

BLAXTON PARISH COUNCIL

**MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 20 JUNE 2019 IN
BLAXTON VILLAGE HALL AT 19:35**

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

IN ATTENDANCE: Ward Councillor R A Jones and P A Dennis (Clerk)

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC – One

1) APOLOGIES – None

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 ANNUAL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 16 MAY 2019

RESOLVED (1)

That the Minutes of the Annual Parish Council Meeting held on 16 May 2019 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

5) PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Councillor Johnson declared an interest during the following item since issues related to the quarry operations within the area of Finningley Parish Council were being discussed.

A resident presented details of concerns about heavy goods vehicle numbers, operating times, dust disturbance, noise, hours of operation and vibration caused by the vehicles.

RESOLVED (2)

That the Clerk be requested to follow up on the issues raised by the resident and keep Ward Members updated.

6) MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

a) War Memorial Surface and Trees

The Clerk requested confirmation of the colour for the surfacing on the War Memorial site and the type of tree to be planted.

RESOLVED (3)

That it be confirmed that the ground surface colour should be 'Soar' and, that the cherry tree to be planted should be Prunus Amanogawa.

RESOLVED (4)

That, under Financial Regulation 4.5, the Clerk be authorised to instruct the Architect to order an additional tree, a Yew – Taxus Baccata Fastigiata.

7) DMBC AND EAST AREA COMMUNITIES TEAM ISSUES

a) Withdrawal of Customer Services email address – Resolution 13

The Clerk reported that the Customer Services Team Manager had explained that the general email address had been withdrawn because many of the enquiries received could be resolved more efficiently if customers used the online forms. Consideration was however being given making an email address available to Clerks to use for enquiries which did not fit the online form criteria.

RESOLVED (5)

That the report be noted.

b) Highways Issues – Resolution 15

A response to the Council's questions and concerns on the following issues had been received from DMBC and emailed to Members on 17 June 2019. Further information about items (ii) and (iii) had also become available at the Yorkshire Wildlife Park meeting held on 18 June 2019. The current position on the points raised is shown in Resolution 6 below.

RESOLVED (6)

That the response from DMBC be received and, current positions on the issues raised and as shown below, be noted.

- i) Planned Zebra Crossing on Hurst Lane – **understood to be planned for installation during school Summer holidays 2019**
- ii) Roundabout on Hurst Lane for Yorkshire Wildlife Park – **planned for school Summer holidays 2019**
- iii) New Traffic Light Installation at Lidgett Corner – **not yet planned**
- iv) Issues relating to Traffic Speed, Volume and Type at Blaxton Roundabout – **DMBC not prepared to consider taking any action because statistics show the location to be safer than other areas needing improvements which will therefore qualify for the limited available resources ahead of Blaxton**

RESOLVED (7)

That the DMBC response be received with concern, especially since it was clear that there was no base data for road traffic volumes throughout the area and, that Ward Members be requested to pursue this issue at every opportunity to ensure that developments are only approved when it can be shown that the wider road network and environment can accommodate increases.

8) POLICING ISSUES

a) Community Alcohol Partnership (CAP)

- Update from Ward Councillor Steve Cox – **Noted**
- Invitation to CAP Launch on 12 July 2019 at 10:00

RESOLVED (8)

That Councillor Johnson's offer to represent Blaxton Parish Council, since he had also been nominated to attend by Finningley Parish Council, be accepted.

9) DONCASTER SHEFFIELD AIRPORT (DSA)

a) Noise Monitoring and Environmental Sub-Committee Agenda 20 June 2019

Councillor McCarron reported on the DSA Noise Monitoring and Environmental Sub-Committee meeting held on 20 June 2019 where items considered included the air space change proposals, update on changed training flight arrangements, DSA Corporate Social Responsibility Report, Noise Monitoring and Environmental Reports and cargo activities.

RESOLVED (9)

That Councillor McCarron be thanked for her report which was noted.

10) YORKSHIRE WILDLIFE PARK (YWP) CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE

a) Extra Meeting on 18 June 2019

Councillor Schofield reported on the extra meeting of the Consultative Committee which had been held to hear about the road works on Hurst Lane and the road closure which was required to allow construction of a new roundabout access to the Wildlife Park from Hurst Lane.

Councillor Schofield explained that closures of Hurst Lane would take place for the duration of the School Summer holidays and each subsequent School holiday until April 2020. Traffic would be diverted via Gatehouse Lane. Dates had not been set for the traffic light installation and junction alterations at the Hurst Lane/Mosham Road junction.

It was also reported, in response to a question from a member of the Committee, that arrangements to install the roundabout were already in place which prompted the member to ask 'what was the purpose of a Consultative Committee when you only tell it what you have already decided to do?'.

RESOLVED (10)

That Councillor Schofield be thanked for her report which was noted.

b) Next Ordinary meeting due 11 July 2019 – **Noted**

11) ADMINISTRATIVE & FINANCIAL MATTERS

a) Insurance Renewal 2019/20 and Consideration of Play Equipment Insured Values

RESOLVED (11)

That the insurance policy and The Play Inspection Company equipment valuation provided to Members by email on 16 June 2019 be received and noted.

RESOLVED (12)

That the revised premium for 2019/20 be approved and that the Clerk be requested to monitor the insured values of play equipment and notify the Council if any changes were needed.

b) Payments for authorisation 20 June 2019

RESOLVED (13)

That the following payments be approved:-

<u>Payee/Invoice No</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Net</u>	<u>VAT</u>	<u>Total</u>
Glendale Countryside GC446PC01794	BPF Grass Cutting 3, 17, 31 May 2019	113.52	22.70	136.22
The Play Inspection Company – 36270	Annual Inspection Blaxton Playing Field May 2019	65.00	13.00	78.00
Came and Company 4285469	Insurance 01/06/19 - 31/05/20	611.28	0.00	611.28
Need A Hand 1958	Remove and dispose of old compost and plants in 4 planters, fill with fresh compost, restock with Summer plants, water, labour and transport - 10/06/19	367.00	0.00	367.00
Need A Hand 1961	Strim grass on Joint Playing Field Ramp 17/06/19	60.00	0.00	60.00
Need A Hand 1963	Strim and Mow grass on Public Footpath adjacent Blaxton Playing Field 17/06/19	35.00	0.00	35.00
Amberol Limited 18735	Replacement Matting and Wicks for 4 Planters	37.20	7.44	44.64
P A Dennis	Salary June 2019	386.57	0.00	386.57
P A Dennis	Office, Telephone, Broadband Allowance June 2019	23.60	0.00	23.60
P A Dennis 203017783270	Reimbursement for 1&1 Website Hosting costs 08/06/19 - 08/07/19	19.99	4.00	23.99
HMRC	Month 3 Contributions	98.00	0.00	98.00
Total				1,864.30

c) Bank Reconciliation May 2019 – **Noted**

d) Balances against the Precept to 15 June 2019 – **Noted**

e) Transfer of Business Premium Account Balance to Community Current Account

RESOLVED (14)

That, in view of the relatively small balance in the Business Premium Account and, the insignificant interest earned, the balance be transferred to the Community Current Account.

f) Defibrillator – Resolution 12

RESOLVED (15)

That it be noted that Will Bedford had kindly agreed to attend the July Parish Council meet to explain about the processes of acquiring, using and maintaining a community defibrillator and, that the Village Hall Committee be invited to attend the presentation which would take place at the beginning of the meeting.

g) Review of Financial Regulations and Standing Orders – **Deferred to 18 July 2019**

h) Finningley Women's Institute Verge Planting

Members considered the kind offer from Finningley Women's Institute to plant areas at either side of the Blaxton/Finningley sign on Station Road which would involve Blaxton and Finningley Parish Councils providing a suitable border to contain the planting and seeking approval for a licence from DMBC

RESOLVED (16)

That the Clerk be requested to inform the Finningley Women's Institute that, with regret, the Council does not feel able to take up the kind offer.

RESOLVED (17)

That the Council consider the possibilities for further roadside planting around the Parish at a future meeting.

- i) Review of Annual Governance Statement – Resolution 25 – **Deferred to 18 July 2019**
- j) Planters – **Deferred to 18 July 2019**
- k) Remembrance Service at War Memorial – Storage of Signs and Management of Event – **Deferred to 18 July 2019**
- l) Storage of Christmas Lights – **Deferred to 18 July 2019**
- m) Notes on managing the activities at (j) to (l) above circulated by Councillor McCarron – **Deferred to 18 July 2019**

12) PLANNING

- a) Application **19/00891/FUL** – Section 73 Application to vary Condition 2 of Planning Permission 17/02206/FUL – Enclosure of alfresco dining area – **neither support nor object**
- b) Application **18/02593/FULM** – Erection of 14 dwellings on approximately 0.45ha of land following demolition of existing building – to be considered by DMBC Planning Committee – **Noted**
- c) White and Carter site Developments – Possibility of Section 106 Funding

It was reported that this development was likely to yield around £30,000 in Section 106 funding for use on open space areas in Blaxton. The Summerfields Drive open space and Blaxton Playing Field were possible sites which could benefit. Ward Councillor R A Jones explained that it would be some time before funds would be available but that the Council should consider how the Parish could benefit from the funds and, keep DMBC Officers and Ward Members informed.

RESOLVED (18)

That the report be noted and, that consideration be given to how the potential Section 106 funds could be used to benefit the community be considered further at the next Parish Council meeting.

- d) NCC Draft Nottinghamshire Minerals Local Plan Public Consultation – Finningley Parish Council suggestion

RESOLVED (19)

That the Council agrees to the suggestion to establish a Joint Parish Councils' Working Party to formulate a response to the Draft Nottinghamshire Minerals Local Plan Public

Consultation and to nominate two representatives to the Working Party at the next Parish Council meeting.

- e) DMBC Annual Planning Performance Report 2018/19 – **Noted**

13) BLAXTON PLAYING FIELD

- a) Annual Inspection by The Play Inspection Company

RESOLVED (20)

That The Play Inspection Company inspection report be received and noted and, that the Clerk be requested to report back on the items identified as needing attention.

RESOLVED (21)

That it be noted that the Clerk had already authorised the replacement of a cradle swing seat and a flat swing seat at a cost of £145 and was expecting a quotation for the repair of the picnic table and reapplying preservative to all wooden furniture.

- b) Roundabouts – Resolution 31

Quotations for two roundabouts had been circulated prior to meeting.

RESOLVED (22)

That the Clerk be authorised to order the Wicksteed Spiro Whirl roundabout at a cost of up to £7,868.40 subject to confirmation by Wicksteed of the suitability of the locations due to possible drainage issues following a site meeting to be held on 25 June 2019.

14) BLAXTON VILLAGE HALL

- a) Ownership of Village Hall – Resolutions 34 & 35

RESOLVED (23)

That the advice from Community First Yorkshire be received and noted and that, since there was no realistic chance that the Village Hall could be disposed of as described in the Constitution, no further action be taken.

15) JOINT PLAYING FIELD

- a) Minutes 23 May 2019 and Annual General Meeting Agenda 19 June 2019 – **emailed 03/06/19**
b) Ordinary Meeting Agenda 19 June 2019 – **Noted**
c) To consider a smoking ban on the Joint Playing Field

Councillor Schofield reported that she had proposed a total smoking ban on the Joint Playing Field since it was not appropriate near children or those undertaking physical activities but, that the proposal had not been supported.

RESOLVED (24)

That the report be noted

16) CORRESPONDENCE

RESOLVED (25)

That the following items be noted:-

- a) Celebrating the 75th Anniversary of VE Day – 8 May 2020
- b) YLCA White Rose Update Edition May 2019
- c) YLCA White Rose Update Edition June 2019
- d) YLCA One-day Conference 2019 and YLCA 75th Anniversary Celebration
- e) NALC Chief Executive Bulletin 24 May 2019
- f) Resolutions for Debate at The YLCA Joint Annual Meeting 13 July 2019
- g) South Yorkshire Branch YLCA Annual Meeting – 19 June 2019 at 19:00
- h) Open Space publication Summer 2019 an invitation to Annual General Meeting 11 July 2019

17) DATE OF NEXT MEETING

RESOLVED (26)

That it be noted that the next meeting of the Parish Council was due to take place on Thursday 18 July 2019 at 19:35 in Blaxton Village Hall.

Meeting closed at 22:07

Chair: _____

Date: _____