

BLAXTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 16 JULY 2015 IN BLAXTON VILLAGE HALL AT 19:30

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

IN ATTENDANCE: 3 members of the public, DMBC Ward Members J Cox and S Cox and Stephen Racjan, DMBC Communities Officer

1) APOLOGIES – All Present

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

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

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

4) MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 18 JUNE 2015

RESOLVED (1)

That the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 18 June 2015 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

5) PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Park Lane Issues – Turning Area

Residents reported that the issue of turning within the confines of 62 Park Lane had been referred to a Solicitor with a view to obtaining a Prescriptive Easement to ensure future unfettered vehicle access to the turning area. Resolution of the issue by mediation was no longer a possibility. It was also reported that the DMBC Highways and Planning departments had been challenged as to how a proposal to discharge the conditions of the Planning Approval in respect of 62a Park Lane could be made when a 28 Day Notice to comply was currently in place. Ward Members confirmed that they were in touch with DMBC departments about these issues.

The Chair thanked residents and Ward Members for their updates.

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

a) Park Lane – Resolution 5

RESOLVED (2)

That the update on the Park Lane turning issue be noted.

b) DMBC – Community Right to Bid email – Deferred 18/06/15 – Minute 7(d)

RESOLVED (3)

That no further action be taken.

c) Local Bus Service – Resolution 7

The response from South Yorkshire Passenger Transport Executive was considered and Members felt that there was insufficient information for them to be able to adequately explain to residents the reasons for the many, apparently pointless, trips around the Airport.

RESOLVED (4)

That the Clerk be requested to seek further clarification from SYPTE.

d) Roadside Bulbs – Resolution 20 – 21 May 2015

RESOLVED (5)

That a 25kg bag of daffodils and 250 British Blue Bells be ordered for planting along the verge on Thorne Road near to the Blue Bell at a cost of around £100.

e) Agenda by Email – Resolution 5 – Feedback

Some concerns were expressed about the cost of ink but Members had not experienced difficulties accessing the documents.

7) DONCASTER SHEFFIELD AIRPORT

a) Airport Training Flight Nuisance – Resolution 4 – Airport Response

A reply from Robin Hood Airport to the Clerk's enquiries about training flight noise was considered. Councillor Jane Cox, DMBC Ward Member, also provided information about training flights and communication channels with the Airport. Parish Councillor Richard Johnson recalled that the original Planning Approval had been for a maximum duration of two hours for continuous training flights.

RESOLVED (6)

That the Clerk be requested to contact the Airport again with a view to seeking improvements in communications with the local community, especially when higher than normal levels of noise and flight activity are likely to occur and, to seek information about when training flight duration was extended.

b) Airport Consultative Committee

Councillor McCarron reported on the Airport Consultative Committee meeting held on 16 July 2015 where information had been provided about the increases in freight and passenger traffic and progress with the rail station project and the FARRRS link road.

RESOLVED (7)

That the report be noted with thanks.

8) POLICING ISSUES – None

9) DMBC COMMUNITIES EAST AREA TEAM ISSUES – None

10) WARD MEMBERS

Councillors J Cox and S Cox reported on Park Lane and Airport issues and on DMBC efforts to encourage Parish Councils to engage in the DMBC Local Plan process.

RESOLVED (8)

That the reports be noted with thanks.

11) ACCOUNTS & FINANCIAL MATTERS

a) July 2015 Payments

RESOLVED (9)

That the following items be authorised for payment:-

<u>Payee/Invoice No</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Net</u>	<u>VAT</u>	<u>Total</u>
DMBC 21501891	Dog Waste Bin collections 30/03/15 - 21/06/15 - 3 bins @ £5.15 each for 12 weeks	185.40	37.08	222.48
P A Dennis	Salary June 2015	280.20	0.00	280.20
P A Dennis	Office, Telephone, Broadband Allowance June 15	23.60	0.00	23.60
P A Dennis	Reimbursement for 1&1 Website Hosting costs 08/07/15 - 08/08/15	4.99	1.00	5.99
HMRC	Month 4 Contributions	71.40	0.00	71.40
Total				603.67

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

c) Balances against the Precept to 11 July 2015 – **Noted**

d) Quotations for Paving Around Planters – Resolution 13

RESOLVED (10)

That since a second quotation had not been received this item be deferred for consideration at the September meeting.

e) Conservation of War Memorial – Resolution 14

Three quotations were considered

RESOLVED (11) That:

- i) the quotation from the Victoria Cross Trust in the sum of £550 to clean the Memorial and approach path and repoint plynth joints where necessary be accepted;

- ii) the option to apply for a grant from the War Memorials Trust towards the cost of cleaning the Memorial be not pursued in view of the uncertainty about the application being approved and because a decision would not be known until mid-October 2015.

f) Wreath Retention System – deferred 18/06/15

RESOLVED (12)

That consideration of this item be deferred pending receipt of a second quotation and to allow time for research into possible designs by Councillors Oliver and Johnson and the Clerk.

g) Authorisation of payments between meetings

RESOLVED (13)

That in accordance with Financial Regulation 6.9 and, subject to annual review, the Clerk be authorised to make the following types of payment in August and December, when the Council does not meet and, between other meetings where the payment would otherwise be unreasonably delayed:-

- Salaries, income tax, national insurance and previously agreed employee expenses
- Grass cutting on Blaxton Playing field – annual contract
- Entrance strimming at Blaxton Playing Field and ramp strimming on Joint Playing Field
- Contracted Planter replanting and watering
- Waste Bin emptying by DMBC
- Annual maintenance of roadside seats subject to a limit of £300
- Work previously approved by Council minute following acceptance of a quotation and subject to satisfactory completion

h) Annual Roadside Seat Maintenance

RESOLVED (14)

That the quotation for the maintenance of identified roadside seats at £25 or £30 depending on the quantity of work required be authorised.

12) REVIEW OF STANDING ORDERS AND FINANCIAL REGULATIONS

RESOLVED (15)

That no amendments be made to the Standing Orders approved on 21 November 2014 or the Financial Regulations approved on 15 January 2015 and that the documents be reviewed regularly.

13) PLANNING

- a) Planning Applications – **None**

b) DMBC Doncaster Local Plan and on-going engagement with Parish Councils

RESOLVED (16)

That the Clerk be requested to arrange for a presentation on the DMBC Local Plan to be made on Monday 17 August 2015 at 10:00am in Blaxton Village Hall subject to Hall and DMBC staff availability.

c) Doncaster Local Plan – Issues and Options Consultations Summer 2015 – **Noted**

d) Summerfields Estate Green Space

RESOLVED (17)

That it be noted that the dog fouling at the entrance to the Summerfields green space and around the area had been reported to DMBC for action.

14) CHAIR'S REPORT

The Chair reported on the overgrown state of the path and the damaged gate on Public Footpath number 1 which had been reported to DMBC and the local farmer respectively.

RESOLVED (18)

That the report be noted.

15) BLAXTON PLAYING FIELD

a) Quotations to supply and install Table and Seats – Resolution 17

RESOLVED (19)

That since a second quotation had not been received this item be deferred for consideration at the September meeting.

b) Updated Quotations to relocate Ball Wall

RESOLVED (20)

That since a second quotation had not been received this item be deferred for consideration at the September meeting.

16) BLAXTON VILLAGE HALL – No report

17) JOINT PLAYING FIELD

a) Minutes 30 June 2015 – Noted

b) Pavilion Update

Councillor Johnson reported that applications for funding from Section 106 funds held by DMBC and for a grant from Sports England had been submitted. A Planning Application for the proposed building had also been submitted to DMBC.

18) CORRESPONDENCE

RESOLVED (21)

That the following items be received and noted:-

- a) South Yorkshire Police and Crime Commissioner Newsletter – Issue One
- b) Doncaster Health & Wellbeing Board - Health & Wellbeing Strategy
- c) Combined Authority to Drive Transport Agenda
- d) YLCA Annual Review 2014/15
- e) YLCA – White Rose Update June 2015
- f) YLCA – South Yorkshire Annual Branch Meeting 8 July 2015
- g) Yorkshire Local Councils Associations, Joint Annual Meeting 2015
- h) SY Fire and Rescue Authority – Member Briefing July 2015
- i) Clerks and Councils Direct – July 2015
- j) DMBC – Public Rights of Way Forum – Agenda 30 July 2015
- k) Yorkshire Day Celebrations 1 August 2015

19) DATE OF NEXT MEETING

RESOLVED (22)

That it be noted that the next Meeting of the Parish Council was due to take place on Thursday 17 September 2015 at 19:30 in Blaxton Village Hall

Meeting closed at 21:45

Chair: _____

Date: _____