

BLAXTON PARISH COUNCIL

**MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 15 FEBRUARY
2018 IN BLAXTON VILLAGE HALL AT 19:30**

PRESENT: Councillors N McCarron (Chair), R Johnson and P Schofield

IN ATTENDANCE: Stephen Racjan (Stronger Communities Officer) and P A Dennis (Clerk)

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC – One

1) APOLOGIES

RESOLVED (1)

That apologies for absence be accepted from Councillor L Hornsby.

2) RESIGNATION OF PARISH COUNCILLOR

The Chair read out a resignation by email received from Councillor Peter Oliver on 12 February 2018.

Members were saddened to receive the resignation and commented on Peter Oliver's contributions to the community over a significant period of time both as a Parish Councillor and past member of the Village Hall Committee.

RESOLVED (2)

That the resignation be noted with regret and that the Clerk be requested to notify DMBC and make appropriate arrangements for the vacancy to be filled.

RESOLVED (3)

That the Clerk be requested to acknowledge the resignation and to thank Peter Oliver for his contributions and support to the community over the years.

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 – None

5) MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS HELD ON 16 NOVEMBER 2017 AND 30 JANUARY 2018

RESOLVED (4)

That the Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 16 November 2017 and 30 January 2018 be confirmed as correct records and signed by the Chair.

6) PUBLIC PARTICIPATION – None

7) APPLICATION FOR PHARMACY IN FINNINGLEY

Members welcomed David Mehdizadeh, Practice Pharmacist at The Mayflower Medical Practice, to the meeting. David explained that the proposal to establish a separate Pharmacy at the Practice in Finningley was intended to upgrade and improve on the current level of services to the community. It also had the potential to free up patient appointments because the Pharmacist would be able to provide a walk-in service for some issues which currently had to be dealt with by a GP.

The Council welcomed the proposal in general but had reservations about the available parking facilities which it felt were too limited. Problems were already being experienced by visitors to the Practice and the nearby Post Office and Chinese Restaurant and, roadside parking on the A638 would lead to congestion. David Mehdizadeh explained that he was aware that car parking may be an issue and that options to deal with this were being considered.

RESOLVED (5)

That the Clerk notify NHS England that the Council fully supports the Application to establish a Pharmacy at The Mayflower Practice in Finningley provided that measures to ensure adequate vehicle parking are put in place.

8) MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

a) Parish Councils' Joint Consultative Committee – Questions to the Mayor – Res. 15

RESOLVED (6)

That the following questions in relation to the Yorkshire Wildlife Expansion and a recent response to an Auckley resident be registered for the Mayor to answer at the Parish Councils' Joint Consultative Committee meeting on 14 March 2018:-

We in Blaxton and other villages using Mosham Road as a main access route to Cantley and Doncaster share the concerns raised by the resident but understand that the decision has been made.

In the last paragraph of your email you state "For my part, I must respect the professional assessments that have been undertaken, but, if and when the development takes place, I will seek to ensure that appropriate monitoring takes place to ensure that the relevant road developments are successful."

Can you detail what monitoring will take place and what action will be taken if the professional assessments prove to be incorrect? Will complaints about traffic congestion made via Parish Councils rank alongside other monitoring information?

In addition, since no assessment of traffic volume, speed or flow has been undertaken on the approaches to Blaxton Roundabout, will you request DMBC Highways to establish a benchmark for these factors so that the monitoring of the impact of the Wildlife Park development on Blaxton can be appropriately monitored?

- b) Parking at the Finningley Post Office – Resolution 15

RESOLVED (7)

That the Clerk be requested to follow up again with DMBC on the enquiry placed twice previously about action taken on this issue.

9) DMBC AND EAST AREA COMMUNITIES TEAM ISSUES

RESOLVED (8)

That the following items be noted:-

- a) Realignment of DMBC Communities Service to a 4 Area model
- b) Tour de Yorkshire 3 – 6 May 2018 – **Clerk to provide copy of letter to local businesses.**
- c) Neighbourhood Watch – South Yorkshire Police Alerts
- d) Doncaster Dementia Forum – Updated Information
- e) Agenda Public Rights of Way Forum – 7th December 2017
- f) 'Doncaster Talks' Engagement Platform
- g) Sign – Prohibition of Distribution of Free Printed Materials Sign in Place of PSPO Dog Control Sign – Resolution 7 – **Sign reinstalled**
- h) Public Rights of Way Forum Minutes 7 December 2017
- i) Village Welcome Sign Location on Bank End Road – **Street Scene Team cut back vegetation 09/02/18 to permit installation – Issue of Licences by DMBC awaited**
- j) National Citizenship Service and Helping Hands Fund

Stephen Racjan provided information about the National Citizenship Service and requested information about activities planned in the area during the forthcoming summer which might benefit from the involvement of National Citizenship participants.

He also reported that the Bowls Club had been successful in a bid for indoor curling equipment from the Helping Hands Fund.

RESOLVED (9)

That the reports be noted.

10) POLICING ISSUES

- a) Alerts launched by South Yorkshire Police – **Noted**
- b) Request for reinstatement of Regular Police Reports – Resolution 6

RESOLVED (10)

That it be noted that Inspector Mark Payling planned to attend the March 2018 Parish Council meeting to explain changes to the Policing model in the Eastern Area.

- c) Police and Crime Commissioner Newsletters November, December 2017 and January 2018 – **Noted**

11) DONCASTER SHEFFIELD AIRPORT

RESOLVED (11)

That the following items be noted:-

- a) Schedule of 2018 Meetings of the Noise Monitoring & Environmental Sub-Committee
- b) Draft Minutes of the DSA Noise Monitoring & Environmental Sub-Committee – 7 December 2017
- c) February 2018 Ryanair Training Flights Mon to Fri 0900 – 1400 5 February to 9 March 2018

12) WARD MEMBERS REPORT – None

13) ACCOUNTS & FINANCIAL MATTERS

- a) Payments for authorisation 15 February 2018

RESOLVED (12)

That the following payments be authorised:-

<u>Payee/Invoice No</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Net</u>	<u>VAT</u>	<u>Total</u>
DMBC 23679722	Dog Waste Bins 02/10/17 - 24/12/17 – 3 bins @ £5.42 each for 12 weeks	195.12	39.02	234.14
Broxap Ltd 222966	Persley BX81 1040 Recycled roadside Seat 31/01/18	538.00	107.60	645.60
P A Dennis	Salary February 2018	367.50	0.00	367.50
P A Dennis	Overpaid 80p in error in January. Recovered February.	-0.80	0.00	-0.80
P A Dennis	Office, Telephone, Broadband Allowance February 2018	23.60	0.00	23.60
P A Dennis	Reimbursement for 1&1 Website Hosting costs 08/02/18 - 08/03/18	19.99	4.00	23.99
HMRC	Month 11 Contributions	93.20	0.00	93.20
Total				1387.23

- b) Bank Reconciliation January 2018 – **Noted**
- c) Balances against the Budget to 9 February 2018 – **Noted**
- d) Provision of Seat(s) Summerfields Green Space Area – **Resolution 20 – Seat delivered 31/01/18; seat and slab base quotation to be clarified**
- e) Quotation for Bank End Road Boundary Fence Repair – Resolution 2

RESOLVED (13)

That the quotation from Need A Hand in the sum of £575 to supply and fit new fence posts and wire where necessary be accepted.

- f) Quotation for installation of Concrete Slab Base for seat on Bank End Road

RESOLVED (14)

That in the continued absence of a response for clarification of the quotation received a quotation be obtained from another contractor.

- g) Installation of Village Welcome Sign on Bank End Road – **Additional Cost of approximately £150 because temporary traffic lights will have to be used to protect the workers; signs to be collected by GNE 16/02/18 – Noted**

14) PLANNING

- a) Planning Application

RESOLVED (15)

That it be confirmed that there were no objections to the following application and that the action of the Clerk in notifying this to DMBC following consultation with Members between meetings be approved:-

17/03142/FUL – Erection of first floor side extension above existing garage, new front porch and render to the frontage, New House, Station Close, Blaxton, Doncaster DN9 3AD

- b) Alleged Multiple-Occupation of Residential Property

RESOLVED (16)

That it be noted that DMBC had confirmed that Douglas House was rented to a company for on-call employees based at the Airport and is not regarded as multiple occupancy for the purpose of Planning Regulations.

- c) Springs Road Community Liaison Group – Minutes 30 November 2017 – **Noted**
d) Springs Road Community Liaison Group – Draft Minutes 23 January 2018 – **Noted**
e) Summerfields Estate Green Space – **No Issues**

15) CHAIR'S REPORT

The Chair presented a report covering various issues including, contrary to a recent item on 'Look North', that DMBC facilities could not recycle yoghurt pots; a number of instances of horses on the highways; progress with obtaining quotations for resurfacing the War Memorial site; the broken-down fencing alongside Public Footpath No1 to the North of Bank End Road; and the operation of PreMix Concrete at Bank End Quarry.

RESOLVED (17)

That the report be noted and that the Clerk be requested to seek advice from DMBC about the concrete operation at Bank End Quarry and the broken fencing along Public Footpath No1.

16) BLAXTON PLAYING FIELD

- a) Condition of Far Boundary Fence – Resolution 25 – **Clerk confirmed that a satisfactory repair had been completed**
- b) Quotation for Maintenance of various items identified in Playing Field Inspection Report May 2017

RESOLVED (18)

That the DMBC quotation dated 24 November 2017 totalling £1,770 to install 16 Grass Mats beneath the Monster Play Swings and attend to minor issues on equipment including the Toddler Multi-Unit, Proludic Multi-Unit, Wicksteed Cockerel Springer and Donkey be accepted.

- c) Quotations for Replacement Fencing and Gates adjacent to Public Footpath – **Third Quotation Awaited**

17) BLAXTON VILLAGE HALL

- a) Parish Council Access to Village Hall

Council discussed recent issues relating to gaining access to the Village Hall to set up in time for Parish Council meetings. A letter received by the Village Hall Committee from the user who has a regular booking at the Hall immediately prior to Parish Council meetings had been circulated to the Council.

Problems had arisen because Council meetings were due to start at 19:30 and the previous letting did not end until 19:15. As a result, there were difficulties during the changeover when parents and children were leaving the Hall and Car Park and, Councillors and members of the public were arriving. There had been disagreements during a recent changeover between those involved with the earlier letting and Parish Councillors.

The Council considered possible ways that it could help to solve the problem including holding meetings at a different venue or altering the start time of Council meetings.

RESOLVED (19)

That it be agreed to move the start time of future Parish Council meetings to 19:35 on the understanding that access to set up the Hall for meetings could be gained by 19:20.

RESOLVED (20)

That the Village Hall Committee be requested to consider if this arrangement would work and monitor the changeover arrangements initially.

18) JOINT PLAYING FIELD

RESOLVED (21)

That the following items be noted:-

- a) Minutes of the Meeting held on 29 November 2017
- b) Minutes of the Meeting held on 24 January 2018

c) Next Meeting 21 February 2018

d) Pavilion update

Councillor Johnson reported on wind damage to roller shutter doors, the DMBC requirement for auditing the accounts as a condition of receiving the Section 106 funding and legal costs relating to the issues with the Pavilion contractor.

RESOLVED (22)

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

19) CORRESPONDENCE

RESOLVED (23)

That the following items be noted:-

- a) YLCA South Yorkshire Branch Meeting – Agenda Saturday 24 February 2018
- b) Launch of South Yorkshire Armed Forces Community Survey
- c) Fibre Broadband Available in Blaxton
- d) YLCA Planning Seminars – March 2018
- e) NALC Chief Executive Bulletins 42 and 43 2017 and 1 – 5 2018
- f) The Partially Sighted Societies First Sight Conference – Friday 9 March 2018
- g) Community First Yorkshire Rural News Nov 2017
- h) Community First Yorkshire Rural News Jan 2018
- i) Take Five To Stop Fraud Week 25/01/2018
- j) Phantom Debt Fraud Alert – January 2018
- k) SYPTE – Festive Public Transport
- l) SYPTE Doncaster Bus Services Changes – from 26 January 2018
- m) Sheffield City Region Transport Strategy Consultation Launch
- n) White Rose Update Newsletter December 2017
- o) Clerks and Councils Direct January 2018

p) Doncaster Local Online

RESOLVED (24)

That the Council agree in principle to take up the offer from Doncaster Local Online to provide a page for the Parish Council on its website and that the Clerk be requested to find out more about how the facility would operate and the benefits to the community.

20) DATE OF NEXT MEETING

RESOLVED (25)

That it be noted that the next Meeting of the Parish Council is due to take place in Blaxton Village Hall on Thursday 15 March 2017 at **19:35**.

Meeting closed at 21:22

Chair: _____

Date: _____