each other informed of progress and not apply for duplicate funding opportunities.

5.3 Joint working on fly tipping

Cllr Dyter will continue to speak to Sam Pearson.

5.4 Public survey re the proposed Energy Park

The clerk has sent the council's response to Richard Seaman at Calderdale Council before the deadline. No acknowledgement was received.

5.5 Clerk to follow up with Oakville Road and clarify position with Blackshaw Head – funding would only be for cycle lockers, not for alternative projects. The lockers are not considered permanent structures.

Resolved: Clerk will ask Oakville Google Group if the allotment site would be suitable for a locker location.

5.6 Community Garden outside church – Cllrs Dyter and Bull had a look at the garden together and will start to draw up a plan. A fuller discussion will be had by the council in March, after the Community Association have met.

With the agreement of all present, the two members of the public presented their concerns at this point in the meeting.

With regard to Oakville Road (agenda item 8.2), ownership and responsibility are disputed. The road is unadopted and in poor condition. It was previously owned by the railway; however, Calderdale council put up street lighting many years back and the railway stated that this in effect meant Calderdale had adopted the road. No one is taking responsibility for maintaining it. The member of the public wondered what (if anything) the council could do to help resolve the situation. Cllr Bowen has information on paving unadopted roads, which he will forward to the clerk.

Resolved: The clerk will forward unadopted road paving information to the Oakville Google Group and suggest that they can apply to the parish council for a small grant.

A member of the public wished to bring to the council's attention the destruction of dry-stone walls and the felling of trees on a property in the parish which are destroying wildlife habitats – toads and badgers in particular, but also bats and newts. The new landowner carrying out these demolitions is believed to be doing so in his own "garden" and as none of the trees had Tree Protection Orders (TPOs), there is not much that can be done. This landowner is bringing a heavy lorry over the newly repaired Land Bridge. Possible actions discussed included reporting the threat to toads to the council's wildlife officer, asking Calderdale Council to put a weight limit on the bridge, as they repaired it at some cost, and reporting anything appropriate to the Environment Agency.

6. To consider and decide upon the following planning applications:

6.1 Ref. No: 26/00035/LBC [Installation of roof mounted photo voltaic panels on a separate existing agricultural building and installation of one air source heat pump on the side elevation of the modern kitchen extension to the barn.](#)

The solar panel and heat pump will not affect the structure overall. **Resolved:** The council has no objection.

6.2 Ref. No: 26/00054/LBC [New internal wall opening, change an existing rear window to a patio door, and selected window replacement. \(Listed Building Consent\)](#)

Resolved: The council has no objection, but defers to Listed Building Consent.

7. To receive and note the following planning decisions and information:

7.1 Non-compliance with enforcement notice on High House Farm

The clerk has asked for clarification on whose case this is. No definitive reply has been received. This case has been under enforcement since *before* 2012.

7.2 Enforcement of illegal campsite issue on Burnt Edge Lane

The clerk has confirmed the owner and noted that the enforcement notice was served to the correct person. The landowner stated her intention to appeal. According to the Planning portal, the appeal should have been heard in March 2025. Clerk has sought clarity regarding case ownership at the council.

8. To receive and note the following issues reported on Highways, bridleways and footpaths:

8.1 Mytholm Steeps – parking and HGV use

This is ongoing. Cllr Tiler-Ansell is working with HRTC Cllr Boden. Please send all input on the Steeps to Cllr Tiler-Ansell

8.2 Oakville Road repair – discussed earlier.

8.3 Parking Plan, including issues at Fallingroyd – on the agenda for next Ward Forum.

9. To receive and consider matters requested by the councillors

9.1 Whole-council training

Resolved: Cllr Tiler-Ansell will look into other councils joining us for a half-day training session and look into arranging this. Most councillors expressed willingness to attend this.

9.2 Emergency – carry over

9.3 Marsh Lane/Badger Lane Drainage – take off agenda ??

9.4 Signage at the 40mph zone – **Resolved:** Both Cllr Dyter and the CA to chase Peter Stubbs for answer to query: can “Welcome to BSH” sign be added to same pole as 40mph speed limit sign?

9.5 IT, email, and web provision – law, best practice and payment **Resolved:** The clerk will send councillors a link to the Assertion 10 Hub so that they can inform themselves of the importance of getting this right on the AGAR.

9.6 Parish Charter (accountability) – **Resolved:** Clerk will send a copy of the adopted Parish Charter to all councillors.

9.7 Damage to the council’s red tent following the 2025 Fete – **Resolved:** Clerk will check insurance to see if it will cover repairing or replacing tent.

10. Financial matters:

10.1 To confirm the draft budget for 2026-27 and agree the annual precept

Resolved: The council unanimously accepted the precept increase of 2.16%. The budget will be considered in greater detail at the March meeting. The clerk will send councillors a further explanation of the breakdown of budget options.

10.2 To receive and note current bank balances

10.3 To receive and note a bank reconciliation and budget comparison

10.4 To approve the following invoices for payment:

10.3.1 None

10.5 To note the following payments:

10.4.1 Clerk’s salary – previously authorised

11. To receive correspondence Demolition of stone wall and wildlife habitats – covered earlier.

12. To notify the clerk of matters for inclusion on the agenda of the next meeting

13. Employment matters – None

14. To receive and consider representative reports and invitations:

	Meeting	Last Date	Next Date	Delegates
14.1	Safer Cleaner Greener	26/01/2026	16/06/2026	Cllr Dyter
14.2	Calder Ward Forum	06/01/2026	10/03/2026	any/all cllrs Please come if you can
14.3	Joint Parish Meeting	16/02/2026	02/03/2026	any/all cllrs
14.4	T&PC Liaison Group	27/01/2026	TBA	Cllr Tiler-Ansell, Cllr Bull
14.5	Allotments Committee	13/10/2025	09/03/2026	Cllrs Dyter, Higginson and King
14.6	Windfarm meeting CEP	02/02/2026	TBA	any/all cllrs will be every 2 months

(V) virtual meeting - online only (H) hybrid meeting – online and in person (P) provisional date

- 15. To confirm the date of the next three parish council meetings as 23rd March 2026, 27th April, and 25th May 2026.**

The meeting finished at 9:20pm.