

BLAXTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 18 JUNE 2020 AT 19:30 USING MICROSOFT TEAMS REMOTE MEETING SOFTWARE

PRESENT: Councillors R Dennis (Chair), R Johnson, and J Scutt

APOLOGIES: Councillors N McCarron and P Schofield

IN ATTENDANCE: DMBC Ward Members J Cox and S Cox and, P A Dennis (Clerk)

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC – Three

1) APOLOGIES

RESOLVED (1)

That apologies for absence be accepted from Councillors N McCarron and P Schofield.

2) MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 21 MAY 2020

RESOLVED (2)

That the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 21 May 2020 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

3) MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES – None

4) PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Three members of the public joined the meeting to speak about concerns relating to Heavy Goods Vehicles, traffic speed and volume.

The issues included HGV's running outside of approved hours, un-sheeted HGV's, excessive vehicle noise and speed, vibration of roadside properties, excessive dust, sunken drain covers, inappropriate speed limits, badly placed speed limit change points and inadequate road widths for current vehicle widths.

Residents provided details of minerals operators whose vehicles caused noise, dust and travelled outside authorised times.

A Ward Member offered to track down appropriate DMBC Officers with a view to arranging a meeting to discuss the issues.

Residents expressed the hope that a coordinated approach would be taken.

The Chair thanked residents for their comments and closed the Public Participation session.

5) WARD MEMBERS REPORT

In response to a question about **Anti-Social Behaviour** related to NO₂ usage, Ward Members advised that the DMBC/Police strategy was on-going and would focus on the public health angle.

Ward Members also confirmed that they were working to help village halls receive hand sanitiser and dispensing stations in preparation for the relaxing of Covid-19 conditions.

RESOLVED (3)

That Ward Members be thanked for their reports.

6) DMBC AND EAST AREA COMMUNITIES TEAM ISSUES

a) Road Traffic Issues

(i) HGV traffic, operation times and speed of vehicles on Bank End Road – Resolution 4 – referred to DMBC 13/03/20

An email reply from DMBC Highways on this matter on 16 June 2020 had been circulated to Members. In essence, the reply rejected the Councils requests for a meeting to consider the introduction of a number of improvements and undertake traffic speed, type and volume surveys.

RESOLVED (4)

That the offer from Ward Members to pursue this issue with DMBC Officers and arrange a meeting be accepted and, that no further action be taken by the Parish Council until an update was received from Ward Members.

(ii) Resident complaint about the issues raised in item 6(a)(i) above and requesting that further actions are taken

This matter was discussed extensively during the Public Participation Item and covered many issues including those as outlined in Public Participation.

The Parish Council and Ward Members were generally supportive of the issues raised by members of the public and, had been working to secure improvements from DMBC for many years without success, always receiving rebuttals from DMBC Highways based on costs, the lack of fatalities and higher priorities elsewhere.

RESOLVED (5)

That residents be thanked for raising this important issue and the actions taken.

RESOLVED (6)

That further action by the Parish Council be considered when an update from Ward Members (Resolution 4 above) is received.

(iii) Traffic Concerns Post Office Corner (A614) – Resolution 5

RESOLVED (7)

That no action be taken on the invitation to support the CST 20 Group campaign for a 20mph speed limit at the 'Post Office Bend' on the A614 and, the provision of a pedestrian crossing on the A614 near to the Mayflower Medical Practice.

RESOLVED (8)

That the request for the Clerk to forward CST 20 Group reports to Parish Councillors for information be respectfully declined.

b) Strategic Housing Redevelopment of New Street Garages site – Resolution 6 – DMBC Consultation with residents, the Parish Council and Ward Members – **Not being progressed at present**

RESOLVED (9)

That DMBC be notified that the Parish Council was most disappointed that this development had been put on hold since it also presented an opportunity to improve parking difficulties on New Street as well as improving the street scene.

RESOLVED (10)

That DMBC be requested to provide further details of the problems presented by the presence of the sewers on the garages site and, the estimated cost of remedying the problems.

7) POLICING ISSUES

- a) Community Speed Watch – **Suspended for the time being – Noted**
- b) Community Alcohol Partnership – next Meeting planned for 13:00 – 24 June 2020 – **Noted**

8) CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEES

- a) The DMBC Parish Councils', Doncaster Sheffield Airport and Yorkshire Wildlife Park consultative committees have not met recently due to Covid-19 – **Noted**
- b) Planned Traffic Lights Hurst Lane/Mosham Road Junction – Noted that work planned for school holidays but dates not yet determined. – **DMBC requested to keep Parish Council updated.**

9) DEFIBRILLATOR INSTALLATION – Installed 29/05/20 – Noted

10) FINANCIAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

- a) Payments considered for approval on 18 June 2020

RESOLVED (11)

That the following payments be approved:-

<u>Voucher No</u>	<u>Payee/Invoice</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Net</u>	<u>VAT</u>	<u>Total</u>
18	Glendale Countryside GC446PC02348	BPF Grass Cutting 8 and 22 May 2020	77.96	15.59	93.55
19	HS Harbon & Sons Ltd 32809	Install socket and external cabinet for Defibrillator in Blaxton Village Hall 02/06/20	213.20	42.64	255.84
20	P A Dennis	Salary June 2020	386.57	0.00	386.57
20	P A Dennis	Office, Telephone, Broadband Allowance June 2020	25.00	0.00	25.00
21	P A Dennis 203021909202	Reimbursement for 1&1 Website Hosting costs 08/06/20 - 08/07/20	23.00	4.60	27.60
22	HMRC	Month 3 Contributions	96.60	0.00	96.60
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- b) Annual Governance and Accountability Return (AGAR) 2019/20

RESOLVED (12)

That it be noted that the accounts for the financial year ending 31 March 2020 were with the Internal Auditor for examination and would be presented for consideration at the next meeting of the Parish Council.

- c) Bank Reconciliation to 01/06/20 – **Noted**
d) Balances against Budgets to 12 June 2020 – **Noted**

e) Memorial Donation

RESOLVED (13)

That a donation of £25 be made towards a memorial to commemorate the efforts of Roy Hattersley, a long-standing stalwart on the Joint Playing Field Committee who is greatly missed.

f) Park Lane Sign

RESOLVED (14)

That the request from a resident for the Parish Council to fund the purchase of a sign to be displayed at the New Street/Park Lane junction indicating that there is provision to turn round within the curtilage of 62 Park Lane be agreed subject to DMBC approval.

g) New Model Code of Conduct Consultation (Local Government Association) Consultation

RESOLVED (15)

That the Clerk be requested to confirm the deadline for the submission of comments.

h) Delegation to Clerk during Covid-19 Lockdown

RESOLVED (16)

That it be noted that, since the last meeting of the Parish Council, no decisions had been made by the Clerk under the delegated authority granted in Resolution 4 of the meeting held on 27 April 2020.

11) PLANNING

- a) Doncaster Council Local Plan – Examination in Public – Matters, Issues, and Questions – **Planning Inspector Note No4**

RESOLVED (17)

That the Clerk register an intent to submit further information and to reserve the right for a Council Representative to speak at the Public Examination of the Doncaster Local Plan in respect of the need to undertake more realistic traffic assessments when developments are proposed.

12) BLAXTON PLAYING FIELD

- a) Covid-19 – **field remains closed**
b) Improvements to Blaxton Playing Field – Section 106 Funding (18/02593/FULM)

RESOLVED (18)

That the following update (**in bold**) in respect of this project be received and noted.

- confirm the Council's interest in developing Blaxton Playing Field with support from DMBC Section 106 funding – **done**
- seek quotations for specifying a scheme for hard surfacing and drainage to allow the designated parking area to be accessed and brought into use – **in progress**
- investigate other funding opportunities – **pending until groundwork quotations received and draft development plan for the field produced**

13) JOINT PLAYING FIELD

a) Joint Playing Field Issues

Councillor Johnson reported on recent ASB events, Police and DMBC involvement, the issue of a notice encouraging the public to report events, tennis court opening planned for 4 July 2020, the receipt of a Business Rate Relief Grant of £10,000 to help mitigate income loss resulting from Covid-19, progress with the Section 106 grant process and, the receipt of quotations for projects to be funded from the grant.

b) Grounds Maintenance work on Ramp and Access Path

It was reported that a quotation from Need A Hand had been received for cutting back vegetation along the access path to the mid-point of the Ramp, grass cutting on the slope adjacent to the ramp and spraying. This item had been omitted from the Agenda in error and could not therefore be considered at this meeting of the Parish Council.

To avoid delay with this work, Joint Playing Field Representatives requested the Clerk to provide details of the quotation to the Playing Fields Association so that it could consider the quote and make a decision about progressing the work.

14) BLAXTON VILLAGE HALL

a) Defibrillator installed 29/05/20 – **Noted**

b) Hall remains closed until further notice – Meeting on 26 June 2020 – **Noted**

15) ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

Since the last meeting ‘in persons’ on 28 February 2020 many items of correspondence about Covid-19, community activities and initiatives and, training opportunities have been received and circulated – no requests have been made to discuss any of these items formally in a Parish Council meeting. – **Noted**

16) DATE OF NEXT MEETING

RESOLVED (19)

That the next meeting of the Parish Council be held on Thursday 16 July 2020 at 19:00 using Microsoft Teams remote meeting software unless restrictions were lifted so as to allow meetings to be held in the Village Hall.

Meeting closed at 22:00

Chair: _____

Date: _____