

BLAXTON PARISH COUNCIL

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

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

IN ATTENDANCE: One member of the public, DMBC Ward Members J Cox and S Cox, two PCSOs and Stephen Racjan, DMBC Stronger Communities Officer.

- 1) **APOLOGIES** – Councillor N C McCarron
- 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** – None
- 4) **MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 15 OCTOBER 2015**

RESOLVED (1)

That the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 15 October 2015 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

Councillor L Hornsby arrived during the following item

5) PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Traffic Speed on Blaxton Roundabout Approaches

A member of the public attended the meeting and read from a prepared statement about the dangers of speeding traffic on the approaches to Blaxton Roundabout and, the inconsistency of the 40mph speed limit in comparison with similar situations in other nearby villages where a 30mph limit was in operation.

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

- a) Roadside Bulbs – Planting planned for 23 November 2015

7) BLAXTON VILLAGE SPEED LIMIT

RESOLVED (2)

That the Clerk be requested to raise this issue again with DMBC (previously raised in February 2015) to highlight the inconsistency of Blaxton village speed limits by comparison to those in operation in nearby villages.

8) DONCASTER SHEFFIELD AIRPORT

a) Training Flight Nuisance – Resolution 3

RESOLVED (3)

That it be noted that the Airport Noise Monitoring equipment was being calibrated following its previous use and would be located at Councillor Hornsby's address when available.

9) POLICING ISSUES

The Police Community Service Officers explained in some detail about the impact of the drastic cuts on the provision of police services generally. Councillor Johnson asked why reports on monthly police activities were no longer provided and it was explained that this required Officer time to produce and could be no longer be justified.

RESOLVED (4)

That the Officers be thanked for attending and for their comments and, that the Council record its concern about the further erosion in Police Services in the area and the inability of the Police to find the £150 needed for the annual calibration of a speed gun funded by local communities.

10) DMBC COMMUNITIES EAST AREA TEAM ISSUES

Stephen Racjan outlined the Communities Team activities in the area and highlighted the Seed Fund and Helping Hand Fund grant schemes which provided small grants to community groups.

RESOLVED (5)

That the report be received with thanks and that the Clerk be requested to provide information about the grant funding schemes to the Village Hall Committee.

11) WARD MEMBERS

Ward Members reported on discussions with DMBC Officers following the Parish Council's most recent request for a meeting with Officers in connection with planning applications relating to a property on Park Lane. The Officers had taken Ward Members through the planning history of the property and had also offered to do this with Parish Council representatives on a date to be decided.

RESOLVED (6)

That the report be noted with thanks and that this matter be considered under Agenda Item 14(b) below.

12) PARISH COUNCIL USE OF FACEBOOK – Deferred to January meeting – Noted

13) ACCOUNTS & FINANCIAL MATTERS

a) November 2015 Payments

RESOLVED (7)

That the following payments be approved: -

<u>Payee/Invoice</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Net</u>	<u>VAT</u>	<u>Total</u>
DMBC – 21750062	Dog Waste Bin collections 22/06/15 - 13/09/15 - 3 bins @ £5.15 each for 12 weeks	185.40	37.08	222.48
Need A Hand – 1612	Autumn planting of three existing planters and one additional planter - 06/11/2015	346.00	0.00	346.00
P A Dennis	Salary November 2015	280.20	0.00	280.20
P A Dennis	Office, Telephone, Broadband Allowance November 15	23.60	0.00	23.60
P A Dennis – 203006774465	Reimbursement for 1&1 Website Hosting costs 08/11/15 - 08/12/15	19.99	4.00	23.99
P A Dennis	Reimbursement for 200 English Blue Bells from Naturescape 17/10/15	30.29	6.05	36.34
P A Dennis	Land Registry Title and Map 07/11/15	6.00	0.00	6.00
HMRC	Month 8 Contributions	71.40	0.00	71.40
DMBC – 21791761	Election Charges 7 May 2015	89.45	0.00	89.45
P A Dennis	Information Commissioner's Office – Data Protection Registration 16/11/15 – 15/11/16 Annual Fee	35.00	0.00	35.00
Total				1,134.46

- b) Bank Reconciliation October 2015 – **Noted**
- c) Balances against Budgets to 10 November 2015 – **Noted**
- d) Periodic Audit by Members to 31 October 2015 – **Documents passed to Councillors Hornsby and Oliver**
- e) Ink and Paper used by Members – Resolution 6

RESOLVED (8)

That it be agreed that Members could claim for the reimbursement of printing and paper costs in connection with their duties as a Parish Councillor subject to the provision of receipts for the cost of ink and paper purchased and a claim for reimbursement.

RESOLVED (9)

That the reimbursement of printing and paper costs to Members be kept under review.

- f) Wreath Retention System – Resolution 7 – **Work Ordered**
- g) Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer – Review of Paid Hours

Council considered a report by the Clerk on the average weekly hours worked from December 2012 to date and during his previous employment from August 2005 to

January 2009. The Clerk answered Members' questions about the report after which he took no further part in the meeting.

RESOLVED (10)

That the weekly hours paid to the Clerk be increased by two hours per week from 1 January 2016 and that the cost in the 2015/16 financial year be met from virement within the Administration Budget.

h) Draft Budget 2016/17

RESOLVED (11)

That the Draft Budget for 2016/17, circulated by email on 17 November 2015 be approved subject to the correction of the proposed Precept for 2016/17 to £21,641 and the increase in the budget for the Clerk's salary to £5,403 to take account of the increase of two hours approved at Resolution (10) above.

RESOLVED (12)

That any further budget changes be considered at the meeting of the Parish Council scheduled for 21 January 2016 prior to setting the Precept for 2016/17.

i) YLCA – Public Contracts Regulations – Contracts Finder User Guide - **Noted**

14) PLANNING

a) Planning Application ES/3379 Develop a hydrocarbon wellsite and drill up to two exploratory hydrocarbon wells at land off Springs Road, Misson, Nottinghamshire DN10 6ET

RESOLVED (13)

That the Council objects to the traffic proposals in Planning Application ES/3379 because:

- the declared preference is for all development traffic to pass through Blaxton, which appears to be inconsistent with the original and more balanced spread outlined in the application;
- it appears that Blaxton residents, who will derive no benefit from this development, will suffer the majority of the inconvenience from the increased traffic flow;
- a substantial number of Blaxton residents live "off" the B1396 and A614 and require vehicle and pedestrian access to these roads to go about their daily business;
- the Council believes that the inconvenience, pollution, delay and risk should be more equally shared amongst communities in the villages surrounding this development.

b) Planning Applications 15/02005/FUL and 13/00548/FUL – 62 Park Lane

RESOLVED (14)

That the Clerk be requested to accept the invitation to meet DMBC Officers to discuss the issues surrounding the current planning application and, that Councillors Hornsby and Johnson attend the meeting together with the Clerk.

- c) Planning Application 15/01057/REMM – Land at Station Road Blaxton Doncaster DN9 3AQ – Possible use of Section 106 Funds Resolutions 9 and 10

RESOLVED (15)

That it be noted that the Clerk had requested clarification from DMBC about the decision to award the Section 106 funds from this development to the Finningley and Blaxton Joint Playing Field which does not exist.

- d) Misson Springs Fracking Update – **Noted**
e) Summerfields Estate Green Space – Resolution 11 – **Noted**

15) CHAIR'S REPORT

The Chair reported on the well-attended Service at the War Memorial on Sunday 8 November 2015 and the public footpath adjacent to Levels Lane. Councillor Hornsby also commented on the War Memorial Service and explained that there may be a need to review the Armistice Protocol.

RESOLVED (16)

That the reports be noted and that an item to enable consideration of the Armistice Protocol be included on the Agenda for the meeting on 18 February 2016.

16) BLAXTON PLAYING FIELD – **Noted that the tree adjacent to the entrance may need further pruning.**

17) BLAXTON VILLAGE HALL

Councillor Johnson reported on a Village Hall Committee meeting held on 11 November 2015 where it was agreed to appoint a contractor to deal with the damp problems on the internal wall to the left of the main entrance at a cost of around £2,200.

RESOLVED (17)

That the report be noted with thanks.

18) JOINT PLAYING FIELD

- a) Agenda and Minutes for 3 November 2015 – **Noted**
b) Pavilion Update

RESOLVED (18)

That it be noted that: -

- the approval of the Section 106 grant application was still awaited from DMBC;
- the Architect had been advised that a strict tendering process in accordance with Finningley Parish Council Financial Regulations must be followed;
- observations on the final scheme and tenders would be sought from Blaxton Parish Council and the Joint Playing Field Association before a decision on awarding the contract was made by Finningley Parish Council.

- c) Public Spaces Protection Order – Joint Playing Field – **Noted**

19) CORRESPONDENCE

- a) Post Office Raffle – Finningley Community Association invitation re Wheelie Bin Speed Stickers

The Council considered a report on the proposed use of proceeds from a raffle held by Vin Bahara at Finningley Post Office. The raffle raised £248 for use in the communities of Finningley and Blaxton. The proceeds would be used to meet the cost of speed awareness stickers which could be placed on Wheelie Bins on main roads to remind traffic to slow down. Future raffle proceeds would be used on other initiatives.

RESOLVED (19)

That the Clerk be requested to thank Mr Bhara for his thoughtful actions and that the offer of a number of stickers, to be provided by the Finningley Community Group, to Blaxton Parish Council for distribution be accepted with thanks.

RESOLVED (20)

That the following items be noted: -

- b) SYPTE Public Consultation on Proposed New Doncaster Bus Network
- c) SYPTE Public consultation pack – Doncaster Bus Partnership
- d) SYPTE – Appointment of Executive Director
- e) DMBC Parish Councils' JCC Agenda 11th November 2015
- f) DMBC – Public Rights of Way Forum 26 November 2015
- g) Tesco Local Community Scheme – Community Green Spaces Grants
- h) SY Police – Change to Police PACT Meetings
- i) SY Police and Crime Commissioner Newsletter – Issue Two
- j) SY Fire and Rescue Authority – Member Briefing November 2015
- k) YLCA South Yorkshire Branch – Councillor Peter Allison's Presentation on Hydraulic Fracturing to the Branch on 8 July 2015
- l) YLCA – Understanding Data Protection & Freedom of Information Training – 2 December 2015
- m) Clerks and Councils Direct November 2015
- n) Open Spaces Autumn Newsletter
- o) Fuelling Connections: Event Invitation
- p) Fuelling Connections Roundtable Summary
- q) Get up and Go – A Guide to Going Steady
- r) YLCA White Rose Update 13 November 2015

20) DATE OF NEXT MEETING

RESOLVED (21)

That it be noted that the next Meeting of the Parish Council was due to take place on Thursday 21 January 2016 at 19:30 in Blaxton Village Hall.

Meeting closed at 21:50

Chair: _____

Date: _____