

BLAXTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 15 JUNE 2017 IN BLAXTON VILLAGE HALL AT 19:30

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

IN ATTENDANCE: P A Dennis (Clerk)

Two members of the public attended.

1) APOLOGIES – All Present

2) APPOINTMENT OF CHAIR FOR 2017/18

RESOLVED (1)

That Councillor N C McCarron be appointed Chair for the 2017/18 Municipal Year.

3) TO CONSIDER THE EXTENT, IF ANY, TO WHICH THE PUBLIC ARE TO BE EXCLUDED FROM THE MEETING – None

4) 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.

5) MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 18 MAY 2017

RESOLVED (2)

That the Minutes of the Annual Parish Council meeting held on 15 May 2017 be confirmed a correct record and signed by the Chair.

6) PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Yorkshire Wildlife Park

A member of the public provided details relating to a consultation about a proposed expansion of the Yorkshire Wildlife Park which could result in a significant increase in the area of the Park and the relocation of the main entrance to Hurst Lane.

The Council was unaware of the consultation and requested the Clerk to register its interest in being involved in the consultation.

The Chair thanked the member of the public for the information.

7) APPOINTMENT OF VICE-CHAIR FOR 2017/18

RESOLVED (3)

That Councillor P Schofield be appointed Vice-Chair for the 2017/18 Municipal Year.

8) APPOINTMENT OF REPRESENTATIVE ON AIRPORT NOISE MONITORING AND ENVIRONMENTAL SUB-COMMITTEE FOR 2017/18

RESOLVED (4)

That Councillor N C McCarron be appointed representative on the Airport Noise Monitoring and Environmental Sub-Committee for 2017/18.

9) MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES – None

10) DMBC AND EAST AREA COMMUNITIES TEAM ISSUES

a) Community Resilience and Emergency Planning

RESOLVED (5)

That the request from DMBC to use the Village Hall in the event of an emergency be supported and referred to the Village Hall Committee for reply.

b) Overhanging Hedges on Park Lane – Resolution 16 – **being dealt with by DMBC in liaison with residents**

c) Blaxton Roundabout Revised Planting Scheme – Resolution 17

A report from DMBC about a planting scheme for Blaxton Roundabout together with associated costs was considered.

RESOLVED (6)

That DMBC be thanked for their significant help with this issue and that the request to introduce new plants be not pursued since it was felt that existing plans would spread and fill any gaps.

RESOLVED (7)

That DMBC be reminded of the outstanding request to remove the three tall plants from the roundabout.

d) Request for Guidance on Increasing Parish Council Size – Resolution 19

RESOLVED (8)

That DMBC be thanked for their guidance and information and, that no further action be taken to seek an increase in the number of members of the Parish Council.

e) Wildflower Planting – Resolution 31 – **No response from DMBC or Ward Members – Clerk requested to follow up**

f) Your Life Local – **Noted**

11) POLICING ISSUES

It was noted that there had been a spate of burglaries by forcing entry after waking residents during the night to answer the door which was a worrying national trend.

12) DONCASTER SHEFFIELD AIRPORT

- a) Noise Monitoring Equipment on Summerfields Drive – Unit installed 31 May to 12 June 2017

RESOLVED (9)

That it be noted that the relocatable Noise Monitoring Equipment had been removed from the Summerfields Drive green area on 12 June 2017.

RESOLVED (10)

That the Clerk be requested to obtain details of the noise readings.

13) WARD MEMBERS REPORT – None

14) ACCOUNTS & FINANCIAL MATTERS

- a) Payments for authorisation 15 June 2017

RESOLVED (11)

That the following payments be authorised:-

<u>Payee/Invoice</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Net</u>	<u>VAT</u>	<u>Total</u>
Broxap Ltd INV210299	Persley BX81 1040 Recycled roadside Seat 30/05/17	538.00	107.60	645.60
Glendale Countryside GC446PC0695	BPF Grass Cutting 5, 19 May 2017	72.04	14.41	86.45
Need A Hand 1819	Spring planting of four planters - 02/06/17	327.00	0.00	327.00
Need A Hand 1821	Cut and Strim grass on Joint Playing Field Ramp 08/06/17	50.00	0.00	50.00
Need A Hand 1822	Clear weeds and waste from War Memorial and apply weed killer 09/06/17	25.00	0.00	25.00
Need A Hand 1823	Cut and Strim Blaxton Playing Field Entrance 09/06/17	25.00	0.00	25.00
P A Dennis	Salary June 2017	367.50	0.00	367.50
P A Dennis	Office, Telephone, Broadband Allowance June 2017	23.60	0.00	23.60
P A Dennis	Reimbursement for 1&1 Website Hosting costs 08/06/17 - 08/07/17	19.99	4.00	23.99
HMRC	Month 3 Contributions	93.20	0.00	93.20
				1,667.34

- b) Bank Reconciliation May 2017 – **Noted**
c) Balances against the Precept to 9 June 2017 – **Noted**

d) Review of Financial Regulations and Standing Orders

The current versions of Standing Orders and Financial Regulations circulated by email were considered.

RESOLVED (12)

That no changes be made to financial Regulations.

RESOLVED (13)

That a change be made to Standing Orders to reflect that the Annual Review of Financial Regulations and Standing Orders would take place at the June meeting each year and not at the Annual Parish Council Meeting as shown in the Current Standing Orders.

e) Village Name Signs – Location of sign on Thorne Road – Resolution 24 – Site Meeting 13 June 2017

At the site meeting held on 13 June 2017 it had been agreed that a suitable location for the sign on Thorne Road would be on the verge at the northern side of Summerfields Drive and that some trimming back of the roadside vegetation would be needed, at the appropriate time, to improve visibility.

RESOLVED (14)

That the report be noted

f) Maintenance of Roadside Seats

RESOLVED (15)

That work on painting or re-staining five seats as needed at a cost of £150 be authorised.

g) Auckley Parish Council – Request for Contribution towards Pedestrian Crossing on Hurst Lane, Auckley – Resolution 14

The Parish Council reconsidered the request from Auckley Parish Council to pledge funding towards providing a pedestrian crossing on Hurst Lane in the light of it now being known that 53 students from Blaxton would benefit from such a facility.

RESOLVED (16)

That, with regret, the request be not approved.

15) PLANNING

- a) Planning Applications – **None**
- b) Approved Planning Application 13/00531/TIP – Bank End Quarry – Inert Waste Transfer Station and Recycling Facility – Planning Officer requested Applicant to respond about finalising the Section 106 Agreement on 23 March 2017 – **No Progress**
- c) Withdrawal of the Draft Nottinghamshire Minerals Local Plan – **Noted**
- d) Notts CC Planning – Application ES/3379 to undertake ‘fracking’ at land off Springs Road, Misson **Granted – Noted**
- e) Springs Road Section 106 Agreement – **Noted**
- f) Summerfields Estate Green Space – **No Issues**

16) CHAIR'S REPORT – No Issues

17) BLAXTON PLAYING FIELD

a) Annual Safety Inspection – May 2017

Council considered a summary of the issues identified during the inspection. One item was identified as being a 'Moderate' risk and all others were either 'Very Low' or 'Low' risk.

RESOLVED (17)

That:-

- (i) DMBC be requested for quotations to deal with all issues relating to the maintenance of equipment.
- (ii) the Clerk be requested to obtain the signs recommended by the Inspector.
- (iii) issues recommended for monitoring be kept under review.
- (iv) all other issues be added to the Councils Development Plan for consideration when the 2018/19 Budget is discussed.

b) Future Playing Field Inspections

RESOLVED (18)

That the Play Inspection Company be requested to schedule Blaxton Playing Field for inspection in May 2018.

18) BLAXTON VILLAGE HALL

a) Long-Term Maintenance of Village Hall

RESOLVED (19)

That it be noted that the long-term maintenance of the Village Hall was a matter in which the Council was interested and was kept informed about via the Parish Council's representatives on the Committee and the minutes of meetings.

19) JOINT PLAYING FIELD

- a) Minutes 24 May 2017 and Agenda for 21 June 2017 – **Noted**
- b) Audited Income and Expenditure Statement 2016/17 – **Noted**
- c) Pavilion Update

Councillor Johnson updated the Council on progress with the Pavilion including temporary arrangements to accommodate cricket fixtures and other users, progress with meeting Building Control requirements and a recent break-in.

RESOLVED (20)

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

20) CORRESPONDENCE

RESOLVED (21)

That the following correspondence be noted:-

- a) YLCA South Yorkshire Branch Annual Meeting 21 June 2017
- b) White Rose Update May 2017
- c) Weekly bulletin from NALC Chief Executive
- d) SY Fire and Rescue – May Briefing
- e) SY Fire and Rescue – June Briefing
- f) BrightBus services to Notre Dame Catholic High School, St Maries Catholic Primary School, High Storrs School and The McAuley School

- g) Reform of Data Protection Legislation and Introduction of the General Data Protection Regulations

RESOLVED (22)

That the Clerk be requested to take action to ensure that the Council meets its responsibilities under the new General Data Protection Regulations.

- h) Policy on Lowering War Memorial Flag

Council recognised that it did not have a policy for lowering the flag on the War Memorial except in November to mark the remembrance and, when a former or serving member of the forces, resident in Blaxton, passed away.

RESOLVED (23)

That it be agreed that Councillor Hornsby's kind offer to lower the flag on the War Memorial as a mark of respect on occasions of national grief, recognised by DMBC, be accepted with appreciation.

21) DATE OF NEXT MEETING

RESOLVED (24)

That it be noted that the next meeting of the Parish Council was due to take place in Blaxton Village Hall on Thursday 20 July 2017 at 19:30.

Meeting closed at 21:40

Chair: _____

Date: _____