

Minutes of Blackshaw Parish Council Meeting held at Blackshaw Head Methodist Chapel, Blackshaw Head, on Monday 27 June 2011.

Present: Cllrs Dorothy Sutcliffe (Chairman), Pat Beechill, Tim Cole, Steve Hoyle, Chris Lund, Carol King, Mick Davies and 7 members of the public.

In attendance: Lars Hansen, the Clerk.

- 1. Accepted apologies** – none were accepted.
- 2. Declarations of interest in items on the agenda** – Cllrs Sutcliffe and King both declared an interest in item 19.4 regarding SHED.
- 3. Councillor's undertaking to observe the Code of Conduct** – Cllr Mick Davies signed the undertaking.
- 4. Minutes of the Annual Parish Council Meeting held on 9 May** – agreed.
- 5. Information on matters arising from the minutes of the Annual Parish Council Meeting held on 9 May:** - Any matters were included on the agenda.
- 6. Minutes of the Special Parish Council Meeting held on 31 May** – agreed.
- 7. Minutes of the WayaHead Committee Meeting held on 20 June** – agreed.
- 8. Matters arising from the WayaHead Meeting held on 20 June** –
 - Charlestown Community garden/allotments** - The Clerk reported that Calderdale Council had agreed to carry out a contamination survey at their expense. Currently there was a demand for both a community garden and allotments but despite the legal requirement for the Parish Council to provide allotments it was likely that there would have to be a compromise. It was therefore agreed by the WayaHead Committee that the Parish Council should set a deadline and criteria for those suggesting a Community Garden with a recommendation that 31 December should be set as a deadline for submitting proposals. A tree survey was also being arranged with an independent Arboriculturist.
 - Great Rock** – Cllr Cole was asked to lead consultations for its future use as public open space.
 - Dog Poo poster competition** – It was reported that Hebden Royd School had agreed to participate in the competition.
- 9. Sandbeds garage site** – Following a series of phone calls the Clerk had been assured by Officers of Calderdale Council that residents would be sent a letter withdrawing the “Notice to quit”. Residents were also advised that if they wished the Parish Council to take over the ownership of the site a decision would preferably have to be made in the next 3 months.
- 10. Calderdale Relay Race** – A letter had been received about the problems caused by car parking around the centre of the village and Badger Lane, Old Shaw Lane junction associated with the Calderdale Relay Race. The Clerk was asked to write to the race organisers stating that although the

race was welcomed in the village there was concern about the obstruction caused by car parking.

- 11. Hebden Royd and District Swimming pool** – Cllr Sutcliffe reported on progress in developing the new swimming pool. The Clerk was asked to write a letter of support.
- 12. “Visit your neighbour” day** – The Parish Council agreed to sponsor this as a Parish Council event subject to a satisfactory risk assessment.
- 13. Use of equipment provided by Calderdale Council for viewing planning applications** – It was decided that to extend the life of the new equipment it should be kept for the exclusive use of the Parish Council. However should it not prove possible to swap the screen with the suppliers then the screen could be swapped with a local community group.
- 14. Parish Council’s Standards and Financial Regulations** – Reaffirmed.
- 15. Planning related matters:** -
 - 15.1. Previous planning applications** –
 - 10/00158/FUL for conversion of existing plant nursery to form sustainable and accessible living accommodation, with associated natural landscaping, ancillary to maintenance of renowned show garden and sculpture collection at Land Farm, School Land Lane, Blackshaw Head** – refused.
 - 11/00493/HSE for two storey extension to side with Juliette balcony to first floor of south elevation at 1 Throstle Bower, Turret Hall Road, Charlestown** – approved.
 - 15.2. New planning applications:** -
 - 11/00593/FUL for the relocation of an existing Evoco 10kW wind turbine on a 12m monopole mast at Badgerfields Farm, Badger Lane, Blackshaw Head, HX7 7JX** – with abstentions from Cllrs Pat Beechill, Chris Lund and Carol King it was agreed by 3 votes that there was no objection. However concern was raised that there was a lack of understanding of the impact of noise from wind turbines on rural communities. To try and improve that understanding Blackshaw Parish Council had previously asked Calderdale Council to investigate the noise level from the existing turbine which was the subject of this application. Unfortunately that request had been refused and consequently it was difficult for the Parish Council to express an informed opinion on applications for wind turbines. The Clerk offered to seek further advice from another source.
 - 11/00278/FUL for a two storey extension to existing holiday cottage at The Barn, Staups Lane, Todmorden** – No objection.
- 16. Matters relating to highways, bridleways and footpaths:** - The Clerk was asked to contact Calderdale Council about the following: -
 - Bow Lane turn byes on the Pennine Bridleway** – the turn byes are full of gravel and other debris and to be effective need clearing out.

The verges on the Steeps and around Glen View are overgrown and there are overhanging branches which severely restrict the effective width of the highway for vehicles.

The Clerk was also asked to remind the Council about previous complaints regarding footpaths.

17. Appointment of Parish Council representatives: -

Hebden Bridge Partnership: - Cllr Dorothy Sutcliffe.

Charlestown Allotments – Cllr Mick Davies.

18. Representative reports and invitations:

- **10 May 2012 Blackshaw Celebrates the Queen’s Diamond Jubilee”** – Cllrs Sutcliffe, Cole and Hoyle attended. As a result of this and previous activities the parish was being invited to organise a beacon. The Clerk was asked to make this a regular agenda item.
- **11 May Hebden Bridge Picture House Meeting** - Cllr Sutcliffe attended.
- **24 May Town and Parish Council Liaison group at Hebden Bridge Town Hall** – Cllr Lund attended.
- **6 June Hebden Bridge Picture House Meeting:** - The meeting had agreed that Hebden Royd Town Council should take over the Picture House with support from the Friends of the Picture House.
- **8 June YLCA Branch Meeting:** - Cllrs Sutcliffe and Hoyle attended. It had been reported that Tyrer were buying new buses and therefore had confidence in the continuation of the service.
- **11 June Great Poppy Party Weekend** – went very well.
- **20 Hebden Bridge partnership:** - Cllr Sutcliffe attended.
- **28 June “Pulling together” by VAC at Little Theatre:** - noted.
- **5 July SLCC training event in Leeds on Allotments etc:** - Cllrs Cole and Davies to attend with the Clerk.
- **13 July BEAT Meeting** – everyone welcome.
- **6.45pm 21 July Calder Ward Forum** – Cllr Davies and Cole to attend.
- **1 October Annual Town and Parish Council Liaison Group** – All Councillors and the Clerk are expected to attend.
- **BEAT/BOGS community orchard** – The Clerk was asked to write a letter of support

19. Financial matters:

19.1. 2011/2012 budget and balances – The remaining budget for 2011/2012 was reported as £7,277.74 and the Council balances as £9,524.29. It was agreed to transfer £1,140 from the Reserve Account to the Current Account.

19.2. New authorised banking signatures – It was agreed that all the new Parish Councillors should become authorised signatories.

19.3. SLCC training event – It was agreed to pay £100 for the Clerk and 2 Councillors to attend.

19.4. Section 137 grant application from SHED – It was agreed to award a grant of £500 for the restoration of the burial register and a CD of the records. SHED was also invited to make further applications in the future to support the restoration work.

19.5. The Chairman's allowance – it was agreed to pay the £200 allowance for 2011/12.

19.6. The Clerk's monthly salary and computer allowance – The Clerk's salary minus tax, and the £10 monthly computer allowance were confirmed for payment. It was also agreed to pay the HMRC quarterly instalment £134.20.

20. Dates of future meetings:

Parish Council Meeting: - 25 July, 22 August, 26 September; 24 October, 28 November, 12 December, 23 January 2012, 27 February, 26 March, 23 April.

WayHead Meetings: - 17 October at the Sportsman, 20 February 2012 at Stubbings Wharf.

Annual Parish Meeting and Annual Parish Council Meeting - 7 or 28 May 2012 at Hebden Bridge Town Hall.

Signed