

BLAXTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 21 MAY 2015 IN BLAXTON VILLAGE HALL AT 19:30

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

IN ATTENDANCE: 7 members of the public and Inspector Mark Payling, South Yorkshire Police

1) APOLOGIES – All Present

2) APPOINTMENT OF CHAIR FOR 2015/16

RESOLVED (1)

That Councillor P Schofield be appointed Chair of the Parish Council for the 2015/16 Municipal Year.

Councillor P Schofield in the Chair

Councillor Schofield recorded appreciation for the work of Councillor McCarron as Chair of the Parish Council for many years.

3) TO CONSIDER THE EXTENT, IF ANY, TO WHICH THE PUBLIC ARE TO BE EXCLUDED FROM THE MEETING – None

4) DECLARATION OF PREJUDICIAL INTERESTS, OTHER INTERESTS, THE RECEIPT OF GIFTS AND HOSPITALITY AND REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATION

Councillor N C McCarron declared a non-pecuniary interest as a resident of Park Lane in relation to traffic issues on Park Lane.

5) PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

a) Robin Hood Airport – Training Flights

A member of the public presented details of a complaint made to Robin Hood Airport about training flights by an EasyJet aircraft and provided a copy of the reply from the Airport. The aircraft had undertaken 44 circuits in a 'racetrack' pattern following a route to the East of the Airport as opposed to the Noise Preferential Routes which departing aircraft would normally follow.

It was agreed that the Clerk should write to the Airport to request that flight paths and the duration of training flights be adjusted to reduce the nuisance experienced by residents.

Councillor N C McCarron declared a personal interest in the following item

b) Park Lane – Turning Area

A number of residents from Park Lane attended the meeting to express continuing concerns about road safety on Park Lane. Councillor McCarron introduced a letter to the meeting from the residents of 62 Park Lane relating to vehicle turning at the end of the Lane. The letter explained why the gate to the turning area had been closed

recently but confirmed that the gate would be open as much as possible to facilitate turning by vehicles unable to turn in the drives of the properties which they were visiting. The letter also pointed out the need for vehicles to turn a low speed and explained that the gate may be closed on occasions to allow safe play by children.

After a lengthy discussion the Chair drew this item to a close and explained that the Council would consider the matter further under Item 14(a) – Matters Arising.

6) APPOINTMENT OF VICE-CHAIR FOR 2015/16

RESOLVED (2)

That Councillor N C McCarron be appointed Vice-Chair of the Parish Council for the 2015/16 Municipal Year.

7) APPOINTMENT OF INTERNAL AUDITOR FOR 2015/16

RESOLVED (3)

That Graham Cawthorne be reappointed Internal Auditor for 2015/16.

8) APPOINTMENT OF PARISH COUNCILLORS TO UNDERTAKE THE HALF YEARLY INTERNAL AUDIT OF THE ACCOUNTS FOR 2015/16

RESOLVED (4)

That Councillors L Hornsby and P Oliver be appointed to perform the half yearly Internal Audit for 2015/16.

9) APPOINTMENT OF REPRESENTATIVE AND DEPUTY REPRESENTATIVE TO DMBC PARISH COUNCILS JOINT CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE FOR 2015/16

RESOLVED (5)

That Councillor N C McCarron be appointed Parish Council representative and that Councillor R Johnson be appointed Deputy representative to the DMBC Parish Councils' Joint Consultative Committee for 2015/16.

10) APPOINTMENT OF REPRESENTATIVES (2) TO THE BLAXTON VILLAGE HALL COMMITTEE FOR 2015/16

RESOLVED (6)

That Parish Councillors N C McCarron and R Johnson be appointed as Parish Council representatives on the Blaxton Village Hall Committee for 2015/16.

11) APPOINTMENT OF REPRESENTATIVES (2) TO THE BLAXTON AND FINNINGLEY PLAYING FIELD ASSOCIATION FOR 2015/16

RESOLVED (7)

That Parish Councillors P Schofield and L Hornsby be appointed Parish Council representatives on the Blaxton and Finningley Playing Field Association for 2015/16.

12) APPOINTMENT OF REPRESENTATIVES (2) TO THE SOUTH YORKSHIRE BRANCH OF THE YORKSHIRE LOCAL COUNCIL ASSOCIATIONS FOR 2015/16

RESOLVED (8)

That Councillors N C McCarron and P Oliver be appointed Parish Council representatives to the South Yorkshire Branch of the Yorkshire Local Councils' Associations for 2015/16.

13) MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING AND MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 16 APRIL 2015

RESOLVED (9)

That the Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting and the Parish Council Meeting held on 16 April 2015 be confirmed as correct records and signed by the Chair.

14) MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES (Not included under regular Items below)

a) Park Lane Issues – Resolution 3

The Council discussed possible actions to help resolve the issue of vehicle turning on Park Lane. It was noted that there was no action which could be taken by DMBC Planning Enforcement and that Highways Development was investigating if Section 31 of the Highways Act 1980 had any bearing on the situation with regard to vehicle turning.

Possible ways forwards including mediation by a DMBC Communities Officer and the establishment of a legally binding agreement between residents of properties on Park Lane and their successors were discussed. The letter from residents at 62 Park Lane confirming that the gate would be open as much as possible, subject to the safety of playing children, respectful use of the turning area and the use of other residents' drives for vehicles to turn when visiting their properties wherever practicable was welcomed.

RESOLVED (10)

That the Clerk acknowledge the letter received from the residents at 62 Park Lane and ask if they would consider displaying a sign indicating that turning was permitted when unavailable at the property which had been visited subject to respectful use of the turning area and closing the gate after use if found closed on arrival.

b) Park Lane – Litter and Hedge Maintenance – **Noted**

15) POLICING ISSUES

a) Airport Villages Report for April 2015 – **Noted**

16) DMBC COMMUNITIES EAST AREA TEAM ISSUES – None

17) WARD MEMBER REPORT

RESOLVED (11)

That Ward Members be extended an invitation to attend a Parish Council meeting in the near future to meet the Members and gain an understanding of some of the matters which exercise the Parish Council.

18) ACCOUNTS & FINANCIAL MATTERS

a) May 2015 Payments

RESOLVED (12)

That the following payments be authorised for payment:-

<u>Payee/Invoice No</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Net</u>	<u>VAT</u>	<u>Total</u>
Need A Hand 1532	Clear Moss from BPF Basketball Court, apply herbicide - 01/05/15	75.00	0.00	75.00
Need A Hand 1533	Strim Blaxton Playing Field Entrance 01/05/15	25.00	0.00	25.00
Need A Hand 1534	Strim grass on Joint Playing Field Ramp, apply herbicide 05/05/15	50.00	0.00	50.00
Need A Hand 1535	Spring planting of three planters - 07/05/2015	260.00	0.00	260.00
Glendale Countryside (formerly Veolia) GC446PARISH0005	BPF Grass Cutting 10 and 24/04/14	69.24	13.85	83.09
P A Dennis	Salary May 2015	280.20	0.00	280.20
P A Dennis	Office, Telephone, Broadband Allowance May 15	23.60	0.00	23.60
P A Dennis	Reimbursement for 1&1 Website Hosting costs 08/05/15 - 08/06/15	4.99	1.00	5.99
HMRC	Month 2 Contributions	71.40	0.00	71.40
Total				874.28

- b) Bank Reconciliation April 2015 – **Noted**
- c) Balances against the Precept to 17 May 2015 – **Noted**
- d) Conservation of War Memorial – Resolution 7 – Quotation Summary

RESOLVED (13)

That consideration of this item be deferred until the meeting to be held on 18 June 2015.

- e) Payment to Substitute Clerk for Clerking Meeting on 19 March 2015 – Resolution 8

RESOLVED (14)

That it be noted with appreciation that Mrs J Worthington was happy to have helped out on this occasion and did not wish to claim payment.

- f) Insurance Quotations to take effect from 1 June 2015

RESOLVED (15)

That the Council renew its insurance with Came and Company with effect from 1 June 2015 for a three year term under a long-term agreement at a cost of £421.61 for 2015/16 which will be subject only to inflation rises and changes in cover requirements in future years.

- g) YLCA – Good Councillor Guide 4th Edition available with recent addendum – **Email link to Members**

h) Employee Pensions

RESOLVED (16)

That it be noted that the Clerk had registered the Parish Council with the Pension Regulator and that updates would be provided to the Council as the automatic pensions enrolment process progressed.

i) Transparency Code

RESOLVED (17)

That in addition to a change in the External Audit regime for Councils with a turnover not exceeding £25,000 from 1 April 2017 it be noted that the Council had a duty to publish the following details on its website from 1 July 2015

- All items of expenditure above £100
- End of Year accounts
- Annual Governance Statement
- Internal audit Report
- List of Councillor or member responsibilities
- Details of public land and building assets

j) Local Bus Service

Councillor Schofield raised the issue of local bus services travelling between Blaxton and Doncaster via Robin Hood Airport which resulted in a journey time of around 45 minutes for a journey of approximately 7 miles, an average speed of less than 10 miles an hour.

RESOLVED (18)

That the South Yorkshire Transport Executive be requested to:-

- explain why all journeys have to travel via the Airport
- provide details of Services which travel via the Airport including passenger numbers boarding and alighting at the Airport, Blaxton and Fillingley for each journey over an average week.

19) PLANNING

a) Planning Applications

<u>Application No and Address</u>	<u>Details</u>	<u>Comments</u>
15/00873/FULFT The Paddocks, Back Lane. Blaxton, Doncaster	Erection of single storey pitched roof extension to detached garage	Neither support nor object
15/01057/REMM Land at Station Road, Blaxton, Doncaster, DN9 3AQ	Details of Access, Appearance, Landscaping, Layout and Scale of design for the erection of 38 dwellings on approx. 1.11ha of land (being matters reserved in outline permission under reference 08/00563/OUTM on	Neither support nor object subject to compliance with Condition 8 of Approval 12/01327/EXTM dated 14 April 2014 relating to contamination.

<u>Application No and Address</u>	<u>Details</u>	<u>Comments</u>
	22/07/09 and permission extended by application 12/01327/EXTM on 14.04.2014)	

RESOLVED (19)

That the comments above be submitted to DMBC.

- b) Summerfields Estate Green Space – **No Issues**
- c) Scoping Opinion on Fracking Exploration at Misson – Notts CC 15/00147/SCO – Consultation Update – **Noted**

20) CHAIR'S REPORT

- a) Roadside Bulbs

RESOLVED (20)

That bulbs for planting between trees on Thorne Road near to the Blue Bell be purchased when appropriate for planting by Need A Hand in September 2015.

- b) Paving Around Planters

RESOLVED (21)

That a consideration of the supply and installation of paving slabs around the three planters near to Blaxton Roundabout be deferred for consideration at the next meeting.

- c) Cars for Sale on Back Lane

It was reported that up to three cars for sale had been parked on Park Lane in the area used for parking by visitors to the Village Hall.

RESOLVED (22)

That the Clerk be requested to contact DMBC for advice relating to the sale of multiple vehicles on the highway.

- d) Possible Development off Station Road adjacent to Railway Line

RESOLVED (23)

That it be noted that there was a possibility that an area adjacent to the railway line towards the rear of the Station Hotel and bounded by Low Pasture would be developed as a storage facility.

21) BLAXTON PLAYING FIELD

Ball Wall, Bench and Seats

RESOLVED (24)

That the Clerk be requested to review and update the quotations received previously for moving the Ball Wall and to seek quotations for the provision of a picnic table and benches for installation on the Playing Field.

22) BLAXTON VILLAGE HALL

a) Report from Village Hall Committee Annual Meeting on 20 May 2015

Councillors McCarron and Johnson reported on the Annual Meeting of the Village Hall Committee held on 20 May 2015.

RESOLVED (25)

That the reports, which covered current activities, lettings clashes and damp issues amongst other things be noted with thanks.

b) Damp on walls – Resolution 16

RESOLVED (26)

That the Clerk be requested to pass the two quotations received for remedial work to the Secretary of the Village Hall Committee so that the Committee could make a decision about future action.

23) JOINT PLAYING FIELD

- a) Agenda 20 April 2015 – **Noted**
- b) Minutes 20 April 2015 – **Noted**
- c) Pavilion Update

RESOLVED (27)

That the report provided by Councillor Johnson explaining the strategy for progressing the Pavilion Project be received and noted and, that Blaxton Parish Council record full support for the process to be managed between the Playing Field Association and Finningley Parish Council subject to no costs falling on Blaxton Parish Council and, regular updates on the progress of the project.

d) Ramp Inspection Report March 2015

RESOLVED (28)

That the regular DMBC inspection of the Ramp on the Joint Playing Field be discontinued and that the Playing Field Association be requested to carry out an annual photographic comparison of the areas highlighted by the DMBC Inspecting Officer.

RESOLVED (29)

That Need A Hand also be given a copy of the reference photographs and requested to notify the Clerk of any changes in the structure.

24) CORRESPONDENCE

- a) Former Wesleyan Chapel – Request to improve appearance

RESOLVED (30)

That with regret the Council considers that it cannot take any action to seek improvements to the appearance of the Chapel since there are no known structural or grounds concerns and the owner is already aware of concerns about the appearance of the site.

- b) YLCA South Yorkshire Branch Nominations

RESOLVED (31)

That the following nominations be submitted to YLCA:-

Chair of South Yorkshire Branch	D Liddle
Vice-Chair of South Yorkshire Branch	D Wright
Representative to YLCA Executive Committee	D Liddle

- c) DMBC – Community Right to Bid

RESOLVED (32)

That this matter be deferred for further consideration at the next meeting.

RESOLVED (33)

That the following items be noted:-

- d) YLCA White Rose Update 25 April 2015 and Training Programme
- e) DMBC Public Rights of Way Forum Draft Minutes 26 March 2015
- f) DMBC PCJCC Draft Minutes 17 March 2015
- g) DMBC PCJCC Double Taxation Meeting Notes
- h) RAY – April 2015 eBulletin – emailed 16/05/15
- i) SYPTE Ticketing and Travel Pass Options in South Yorkshire
- j) Nottinghamshire County Council Consultation on Proposed Waste Site Selection Methodology
- k) Clerks and Councils Direct – May 2015

25) DATE OF NEXT MEETING

RESOLVED (34)

That it be noted that the next Meeting of the Parish Council was due to take place on Thursday 18 June 2015 at 19:30 in Blaxton Village Hall

Meeting closed at 22:36

Chair: _____

Date: _____