

## BLAXTON PARISH COUNCIL

### MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 21 MARCH 2019 IN BLAXTON VILLAGE HALL AT 19:35

**PRESENT:** Councillors N McCarron (Chair), R Dennis and R Johnson

**APOLOGIES:** Councillors P Schofield and J Scutt

**IN ATTENDANCE:** Sergeant L Walters, Police Constable Yorke and P A Dennis (Clerk)

**MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC – None**

#### 1) APOLOGIES

RESOLVED (1)

That apologies for absence from Councillors P Schofield and J Scutt be received and accepted.

#### 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 – None

#### 4) MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 21 FEBRUARY 2019

RESOLVED (2)

That the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 21 February 2019 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

#### 5) PUBLIC PARTICIPATION – None Present

#### 6) MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES – None

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

##### a) Pedestrian and Cyclist Safety – Mosham Road – Resolution 2

It was reported that Auckley Parish Council, whilst sharing concerns about cyclist safety, could not support the proposal for a combined cycle/pedestrian path because Council considered that it would not be a viable proposition.

RESOLVED (3)

That the report be received and noted and, that the matter be deferred for further discussion at the next meeting when it was anticipated that all Members would be able to contribute.

##### b) Impact of Road Traffic Volume and Speed on Blaxton Residents – Resolution 4

As a result of continued concerns of the Council about traffic speed, and volume and, the refusal of DMBC to undertake traffic surveys, the Clerk had written to the following and received the responses shown:-

- Cantley with Branton Parish Council – no noticeable increase but would attend meetings if issues were to be discussed

- Auckley Parish Council – support Blaxton Parish Council concerns about speed and traffic volume and suggest asking DMBC to undertake speed and volume surveys as conducted in Auckley in 2017
- Finningley Parish Council – response anticipated
- DMBC – response awaited
- Ward Members – response awaited

RESOLVED (4)

That the responses to date be noted and that this issue be considered again at the next meeting of the Parish Council.

c) Litter Pick/Keep Britain Tidy – The Great British Spring Clean – Resolution 5

RESOLVED (5)

That the Council confirm its support for community litter pick initiatives and, willingness to meet the cost of collection bags subject to prior request.

## 8) POLICING ISSUES

a) Police Attendance

Members were pleased to welcome Sergeant Walters and Constable Yorke from the Doncaster Central Neighbourhoods Team to the meeting which gave the Council an opportunity to discuss police related concerns. The Officers confirmed that Blaxton suffered relatively low levels of crime and ASB compared with other areas but, recognised that the impact on residents was still significant when incidents happened.

The long waiting time for calls to be answered on the 101 Service was discussed. It was confirmed that improvements to the staffing of the service were being made which should lead to improved response times. However, members of the public could also log issues on the South Yorkshire Police website (<https://www.southyorks.police.uk/contact-us/>). In the event of an emergency, 999 should always be called.

Members commented that the weekly Police Updates often did not reflect some of the activities undertaken by the Response Teams and, it was explained that this was most likely due to pressure of work on Response Teams.

RESOLVED (6)

That the Officers be thanked for their attendance which was greatly appreciated.

- b) Elected Member Weekly Updates – **Noted**
- c) South Yorkshire Police and Crime Commissioner January and February 2019 Newsletters – **Noted**

## 9) DONCASTER SHEFFIELD AIRPORT

- a) Agenda Noise Monitoring and Environmental Sub-Committee 28 March 2019 – **Noted**

## 10) YORKSHIRE WILDLIFE PARK CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE – Next meeting 10 April 2019

RESOLVED (7)

That it be noted that the next meeting of the Yorkshire Wildlife Park Consultative Committee was due to be held on 10 April 2019

RESOLVED (8)

That Councillor Schofield, the Parish Council's Representative, be requested to raise the following matters at the meeting:-

- Seek confirmation that the penultimate paragraph of Minute 3 (of the YWP Consultative Committee meeting held on 6 November 2018) which reads "Members were reminded that their role on the Committee was to engage with YWP and to represent the organisations which had appointed them onto the Committee. The Chair highlighted that the Committee was not a forum for any personal agendas." does not prevent members raising issues from on behalf of their organisations.
- Confirm, under Agenda Item 4, if the Highways meeting considered the traffic impact of applications ES3937 and ES3925 to Nottinghamshire County Council and, if Yorkshire Wildlife Park had responded to the applications.

## 11) WARD MEMBERS

- a) Invitation to meet VIGO representatives – Meeting date set for 1 April 2019 – **Noted**

## 12) ACCOUNTS AND FINANCIAL MATTERS

- a) Payments for Authorisation 21 March 2019

RESOLVED (9)

That the following payments be approved:-

<u>Payee/Invoice No</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Net</u>	<u>VAT</u>	<u>Total</u>
Blaxton and Finningley Playing Field Association	Grant 2018/19 - £2,000 less Ramp Maintenance Costs of £150 = £1,850 ( <i>Request received</i> )	1,850.00	0.00	1,850.00
Tornado Mole Control <b>04/03/19</b>	Mole Control from 08/03/19	100.00	0.00	100.00
Stocksigns Ltd <b>INV182654</b>	BPF <b>Welcome</b> and <b>Warning</b> Signs, fixings and delivery 27/02/19 – 2 x <b>Warning sign</b> supplied in error	147.54	30.78	178.32
Stocksigns Ltd <b>INV182938</b>	BPF Welcome Sign delivered 07/03/19	61.61	12.32	73.93
Stocksigns Ltd <b>CRD63572</b>	<b>BPF Welcome Sign credit against INV182654</b>	<b>-55.24</b>	<b>-11.05</b>	<b>-66.29</b>
P A Dennis	Salary March 2019	374.67	0.00	374.67
P A Dennis	Office, Telephone, Broadband Allowance March 2019	23.60	0.00	23.60
P A Dennis	Reimbursement for 1&1 Website Hosting costs 08/03/19 - 08/04/19	19.99	4.00	23.99
HMRC	Month 12 Contributions	95.20	0.00	95.20
<b>Total</b>				<b>2,653.42</b>

- b) Bank Reconciliation March 2019 – **Noted**
- c) Balances against the Budget to 16 March 2019 – **Noted**
- d) Blaxton Playing Field Grounds Maintenance Contract 2019

RESOLVED (10)

That the Glendale quotation of £37.84 for continuing to cut the grass on Blaxton Playing Field and the car park area on 12 occasions during 2019 be accepted.

- e) DMBC Waste Bin Emptying 2019/20

RESOLVED (11)

That the DMBC charge for emptying the waste bins on Blaxton Playing Field, Mosham Road and the Blaxton and Finningley Joint Playing Field of £289.50 per bin for the financial year 2019/20 be accepted.

- f) Request to Write-off Council HP7510 Printer, Scanner, Copier from Asset Register

RESOLVED (12)

That the Council authorise the write-off of the HP7510 Printer, Scanner, Copier (Asset Register Item 25) and authorise disposal of the Printer at a waste recycling site.

- g) Possible Opportunities for Redevelopment or replacement of Blaxton Village Hall from Grants

It was reported that the Village Hall Committee had discussed the possibility of redeveloping the Hall and the issue of funding. The Committee was considering approaching an Architect for advice about what improvements to the Village Hall were feasible. Suggested improvements could be small meetings rooms and more storage facilities.

RESOLVED (13)

That the report be noted

- h) Defibrillator – Possible Acquisition

RESOLVED (14)

That it be noted that the Village Hall Committee felt that Hall was not an appropriate place for a defibrillator since it was not central to the Village.

RESOLVED (15)

That the Council record its regret that it was currently unable to identify an alternative potential site for a defibrillator.

- i) War Memorial site improvements – **Quotations awaited**

- j) Review of Standing Order 3(w) – Duration of Meetings

RESOLVED (16)

That consideration of a review of Standing Order 3(w) be deferred until the annual review of Standing Orders and Financial Regulations at the June or July 2019 meeting.

- k) War Memorial – Auckley Parish Council response to invitation to contribute to upkeep and maintenance – **Support in principle; will review when cost of improvements known – Noted**
- l) Facebook Page – Resolution 17 – 17 January 2019 – **Not yet progressed due to year end priorities – Noted**
- m) Risk Management Assessment 2018/19

RESOLVED (17)

That the Risk Management Assessment for 2018/19 be received, approved and signed by the Chair.

### 13) PLANNING

- a) Planning Applications

RESOLVED (18)

That the following Applications be supported:-

**19/00268/FUL** – Station Hotel, Station Road, Blaxton, DN9 3AA – Alterations to front elevation (retrospective)

**19/00582/TPO** – 5 Fernbank Close, Blaxton, DN9 3PT – Consent to crown reduce the tree by 2-3m in height and spread measured from the outermost branch tips to re-balance the crown; the tree being subject to T7 of Doncaster Borough Council Tree Preservation Order (No.57) 1989 Park Lane, Blaxton

**19/00583/TPO** – 11 Fernbank Close, Blaxton, DN9 3PT – Consent to reduce two oak trees by 3m in height and width and to re-balance the crowns to maintain wire clearance and to sever ivy; the tree being subject to T3 and T4 of Doncaster Borough Council Tree Preservation Order (No.57) 1989 Park Lane, Blaxton

- b) Approved Application

**19/00062/FUL** – 8 Fernbank Close, Blaxton, DN9 3PT – Erection of single storey extensions to side, rear and front porch following demolition of existing conservatory – **Permission Granted by DMBC 04/03/19 – Noted**

- c) Springs Lane Community Liaison Group Minutes 24 January 2019

RESOLVED (19)

That the minutes of the Springs Lane Community Liaison Group dated 24 January 2019 be noted.

RESOLVED (20)

That it be noted that, following the announcement about the presence of significant hydrocarbon bearing cores from drill samples at the Springs Lane site it was likely that a further application for approval to commence commercial gas production would be made.

RESOLVED (21)

That the Council continue to monitor this development and to represent the interests of Blaxton residents as the development progresses.

- d) Springs Lane Community Liaison Group Minutes 24 January 2019 – Revised Section 6 – **Noted**
- e) Summerfields Estate Green Space – **No Issues**

#### 14) CHAIR'S REPORT

- a) Obstruction on Park Lane

It was reported that an obstruction in the form of a brick pillar on Park Lane had been reported to DMBC Highways who were unable to take action to remove the obstruction and, had advised that it was for Park Lane residents as 'road managers' to deal with this issue. It was also reported that the Refuse Collection staff had complained to their Managers about the difficulty caused by the obstruction when visiting properties along part of Park Lane.

RESOLVED (22)

That the reports be noted and that the Clerk be requested to alert DMBC Highways to the report about the Refuse Collection staff comments.

- b) Public Rights of Way Forum (PROW)

The Chair reported that, due to clashes with the Doncaster Sheffield Airport meetings she would not be able to continue to represent the Council on the PROW Forum

RESOLVED (23)

That the nomination of a representative to attend meetings of the Public Rights of Way Forum be considered at the next Parish Council meeting.

#### 15) BLAXTON PLAYING FIELD

- a) Mole Control – Resolution 16 – **On-going – Noted**
- b) Rabbit Control – Resolution 17 – **On-going – Noted**
- c) Bank End Road Fence Replacement – Resolution 18

RESOLVED (24)

That it be noted that an installation date had not yet been received and that the Clerk be requested to contact the supplier for an update.

- d) Roundabouts

The Clerk circulated images of a number of 'roundabouts'. There was general consensus that a roundabout called 'Spiro-Whirl' would be acceptable. However, Members recognised that it would be appropriate to seek resident's and children's thoughts about playground equipment. Councillor R Dennis offered to attempt to get in touch with local groups.

RESOLVED (25)

That Councillor Dennis be thanked for his offer to seek feedback and that the provision of playground equipment be considered again at the next meeting of the Parish Council.

#### 16) BLAXTON VILLAGE HALL

- a) Village Hall Committee Minutes 20 February 2019 – **Noted**
- b) Review of Constitution – Resolution 19 – **Noted that advice awaited from Community First Yorkshire**

- c) Request for Grant towards caretaking, energy and insurance 2019/20 – **Noted**

**17) JOINT PLAYING FIELD**

- a) Minutes 25 February 2019 – **Noted**
- b) Section 106 Projects – **Final quotation for field enlargement project awaited**

- c) Chairmanship

RESOLVED (26)

That it be noted with regret that Mr W Worsfold had resigned from the Joint Playing Field Association

RESOLVED (27)

That the appointment of Councillor J Scutt as Chair be noted.

- d) Request for Payment of Grant 2018/19 – **Noted and authorised under item 12(a) above**

**a) CORRESPONDENCE**

- a) YLCA White Rose Update February 2019 – **Noted**
- b) YLCA White Rose Update March 2019 – **Noted**
- c) Clerks and Council's Direct March 2019 – **Noted**
- d) Open Space Spring 2019 Newsletter – **Noted**

**b) DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

RESOLVED (28)

That it be noted that the next meeting of the Parish Council which was due to take place on Thursday 18 April 2019 at the conclusion of the Annual Parish Meeting in Blaxton Village Hall.

Meeting closed at 21:53

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

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