

## BLAXTON PARISH COUNCIL

### MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 21 JANUARY 2016 IN BLAXTON VILLAGE HALL AT 19:30

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

**IN ATTENDANCE:** Three members of the public and DMBC Ward Members J Cox and  
S Cox.

**1) APOLOGIES – None**

**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 19 NOVEMBER 2015**

RESOLVED (1)

That the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 19 November 2015 be confirmed  
as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

**5) PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

a) Planning Approval 15/02005/FUL – 62 Park Lane

Residents attended in connection with the approval of Planning Application  
15/02005/FUL by DMBC on 31 December 2015 and raised issues about the provision  
of advance signage to indicate that turning was allowed at the end of Park Lane and  
an inaccuracy in the Planning Officer's Delegation Report.

Ward Members agreed to raise issues with DMBC Officers about advance signage  
and the inclusion of wording on the gate at the end of Park Lane to the effect that  
vehicle users were permitted to open the gate to gain access for turning.

The Clerk reported that the inaccuracy on the Planning Approval which incorrectly  
stated that the Council had lifted its objection had been corrected by DMBC on the  
Planning website.

b) Wheelie Bin Stickers – Reminder to Drivers to Reduce Speed

Speed reduction stickers for use on wheelie bins at properties along main roads in  
Finningley and Blaxton were received at the meeting. The stickers had been obtained  
with funds generated from raffles held at Finningley Post Office (Go Local Extra) which  
is keen to raise funds to support small projects to benefit the community.

Members agreed to distribute the stickers together with an explanatory letter to be produced by the Clerk.

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

- a) Blaxton Village Speed Limits – Resolution 2 – **DMBC reply 2 December 2015 to the effect that there was no evidence of need to consider the reduction of speed limits – Noted**

#### **7) DONCASTER SHEFFIELD AIRPORT**

- a) Noise Monitoring Equipment on Summerfields Drive – Resolution 3, 19 November 2015 – **Equipment still awaited**
- b) Noise Monitoring and Environmental Sub-Committee Agenda 3 December 2015

Councillor McCarron reported on the meeting held on 3 December 2015 which had considered issues including the Airport Community Investment Fund which would provide small grants to help with local projects and increases in freight and passenger traffic.

RESOLVED (2)

That Councillor McCarron be thanked for the report which was noted.

#### **8) POLICING ISSUES**

- a) Police Staffing Levels, Reductions in Services and Speed Gun Calibration – Resolution 4 – Response emailed 06/12/15 – **Noted**
- b) South Yorkshire Police and Crime Commissioner Newsletter – Issue Three – emailed 03/01/16 – **Noted**

#### **9) DMBC EAST AREA COMMUNITIES TEAM ISSUES**

RESOLVED (3)

That the Clerk be requested to log the increased incidence of dog fouling along Blaxton Public footpaths 1 and 2 and on the Summerfields green space with DMBC.

#### **10) WARD MEMBERS REPORT – No issues**

#### **11) PARISH COUNCIL USE OF FACEBOOK**

RESOLVED (4)

That in the absence of public engagement with the pilot Facebook site the Clerk be requested to remove the site.

#### **12) ACCOUNTS & FINANCIAL MATTERS**

- a) Payments – 17 December 2015

RESOLVED (5)

That the following payments authorised in December 2015 be approved in retrospect:-

<u>Payee/Invoice No</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Net</u>	<u>VAT</u>	<u>Total</u>
Glendale Countryside (formerly Veolia) – <b>GC446PARISH0353</b>	BPF Grass Cutting 16/10/15	34.62	6.92	41.54
Need A Hand – <b>1625</b>	Collect, check, install Christmas Lights, install 04/12/15 and remove January 2016	95.00	0.00	95.00
P A Dennis	Salary December 2015	280.20	0.00	280.20
P A Dennis	Office, Telephone, Broadband Allowance December 15	23.60	0.00	23.60
P A Dennis	Reimbursement for 1&1 Website Hosting costs 08/12/15 - 08/01/16	19.99	4.00	23.99
HMRC	Month 9 Contributions	71.40	0.00	71.40
<b>Total</b>				<b>535.73</b>

b) Payments for Authorisation 21 January 2016

RESOLVED (6)

That the following payments submitted for authorisation at the meeting be approved:-

<u>Payee/Invoice No</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Net</u>	<u>VAT</u>	<u>Total</u>
1415 Limited (Mr Flag) <b>7089</b>	6' x 4' Union Flag	84.10	16.82	100.92
DMBC <b>21954006</b>	Dog Waste Bin collections 14/09/15 - 06/12/15 - 3 bins @ £5.15 each for 12 weeks	185.40	37.08	222.48
P A Dennis	Salary January 2016	360.26	0.00	360.26
P A Dennis	Office, Telephone, Broadband Allowance January 2016	23.60	0.00	23.60
P A Dennis <b>203007127293</b>	Reimbursement for 1&1 Website Hosting costs 08/01/16 - 08/02/16	19.99	4.00	23.99
HMRC	Month 10 Contributions	91.40	0.00	91.40
<b>Total</b>				<b>822.65</b>

c) External Audit 2017/18 Onwards

RESOLVED (7)

That the guidance be received and noted and that no action be taken to opt out of the arrangements for External Audit being made by Smaller Authorities' Audit Appointments Limited for 2017/18 and onwards.

- d) Bank Reconciliation December 2015 – **Noted**
- e) Balances against Budgets to 13 January 2015 – **Noted**
- f) Periodic Audit by Members to 31 October 2014 – **To be returned to the Clerk**
- g) War Memorial Wreath Retention System – **In production**
- h) YLCA Membership Subscription 2016/17 – **Projected increase of £18 noted**
- i) Christmas Lights

It was reported that the remaining sets of blue and white tree lights were approaching the end of their serviceable life.

RESOLVED (8)

That an additional 100 metre string of multi-coloured lights at a cost of £114.08 be authorised for purchase by the end of January to obtain a 20% seasonal discount.

j) Revised Draft Budget for 2016/17

The Council considered the revised draft Budget for 2016/17.

RESOLVED (9)

That:- a) The draft Blaxton Playing Field Grounds Maintenance Budget be increased by £1,000 to £2,000 to include provision towards fence maintenance and attention to a tree near the pedestrian entrance.

b) The draft Street Furniture Budget be increased by £1,500 to establish provision for a roadside village name sign.

k) Precept for 2016/17

RESOLVED (10)

That a standstill Precept of £21,641 be set for 2016/17.

### 13) PLANNING

- a) DMBC Planning Applications – **None**
- b) Doncaster Local Plan: Site Selection Methodologies Consultation – **Noted**
- c) Lincolnshire Lakes Proposed Modifications – **Noted**
- d) Misson Springs Fracking Updates – **Noted**
- e) Misson Springs Planning Application F/3321 (1/15/1034/CDM) – Installation of Groundwater Monitoring Boreholes in four separate locations and siting of mobile staff welfare facilities – Nottinghamshire County Council Planning and Licencing Committee to consider on 19 January 2016

RESOLVED (11)

That the Clerk be requested to object to the approval of Application F/3321 on the grounds that absolutely no consideration has been taken of the fact that all traffic resulting from this development will be directed along the B1396.

- f) Brownfield Briefing Conference – Unconventional Gas 24 February 2016 – **Noted**
- g) Summerfields Estate Green Space – **Noted**
- h) Planning Application 15/02005/FUL and 13/00548/FUL – Park Lane – Resolution 14 – **Dealt with under Public Participation**
- i) Planning Application 15/01057/REMM – Land At Station Road Blaxton Doncaster DN9 3AQ – Possible use of Section 106 Funds – Resolution 15

Members considered correspondence with DMBC on this matter which started in September 2015 and related to the allocation of Section 106 planning funds due from the planned housing development off Station Road in Blaxton. It seemed to Members that no real consideration had been given by DMBC to suggestions by the Parish

Council for the use of the S106 funds. DMBC Officers had apparently decided to allocate the total S106 funding of around £70,000 for use on the Blaxton and Finningley Joint Playing Field which was already in line to benefit from S106 Funds of £248,000.

No account seemed to have been taken of the fact that this type of funding was unlikely to occur again in Blaxton for many years and that it could help to make a significant impact on community facilities in Blaxton. Officers appeared to have shown a marked lack of inclination to engage in dialogue with the Parish Council to discuss opportunities for the use of the funding and there appeared to be a lack of transparency and confusion at DMBC about how Section 106 funds should be dealt with.

RESOLVED (12)

That the Clerk be requested to write to the DMBC Managing Director explaining the issues above and the Council's additional concern that a proposal from the Parish Council to allocate part of the funds to Blaxton Playing Field and the remaining part to further developments on Blaxton and Finningley Playing Field had been disregarded without explanation.

#### **14) CHAIR'S REPORT**

The Chair reported that the style and entrance to Blaxton Public Footpath Number 1 at the Levels Lane entrance had been improved and renovated.

RESOLVED (13)

That the report be noted.

#### **15) BLAXTON PLAYING FIELD – No issues**

#### **16) BLAXTON VILLAGE HALL**

Councillor Johnson reported on the meeting held on 20 January 2016. Two members of the public joined the meeting. The next meeting was due to take place on 16 March 2016.

RESOLVED (14)

That Councillor Johnson be thanked for his report.

#### **17) JOINT PLAYING FIELD**

a) Agenda and Minutes for 1 December 2015 – **Noted**

**The following item was discussed in camera: press and public were excluded due to the confidential nature of the business to be discussed**

b) Consideration of Pavilion Tenders

A summary of Tenders for a Pavilion, opened at the Finningley Parish Council meeting on 19 January 2016 was circulated and discussed. After confidential consideration of the Tenders by the Joint Playing Field Association representatives of the stakeholders would undertake a due diligence exercise, by discussing and clarifying elements of the tenders with the Contractors prior to making a recommendation to Finningley Parish Council for consideration on 16 February 2016.

RESOLVED (15)

That the Tender summary be received and noted and, that Councillor L Hornsby be requested to represent the Council at the Due Diligence meeting.

### 18) CORRESPONDENCE

The following correspondence has been sent by email or will be available at the meeting:-

- a) The Queen's 90th Birthday Beacons – emailed 03/01/16

RESOLVED (16)

That the Council investigate the possibility of a joint effort to celebrate the Queen's 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday and that this be considered further at the next meeting.

RESOLVED (17)

That the following items be noted:-

- b) DMBC – Waste and Recycling services update Monday 11th January 2016
- c) DMBC – Minutes of the Parish Councils' Joint Consultative Committee Meeting held on 11 November, 2015
- d) DMBC – Draft Minutes Public Rights of Way Forum 26th November 2015
- e) DMBC – Tour de Yorkshire – Saturday Finish for Doncaster
- f) DMBC – Tour de Yorkshire – Community Roadshow Event on 13 January 2016
- g) DMBC – 2016 Get Doncaster Walking Festival Event
- h) YLCA South Yorkshire Branch Meeting 6 February 2016
- i) NALC National Developments and Meetings Bulletin – 23 November 2015
- j) SY Fire and Rescue Authority – Member Briefing December 2015
- k) SYPTE – Bus Service Changes from the end of January 2016
- l) YLCA White Rose Update 23 December 2015
- m) Clerks and Councils Direct January 2016 – available at the meeting

### 19) DATE OF NEXT MEETING

RESOLVED (18)

That it be noted that the next Meeting of the Parish Council was due to take place on Thursday 18 February 2016 at 19:30 in Blaxton Village Hall.

Meeting closed at 21:50

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

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