

## BLAXTON PARISH COUNCIL

### MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 16 APRIL 2015 IN BLAXTON VILLAGE HALL AT 19:45 AFTER THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

**PRESENT:** Councillors N C McCarron (Chair), L Hornsby, R Johnson, P Oliver, P Schofield and, P A Dennis (Clerk)

- 1) **APOLOGIES – All Present**
- 2) **TO CONSIDER THE EXTENT, IF ANY, TO WHICH THE PUBLIC ARE TO BE EXCLUDED FROM THE MEETING – No Exclusions**
- 3) **DECLARATION OF PREJUDICIAL INTERESTS, OTHER INTERESTS, THE RECEIPT OF GIFTS AND HOSPITALITY AND REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATION – None made**
- 4) **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

Four members of the public attended the meeting. During the Annual Parish Meeting issues had been raised about overhanging hedges, litter, traffic volume, vehicle turning and passing on Park Lane. It had been agreed that the concerns should be discussed under this item.

Concerns about litter and overhanging hedges were dealt with under Minute 8(c) below.

Members of the public were especially concerned about the absence of a passing point increased traffic volume and speed, the absence of a turning facility, turning difficulties for emergency services and heavy goods vehicles. Instances of difficulties for vehicle drivers including three vans reversing the length of the Lane at the same time recently were recounted. Residents felt that there was real danger of injury to Lane users and damage to property if action was not taken to improve the safety of the Park Lane for users.

Condition (9) of Planning Decision Notice 13/00548/FUL was referred and reads:-

*The vehicle turning space as shown on the approved plans shall be constructed before the development is brought into use and shall thereafter be maintained as such.*

#### **REASON**

*To avoid the necessity of vehicles reversing on to or from the highway and creating a highway hazard.*

It was the contention of members of the public that the highway had been extended to pass 62 Lark Lane to the new building and that the turning area should be available for public access and that the denial of access represented a breach of the planning condition.

Residents were thanked for their comments.

### 5) **MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 19 MARCH 2015**

RESOLVED (1)

That the Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 19 March 2015 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

**6) MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES – None**

**7) POLICING ISSUES**

- a) Airport Villages Report for March 2015 – **Noted**

**8) DMBC AND SOUTH WEST AREA TEAM ISSUES**

- a) Installation of 'Pick Up or Pay Up' signs Resolution 3

The Chair reported that three signs had been installed on Park Lane by a DMBC Officer.

RESOLVED (2)

That the report be noted.

- b) Park Lane Issues – lighting, passing point, turning area, speed – Resolution 4

There was extensive public input on this issue, especially relating to vehicle turning and passing. The Chair and the Clerk explained that the Council had raised concerns about these issues with DMBC some time ago. A recent response from DMBC Highways confirmed that they were unable to take any actions in respect of vehicle turning or a passing point. DMBC Planning Enforcement had advised that there was no action which could be enforced to permit vehicle turning at 62 Park Lane under Planning Decision Notice 13/00548/FUL.

However, the Parish Council was persuaded that action needed to be taken to improve safety on Park Lane and that doubt existed about the right of public access to the turning area at the new bungalow built within the grounds of 62 Park Lane since this appeared to constitute an extension of the public highway.

RESOLVED (3)

That the Clerk be requested to raise the issues of vehicle turning, passing and safety again with DMBC and request a site meeting with DMBC representatives to discuss the concerns with Parish Council and resident representatives.

- c) Park Lane – Litter and Hedge Maintenance

It was reported that a resident had contacted the Council and asked if it would be possible to remind residents about the need to maintain hedges along Park Lane and appeal to them to keep the Lane litter free outside their property. The Clerk reported that DMBC had been asked for advice about the duty of residents to maintain boundary fences so as not to obstruct the highway.

RESOLVED (4)

That it be noted that the Chair and Clerk had an appointment to meet a DMBC Officer on 20 April 2015 to inspect the area and discuss how to resolve the problems.

## 9) WARD MEMBERS REPORT

Councillor Schofield reported that she recently attended her final meeting as a DMBC Ward Member and how much she had enjoyed the work and community involvement over the years.

## 10) ACCOUNTS & FINANCIAL MATTERS

### a) Payments Due on 16 April 2015

RESOLVED (5)

That the following be approved for payment on 17 April 2015:-

<u>Payee/Invoice</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Net</u>	<u>VAT</u>	<u>Total</u>
Blaxton Village Hall Committee	Grant 2015/16	1,600.00	0.00	1,600.00
DMBC 21197551	Dog Waste Bin collections 08/12/14 - 29/03/15 - 3 bins @ £5.15 each for 16 weeks	247.20	49.44	296.64
Need A Hand 1518	Collect and install public notice board 16/03/15	25.00	0.00	25.00
Need A Hand 1522	Strim Blaxton Playing Field Entrance 13/04/15	25.00	0.00	25.00
Need A Hand 1523	Strim/Cut Joint Playing Field Ramp and clear path 13/04/15	50.00	0.00	50.00
YLCA	Subscription 2015/16	369.00	0.00	369.00
P A Dennis	Salary April 2015	280.20	0.00	280.20
P A Dennis	Office, Telephone, Broadband Allowance Apr 15	23.60	0.00	23.60
P A Dennis	Reimbursement for 1&1 Website Hosting costs 08/04/15 - 08/05/15	4.99	1.00	5.99
HMRC	Month 1 Contributions	71.40	0.00	71.40
N C McCarron	Chair's Allowance 2015/15	120.00	0.00	120.00
<b>Total Payments due at 16 March 2015</b>				<b>2,866.83</b>

b) Bank Reconciliation March 2015 – **Noted**

c) Balances against the Budget to 31 March 2015 – **Noted**

d) War Memorial – Resolution 6

### **Memorial Grounds**

Two estimates to undertake groundwork to improve the area were considered.

RESOLVED (6)

That Need A Hand be requested to undertake the work in accordance with the specification produced by the Clerk.

## Conservation of Memorial

It was reported that two quotations to clean, point and repatinate memorial lettering (if required) had been received and that a grant pre-application form had been submitted to the War Memorials Trust (WMT).

RESOLVED (7)

That the report be noted and that the Clerk be requested to provide a summary of the quotation details to Members for further consideration at the next meeting.

e) Payment to Substitute Clerk for Clerking Meeting on 19 March 2015

RESOLVED (8)

That the Clerk be requested to thank Mrs J Worthington for acting as Clerk for the meeting on 19 March 2015 at short notice and, to offer to make payment for hours worked.

f) 73<sup>rd</sup> Doncaster Guides – Request for advice and support to rebuild Scout Hut

RESOLVED (9)

That the Clerk be requested to advise the Guide Leader that approaches to Awards for All, WREN and other grant awarding organisations may be useful and, that the Council regrets that it would be unable to make a grant at present although Blaxton Village Hall might be suitable for the Group's needs in the short term.

## 11) PLANNING

a) Planning Applications

<u>Application No and Address</u>	<u>Details</u>
<b>15/00698/FUL</b> Rands View, Mosham Road, Blaxton, DN9 3BA	Erection of single storey pitched roof extension to side of detached bungalow.

RESOLVED (10)

That no objections be raised in respect of Planning Application 15/00698/FUL.

b) North Lincolnshire Local Development Framework – Lincolnshire Lakes Area Action Plan: Submission Draft (October 2014) – **Noted**

c) Summerfields Estate Green Space – Resolution 8 – Deferred 19 March 2015

RESOLVED (11)

That this item remain on the Agenda

d) Scoping Opinion on Fracking Exploration at Misson – Notts CC 15/00147/SCO – Resolution 13 – update – **Noted**

- e) DMBC – Statement of Community Involvement (SCI) and Supplementary Planning Document (SPD) Public Consultation – **Noted**

## 12) CHAIR'S REPORT

There was difficulty gaining access to the Village Hall in time to set up before the start of the Parish Council meeting and for attendees to find car parking places due to the Dance Class still being present after 19:15.

RESOLVED (12)

That the Clerk be requested to raise this with the Village Hall Committee with a view to arrangements being improved.

## 13) BLAXTON PLAYING FIELD

- a) Removal of Moss Overgrowth on Basketball Court – Quotation

RESOLVED (13)

That the quotation of £75 from Need A Hand for this work be accepted.

## 14) JOINT PLAYING FIELD

- a) Pavilion Project – Update

Councillor Johnson reported that further opportunities for grant funding were being explored.

RESOLVED (14)

That the report be noted.

- b) Ramp Inspection Report March 2015

RESOLVED (15)

That the March 2015 report on the condition of the ramp be considered further at the next meeting of the Parish Council.

- c) Joint Playing Field Association Minutes 23 March 2015 – **Noted**  
d) Acknowledgement of 2014/15 Grant to Joint Playing Field Association – **Noted**

## 15) BLAXTON VILLAGE HALL

- a) Minutes of Meeting on 25 March 2015 – **Noted**

- b) Damp on walls – Resolution 19 (19 February 2015)

The Clerk reported that attempts to obtain advice from DMBC had been discontinued and that a quotation for remedial work had been requested from a damp proofing contractor who had advised that the damp was likely to be the result of condensation.

RESOLVED (16)

That the report be noted.

- c) Minutes – 25 March 2015 – **Noted**

## **16) CORRESPONDENCE**

RESOLVED (17)

That the following correspondence be noted:-

- a) YLCA – White Rose Update April Edition
- b) SYPTE – April Bus Service change information
- c) SYPTE – Stakeholder E-Newsletter - April 2015
- d) South Yorkshire Fire and Rescue Authority – Member Briefing : April 2015
- e) DMBC – Information on the Parliament in the Making programme

## **17) DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

RESOLVED (18)

That it be noted that the Annual Meeting of the Blaxton Parish Council would take place on Thursday 21 May 2015 in Blaxton Village Hall at 19:30.

Meeting Closed at 21:40

Chair: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_