

**BLAXTON PARISH COUNCIL**

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

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

**IN ATTENDANCE:** Stephen Racjan (DMBC Communities) and P A Dennis (Clerk to the Council)

**1) APOLOGIES**

RESOLVED (1)

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

RESOLVED (2)

That apologies submitted by Ward Councillor Jane Cox and South Yorkshire Police be noted.

**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 16 FEBRUARY 2017**

RESOLVED (3)

That the Minutes of the meeting held on 16 February 2017 be confirmed as correct records and signed by the Chair.

**5) PUBLIC PARTICIPATION – None present**

**6) MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

Vehicle Speed Monitoring – Resolution 5

RESOLVED (4)

That the Clerk be requested to ask for an update on the vehicle speed monitoring planned for March 2017.

**7) DMBC AND EAST AREA COMMUNITIES TEAM ISSUES**

a) Blaxton Roundabout Revised Planting Scheme – Resolution 3

The Clerk reported that a response on this matter was still outstanding. The Chair reported that she had raised the issue at the Parish Councils' Joint Consultative Committee meeting and that the Head of Street Scene and Highways Operations who

was present had promised to look in to the matter. Stephen Racjan (DMBC Communities Team) also offered to follow up on this issue.

RESOLVED (5)

That the reports be noted and that the Clerk continue to seek a response.

b) Guidance on Increasing Parish Council Size – Resolution 16 on 19 January 2017

RESOLVED (6)

That it be noted that a response from DMBC to the Council's request for guidance on increasing the size of the Parish Council was still awaited and that the Clerk be requested to pursue this issue again.

c) DMBC Parish Council's Joint Consultative Committee Agenda 15 March 2017

The Chair reported that at the meeting she had expressed concerns about the ongoing issues relating to Blaxton Roundabout and the dyke adjacent to Blaxton Playing Field and that she had also requested the Committee to consider the Protocol relating to roadside tributes.

Councillor Johnson reported that Dog Control Orders were now in place and that Parish and Town Councils had not been notified to this effect.

RESOLVED (7)

That Members be thanked for their reports which were noted.

d) Communities Officer Report

Stephen Racjan reported that from 1 April 2017 small grants would again be available from the Seed Funding and Helping Hands schemes to help support voluntary organisation activities in the area. Application forms were short and easy to complete. He also asked the Council to notify him about suggested roadside locations for the relocatable speed display unit.

RESOLVED (8)

That the Officer be thanked for his report and that the approaches to Blaxton Roundabout be monitored if the relocatable speed display becomes available.

## 8) POLICING ISSUES

- a) SY Police and Crime Commissioner – Newsletter – February 2017 – **Noted**
- b) Low Level Crime on Farmland – Response to Issues Raised with the Police and Crime Commissioner on 5 December 2016 – **Noted**

## 9) DONCASTER SHEFFIELD AIRPORT

- a) Noise Monitoring and Environmental Sub-Committee Agenda – Thursday 16 March 2017

The Chair updated Members on the recent meeting on issues including the consultation on air traffic navigation systems and drones.

RESOLVED (9)

That the report be noted.

b) easyJet Training 21 Feb to 11 May 2017 – **Noted**

c) Noise Monitoring Equipment on Summerfields Drive

RESOLVED (10)

That it be noted with appreciation that the relocatable noise monitoring unit was now available and that the Airport be requested to site it in a suitable position on the Summerfields green area.

#### 10) WARD MEMBERS REPORT – None

#### 11) ACCOUNTS & FINANCIAL MATTERS

a) Payments for authorisation 16 March 2017

RESOLVED (11)

That the following payments be authorised:-

<u>Payee/Invoice No</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Net</u>	<u>VAT</u>	<u>Total</u>
Blaxton and Finningley Playing Field Association	Grant 2016/17 – £2,000 less Ramp Maintenance Costs of £200 = £1,800	1,800.00	0.00	1,800.00
P A Dennis	Salary March 2017	363.74	0.00	363.74
P A Dennis	Office, Telephone, Broadband Allowance March 2017	23.60	0.00	23.60
P A Dennis	Reimbursement for 1&1 Website Hosting costs 08/03/17 - 08/04/17	19.99	4.00	23.99
HMRC	Month 12 Contributions	92.40	0.00	92.40
<b>Total</b>				<b>2,303.73</b>

b) Section 137 Spending Amount Increased from £7.42 to £7.57 per elector for 2017/18 – **Noted**

c) Bank Reconciliation 1 March 2017 – **Noted**

d) Balances against the Budget to 9 March 2017 – **Noted**

e) Risk Management Assessment

RESOLVED (12)

That the revised Risk Management Assessment circulated by email on 9 March 2017 be received and approved subject to the amendment of 'weekly' in respect of Playing Field inspections to 'regular'.

f) Smaller Authorities Transparency Fund Grant Application – Resolution (10) January 2017

RESOLVED (13)

That receipt of the grant of £1,372.69 towards the additional costs incurred in meeting the government transparency requirements during the financial years 2015/16 and 2016/17 noted with thanks.

g) Developments Approved for funding from 2017/18 Budget – Resolution (13) 19 January 2017

RESOLVED (14)

That the actions shown below be taken on the following developments to be funded from the 2017/18 Budget:-

**i) Blaxton Playing Field Bank End Road Fencing**

Decide actions following site meeting to be held on Monday 27 March 2017 at 10:00, weather permitting

**ii) Resurfacing the War Memorial surface**

Defer pending identification of viable solution to movement of gravel and persistent weeds.

**iii) Supply of a roadside bench**

Clerk to order Ludworth Seat from Broxap at an estimated cost of £376.

**iv) Village name signs**

Clerk to request firm costs and illustrative drawings from Signs of The Times for three signs, each to be mounted on two metal posts with finials and, one sign to be mounted on the Finningley side of the existing stone boundary wall on Station Road.

## 12) PLANNING

- a) Planning Application 17/00413/FUL, 36 Summerfields Drive, Proposed erection of extension to rear of dwelling and part conversion of garage to dressing room

RESOLVED (15)

That no objections be raised to Planning Application 17/00413/FUL

- b) Approved Planning Application 13/00531/TIP – Bank End Quarry – Inert Waste Transfer Station and Recycling Facility – **Update from Planning Enforcement awaited**
- c) Doncaster Local Plan – New Timetable and Evidence Based Documents Availability – **Noted**
- d) North Lincs Local Plan (2017 to 2036) – Initial Consultation (Regulation 18) – **Noted**
- e) YLCA Information Request – Neighbourhood Plans – Planning Authority issues – **Noted**
- f) Springs Road Community Liaison Group Minutes 9 February 2017 – **Noted – next meeting 6 April 2017**
- g) Summerfields Estate Green Space – **No Issues**

## 13) CHAIR'S REPORT – Covered under other items

#### **14) BLAXTON PLAYING FIELD**

a) Bank End Road Fencing

Discussion on the type of fencing and the need to remove the existing fence had taken place earlier in the meeting and it was decided to hold a site meeting to clarify matters. Discussion about the cost of cutting back vegetation along the fence line took place under this item.

RESOLVED (16)

That the Clerk be requested to seek further quotations for cutting back the vegetation after the site meeting due to take place on 27 March 2017.

b) Maintenance and Inspection of Play Equipment – Resolution 13

It was reported that an operational inspection of the play area is carried out every three to four months and that any work required will be notified by DMBC to the Clerk together with a quotation for carrying out the work. The Stronger Communities Officer also endeavours to inspect the Playing Field each week.

RESOLVED (17)

That the report be noted.

It was also reported that The Play Inspection Company would carry out an annual inspection and provide a comprehensive report and risk assessment, as it had done previously, at a cost of £65.

RESOLVED (18)

That the Clerk be requested to arrange for The Play Inspection Company to undertake an annual inspection.

#### **15) BLAXTON VILLAGE HALL**

Minutes of the meeting on 8 March 2017 emailed 15/03/17 – **Noted**

#### **16) JOINT PLAYING FIELD**

a) Pavilion Update

Councillor Johnson reported that the revised completion date of the Pavilion was 17 March 2017 although it was looking unlikely that this target would be met. He explained that discussions were taking place to progress the issues.

RESOLVED (19)

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

b) Quotation for Hedge and Tree Cutting Along Ramp – Resolution 15

RESOLVED (20)

That the quotation of £275 from Need A Hand to cut back vegetation along the ramp from Lower Pasture to the field be accepted.

## 17) CORRESPONDENCE

RESOLVED (21)

That the following correspondence items be noted:-

- a) Clerks and Councils Direct – March 2017 Issue
- b) SY Fire and Rescue Authority – Member Briefing March 2017
- c) Open Space – Spring 2017
- d) YLCA White Rose Update March 2017

RESOLVED (22)

That it be noted that a request for financial support towards the provision of a pedestrian crossing on Hurst Lane, received from Auckley Parish Council, would be included on the Agenda for the next meeting.

## 18) DATE OF NEXT MEETING

RESOLVED (23)

That it be noted that the next Meeting of the Parish Council was due to take place in Blaxton Village Hall on Thursday 20 April 2017 at the conclusion of the Annual Parish Meeting which would start at 19:30

Meeting closed at 21:30

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

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