

BLAXTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 16 FEBRUARY 2017 IN BLAXTON VILLAGE HALL AT 19:30

PRESENT: Councillors N C McCarron (Chair), L Hornsby, R Johnson and P Schofield.

IN ATTENDANCE: One member of the public, Ward Councillor J Cox and P A Dennis (Clerk to the Council)

1) APOLOGIES

RESOLVED (1)

That apologies be accepted from Councillor P Oliver for absence from the meeting.

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 interest as a resident of Park Lane in relation to a planning issue on Park Lane.

4) MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 19 JANUARY 2017

RESOLVED (2)

That the Minutes of the meeting held on 19 January 2017 be confirmed as correct records and signed by the Chair.

5) PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

a) Sign on Park Lane

A member of the public, who had heard that an objection had been received about a recently installed sign which indicated that vehicle turning was available at the end of Park Lane, attended the meeting. They felt that the sign was being successful in alerting drivers that turning was available and had reduced the incidence of vehicle reversing. It was confirmed that an objection to the sign had been received and that a response would be decided under the correspondence item on the Agenda.

b) Residents' appeal against Planning Approval 16/02002/FUL, 36/38 Park Lane.

A resident reported that the residents group which had complained about the decision to approve Planning Application 16/02002/FUL had received notification that the complaint was to be investigated by the Local Government Ombudsman.

6) MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

Size of Parish Council – Resolution 16 – DMBC response expected in March – Noted

7) DMBC AND EAST AREA COMMUNITIES TEAM ISSUES

- a) Blaxton Roundabout Revised Planting Scheme – Resolution 3

The Chair reported on suggested planting for the roundabout which had been kindly provided by Branton Nurseries.

RESOLVED (3)

That the Clerk be requested to seek advice from DMBC about the suggested planting scheme.

- b) DMBC Public Rights of Way Forum Draft Minutes – 30th November 2016 – **Noted**
c) 20mph Speed Limits and Traffic Calming Measures – Resolution 20

The response to the Council's enquiry to DMBC about the possible provision of traffic calming measures and a 20mph speed limit on Summerfields Drive was considered.

It explained that Safety improvement measures were assessed in relation to Borough wide casualty reduction priorities and were targeted at those locations having the most serious existing road traffic casualty problems on a 'worst first' basis. The long-term safety record in the area did not indicate that there was a problem which required attention at present.

RESOLVED (4)

That the report from DMBC be received and noted.

- d) Vintage Tea Party 2017 – **Noted**

8) POLICING ISSUES

- a) South Yorkshire Police Budget Consultation 2017/18 – **Noted**
b) Police and Crime Commissioner Newsletter January 2017 – **Noted**

9) DONCASTER SHEFFIELD AIRPORT

- a) Doncaster Sheffield Airport Runway Works – **Noted**
b) Noise Monitoring Equipment on Summerfields Drive – **Update awaited**

10) WARD MEMBERS REPORT

DMBC Ward Councillor Jane Cox reported that it was hoped that vehicle speed monitoring would be carried out by Police Community Service Officers during March 2017.

RESOLVED (5)

That Councillor Cox be thanked for her report.

11) ACCOUNTS & FINANCIAL MATTERS

- a) Payments for authorisation 16 February 2017

RESOLVED (6)

That the following payments be authorised:-

| <u>Payee/Invoice No</u> | <u>Description</u> | <u>Net</u> | <u>VAT</u> | <u>Total</u> |
|--|--|------------|------------|---------------|
| DMBC 22818102 | Dog Waste Bin collections 19/09/16 - 11/12/16 - 3 bins @ £5.30 each for 12 weeks | 190.80 | 38.16 | 228.96 |
| 1415 Limited (Mr Flag) Proforma 9731 | 6' x 4' Sewn Union Flag | 88.80 | 17.76 | 106.56 |
| Viking 915088 | 1 HP364XL Black Ink Cartridge, 1 each HP364XL - Y, M, C cartridges | 51.96 | 10.39 | 62.35 |
| P A Dennis | Salary February 2017 | 363.74 | 0.00 | 363.74 |
| P A Dennis | Office, Telephone, Broadband Allowance February 2017 | 23.60 | 0.00 | 23.60 |
| P A Dennis | Reimbursement for 1&1 Website Hosting costs 08/02/17 - 08/03/17 | 19.99 | 4.00 | 23.99 |
| HMRC | Month 11 Contributions | 92.40 | 0.00 | 92.40 |
| Total | | | | 901.60 |

- b) Bank Reconciliation 1 February 2016 – **Noted**
c) Balances against the Budget to 11 February 2017 – **Noted**
d) Developments Approved to be funded from 2017/18 Budget – Resolution 13

RESOLVED (7)

That, further to allocating budget provision to fund the following developments during 2017/18, the priority order shown below be applied to the developments:-

- 1) replacement fence along the Blaxton Playing Field Bank End Road boundary
 - 2) resurfacing the War Memorial grounds
 - 3) roadside seat near to the bus stop between New Street and Hillscroft Road
 - 4) three Village Entrance Signs
- e) Blaxton Playing Field Bank End Road Fencing

RESOLVED (8)

That the Clerk be requested to obtain quotations for clearing vegetation along the Bank End Road side of the field prior to the planned replacement of the fencing.

- f) War Memorial Grounds

Council discussed possible ways of improving the surface of the War Memorial site to minimise maintenance and improve appearance. Concern was expressed that any surface would be damaged by tree root growth.

RESOLVED (9)

That, for the time being Need A Hand be requested to continue removing weeds, levelling the gravel and pruning trees as necessary, subject to prior agreement with the Clerk.

12) PLANNING

- a) Advice for Inclusion in Website – Resolution 10

RESOLVED (10)

That the proposed advice about suggested information, as amended after informal consultation with Members, be approved.

- b) Approved Planning Application 13/00531/TIP – Bank End Quarry – Inert Waste Transfer Station and Recycling Facility – Establishment of Liaison Group – **Update from Planning Enforcement awaited**
- c) Misson Springs updates – **Noted**
- d) Next Springs Road CLG meeting 9 February 2017 – **Noted**
- e) Springs Road Community Liaison Group Composition – Fracking Exploration at Misson Springs

RESOLVED (11)

That Parish Councillor P Schofield be nominated to represent the Council on the Springs Road Community Liaison Group.

- f) Summerfields Estate Green Space – **No Issues**

13) CHAIR'S REPORT

War Memorial Grounds Maintenance – **dealt with under 11(f) above**

14) BLAXTON PLAYING FIELD

- a) Grass Cutting Contract 2017

RESOLVED (12)

That the increase of £0.71 per cut for twelve cuts during the year be agreed.

- b) Maintenance and Inspection of Play Equipment

RESOLVED (13)

That the Clerk be requested to confirm that DMBC are continuing to check Blaxton Playing Field equipment regularly and advise Council of maintenance requirements.

15) BLAXTON VILLAGE HALL – No Issues

16) JOINT PLAYING FIELD

- a) Minutes 25 and 31 January 2017 – **Noted**
- b) Pavilion Update

Councillor Johnson reported on progress with the Pavilion and explained that completion by 24 February 2017 was looking likely.

RESOLVED (14)

That the report be noted with thanks.

c) Ramp Maintenance and Structural Monitoring

Videos of the ramp were presented at the meeting so that grounds maintenance needs could be assessed. Council also considered images of defined areas of the ramp which had been taken in 2012, 2015 and 2017 which allowed comparison so that any changes in the structure could be monitored. It was noted that pointing in some areas would be needed at some time in the future.

RESOLVED (15)

That the Clerk be requested to obtain a quotation for trimming back vegetation and removing moss from the ramp from its junction with Lower Pasture to where it meets the field.

RESOLVED (16)

That it be agreed that there was no apparent cause for concern about the structure of the ramp; that it be inspected again in 2018 and that the Playing Field Association be asked to notify the Clerk if any concerns arose.

17) CORRESPONDENCE

a) Letter about Sign on Park Lane

The Parish Council considered a letter received by the Clerk on 12 February 2017 about a sign, advising that turning was available at the end of Park Lane, which had been displayed on a tree at the boundary of a Parish Councillor's residence.

The letter raised a number of concerns about the impact of the sign on Park Lane residents and on the resident's property where turning had been made available.

Members recalled that the issue of safety on Park Lane had been considered at length and that DMBC had advised that they could not provide signage to indicate that turning was available because there was no Department for Transport approved sign for this purpose. However, DMBC had explained that there was nothing to prevent residents displaying advisory signs in their gardens.

RESOLVED (17)

That the Clerk be requested to reply to the letter and explain that the Council is aware of the sign which, it understands, does not conflict with any regulations and is therefore unable to take any action on this matter.

RESOLVED (18)

That the following correspondence items be noted:-

- b) YLCA South Yorkshire Branch meeting Agenda 25 February 2017
- c) YLCA White Rose Update January 2017
- d) NALC DIS and Grants & Funding Bulletins

e) Letter to Park Lane Residents about a Planning Application Approval

Councillor Schofield reported that she had received a letter from a group of residents who were challenging a decision by the Local Planning Authority. She explained that she would not be engaging with the group to prevent the possible conflict with her position on the Parish Council

RESOLVED (19)

That the report be noted

18) DATE OF NEXT MEETING

RESOLVED (20)

That it be noted that the next Meeting of the Parish Council was due to take place on Thursday 16 March 2017 at 19:30 in Blaxton Village Hall

Meeting closed at 21:26

Chair: _____

Date: _____