

BLAXTON PARISH COUNCIL

**MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING HELD ON
THURSDAY 21 APRIL 2015 AT 19:30**

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

IN ATTENDANCE: Stephen Racjan (DMBC East Communities Team)

1 APOLOGIES – Councillor P Oliver

2 MINUTES OF ANNUAL PARISH MEETING HELD ON 16 APRIL 2015

The minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on 16 April 2015, agreed at the Parish Council meeting on 21 May 2015, were noted.

3 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

No matters arising from the minutes

4 CHAIR'S REPORT FOR 2015/16

The Chair read her report which was received and noted. *The chair's report will be incorporated in the published minutes*

5 PRECEPT 2016/17 – Noted

6 ISSUES RAISED BY RESIDENTS OF THE PARISH – None

Meeting closed at 19:39

Chair: *N.C.M. Loom*

Date: *19/5/16*

A Year in the Life of Blaxton Parish Council
2015 /2016

May 2015 saw the Annual General Meeting of the Council and a change of Chair. Representatives to the Joint Playing Field committee, Airport Consultative Committee, Parish Council Joint Consultative Committee and the Village Hall Committee remain the same.

Routine issues are dealt with quickly and effectively by Philip our clerk and are recorded in our minutes.

We continue to deal with the turning area on Park Lane. This issue is proving to be difficult to deal with. The DMBC and our two Ward councillors are now involved and we hope that there will be a satisfactory outcome sometime soon.

We have tried to deal with the problem of stray horses roaming the village and particularly on the Blaxton playing field.

There is now legislation that allows the local authority to deal with stray horses but because of a lack of funds and resources they are rather limited as to how much they can do.

A complaint from residents about the speed of traffic on the local roads. This was reported to the Highways department. The following is their reply

That there was no evidence of need to consider the reduction of speed limits.

Complaints from residents have been raised about Training Flights over the village. These have been raised with the airport. In some cases the airport has offered noise monitoring equipment to anyone who wants to take up the offer

Discussions have taken place as to how to retain the Poppy Wreaths around the War Memorial. Various ideas were raised.

An inner metal frame has been installed to retain the wreaths. We hope that this will be a satisfactory solution.

The Blaxton Playing Field (apart from when the horses are on it) looks very good and the play equipment that we bought in February 2015 looks as good as new.

We hope that many children will enjoy these facilities.

In the near future we are hoping to renew the playing field fencing.

We appreciate how much you care for the village and we continue to plant bulbs every year to brighten up the grass verges.

After many months if not years of discussion and negotiation I am very pleased to say that there will be a new Pavillion on the Joint Playing Field. By the time you read this the building will have started.

Blaxton & Finningley parish councils are working together to see this project through.

The funding has come from 106 money (received from developers who have built houses in the area). Sports England. The Blaxton & Finningley Playing Field Association has contributed from funds that they have raised over the years.

A lot can be achieved when working together and the groups and committees in Blaxton are working together for the benefit of the village. There are many examples of this. The Blaxton

Village Hall is very well supported with most evenings booked for various activities. The planters are well maintained and look pretty all the year round.

I would like to thank my fellow councillors, Councillor Norma McCarron, Councillor Len Hornsby, Councillor Peter Oliver, Councillor Richard Johnson for their support over the year. Also a big thank you to you Philip for all the work that you do on our behalf.

I would also like to thank our ward councillors Jane & Steve Cox for regularly attending our meetings.

Their presence and assistance is appreciated.

It has been a pleasure & a privilege to chair the council during this year.

Patricia Schofield