

BLAXTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 16 JULY 2020 AT 19:00 USING ZOOM REMOTE MEETING SOFTWARE

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

APOLOGIES: Councillors N McCarron and P Schofield

IN ATTENDANCE: P A Dennis (Clerk)

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC – None

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 18 JUNE 2020

RESOLVED (2)

That the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 18 June 2020 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

3) MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES – None

4) PUBLIC PARTICIPATION – None Present

5) WARD MEMBERS REPORT – None Present

6) DMBC AND EAST AREA COMMUNITIES TEAM ISSUES

a) HGV traffic, operation times, speed of vehicles and residents' complaints on Bank End Road – Resolution 4 – 18/06/20

The Clerk reported on an update received from DMBC Ward Councillor Jane Cox on progress with arrangements for a meeting to discuss a range of issues relating to traffic along the approaches to Blaxton Roundabout, especially Bank End Road. Arrangements were on hold pending the return of a key DMBC Officer to work. A quarry representative was happy to attend and a Police representative would attend subject to availability.

RESOLVED (3)

That the report be noted and that the Clerk confirm that Parish Council representatives could be available to meet during August 2020 to avoid this matter not being progressed until the September meeting.

b) Traffic Survey 22 June 2020 – Report from Councillor Scutt

RESOLVED (4)

That Councillor Scutt be thanked for undertaking an informal traffic survey from 04:04 to 06:00 on 22 June 2020 which was noted.

- d) Strategic Housing Redevelopment of New Street Garages site – Resolutions 9 and 10 18/06/20

A reply from DMBC explaining that the proposed housing development would not be progressed for the time being due to the cost of relocating two sewers which crossed the site.

Members recalled that roadside parking issues had been reported by residents in the past and wondered if New Street and Bells Close residents would use the garages land to help reduce roadside parking. It was also suggested that a part of the area might be suitable for use as a 'Community Garden'.

RESOLVED (5)

That the Clerk be requested to pursue the possibilities of off-street parking and a community garden with Leger Homes and, informally seek community feeling via the Council's Website and Facebook page.

7) POLICING ISSUES

- a) Community Speed Watch remains suspended – **Noted**
- b) Community Alcohol Partnership – Meeting held on 24 June 2020

Councillor Johnson reported that the meeting, which benefitted from the input of parish councils, had been poorly attended by the sector. It was felt that active engagement with the CAP had helped to reduce the impact of ASB on the Blaxton and Finningley Joint Playing Field.

RESOLVED (6)

That Councillor Johnson be thanked for the report and for the offer to represent the Parish Council at the next CAP meeting.

8) CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEES – UPDATES

- a) PCJCC – Minutes 11 March 2020 and notice that the next meeting will be held on a date to be decided – **Noted**
- b) Doncaster Sheffield Airport – Virtual Meeting of the Doncaster Sheffield Airport Consultative Committee – Thursday 16th July 2020

Councillor Scutt reported that information provided at the meeting included the impact of Covid-19 on operations, a trebling in freight traffic and, an optimistic future now that Covid-19 restrictions were being relaxed.

RESOLVED (7)

That the report be noted with thanks.

d) Yorkshire Wildlife Park

Works to install traffic lights at Lidgett Crossroads (Junction of B1396, School Lane and Hurst Lane, Auckley)

RESOLVED (8)

That it be noted that the work to install traffic lights at Lidgett Crossroads would start on or after 17 July 2020 and continue until the end of the school summer holidays and again at the autumn half-term break.

9) **FINANCIAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS**

a) Payments considered for approval on 16 July 2020

RESOLVED (9)

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> |
|-------------------|--|---|------------|------------|--------------|
| 23 | Glendale Countryside GC446PC02415 | BPF Grass Cutting 5 and 19 June 2020 | 77.96 | 15.59 | 93.55 |
| 23 | Glendale Countryside GC446PC02415 | BPF Perimeter Spraying and Strimming June 2020 | 70.00 | 14.00 | 84.00 |
| 24 | P A Dennis | Salary July 2020 | 386.57 | 0.00 | 386.57 |
| 24 | P A Dennis | Office, Telephone, Broadband Allowance June 2020 | 25.00 | 0.00 | 25.00 |
| 25 | P A Dennis 203022280254 | Reimbursement for 1&1 Website Hosting costs 08/06/20 - 08/07/20 | 23.00 | 4.60 | 27.60 |
| 26 | HMRC | Month 4 Contributions | 96.60 | 0.00 | 96.60 |
| 27 | Blaxton and Finningley Playing Field Association | Contribution towards Memorial Seat | 25.00 | 0.00 | 25.00 |
| 28 | G H Cawthorne 2020-21 (2) | Professional Services in respect of Internal Audit 2019/20 | 220.00 | 0.00 | 220.00 |
| | | | | | 958.32 |

b) Annual Governance and Accountability Return (AGAR) 2019/20

i) Annual Governance Statement 2019/20 – Section 1

RESOLVED (10)

That the Annual Governance Statement for 2019/20 be approved and signed by the Chair.

ii) Consider and approve Accounting Statements 2019/20 – Section 2

RESOLVED (11)

That the Annual Governance Statements for 2019/20 be approved and signed by the Chair.

iv) Internal Audit Report for 2019/20

RESOLVED (12)

That the Internal Audit Report for 2019/20, which contained no recommendations for actions, be received and noted.

v) Supporting Documents to the Accounts for 2019/20

RESOLVED (13)

That the Bank Reconciliation, Explanation of Variances between 2018/19 and 2019/20 on the AGAR Section 2, list of Fixed Assets and, Appendix 1 – Further analysis of some variances relating to the final accounts for 2019/20 be received and noted.

c) Bank Reconciliation to 01/07/20 – **Noted**

d) Balances against Budgets to 10 July 2020 – **Noted**

e) Consideration of a donation to provide padded cushion for R Hattersley Memorial Seat

The offer to provide a padded cushion was much appreciated by Playing Field Association representatives who felt that it would probably be best to wait until the seat is in place and the Association can meet before following up on the offer.

RESOLVED (14)

That the response be noted.

Councillor J Scutt declared a personal interest in the following item as a resident of Park Lane

f) Park Lane Sign – Resolution 14 – **Response from DMBC to request for approval awaited – Clerk to follow up**

g) Joint Statement from NALC and SLCC on Face-to-Face Council Meetings

RESOLVED (15)

That the guidance be received and noted and that the Clerk be requested to contact absent Members to discuss possibilities for enabling them to take part in remote meetings.

h) New Model Code of Conduct Consultation (Local Government Association) Consultation - **Noted**

i) Review of Financial Regulations and Standing Orders

RESOLVED (16)

That Financial Regulations and Standing Orders be considered by the Council at the September or October meeting after being reviewed as follows:-

- Financial Regulations – Councillor Johnson and the Clerk
- Standing Orders – Councillor Dennis and the Clerk

j) Delegation to Clerk during Covid-19 lockdown

RESOLVED (17)

That the following delegated action taken by the Clerk be noted and confirmed:

Following consultation with Members the Clerk made the following decision on 7 July 2020:-

Object to Planning Application 20/01348/FUL | Change of use of land to campsite with associated amenity facilities, Yorkshire Wildlife Park Brockholes Lane Branton Doncaster DN3 3NH

Reasons for the objection:-

- no traffic assessment has been provided – a survey of existing traffic (post Covid-19) and prior to the opening of the Hurst Lane vehicle entrance should be performed to gauge the impact on local communities
- concern that foul waste will be managed using portaloos which are usually used for temporary, short-term events
- serviced, brick-built toilets and showers would be more suitable for a permanent campsite
- separate facilities need to be provided for the disposal of caravan chemical toilet waste

RESOLVED (18)

That no further comment be made on the Application at this time.

10) PLANNING

- a) Doncaster Council Local Plan – Examination in Public – Matters, Issues, and Questions – Planning Inspector Note No.4 – Resolution 17 – 18 June 2020

The draft Statement which supported the Councils initial submission was considered.

RESOLVED (19)

That the draft 'Statement to Hearing' displayed at the meeting be approved, submitted to the Planning Inspector and attached to these Minutes at Appendix 1.

11) BLAXTON PLAYING FIELD

- a) Progress Towards Reopening

It was reported that the DMBC Play Equipment Inspector had inspected the equipment and confirmed that the Playing Field could be opened.

RESOLVED (20)

That:-

- the report be noted
- two Covid-19 notices about the safe use of play areas be purchased from DMBC at a cost of £18
- the playing field be opened as soon as the notices had been displayed

- b) Improvements to Blaxton Playing Field – Section 106 Funding (18/02593/FULM)

RESOLVED (21)

That it be noted that the Clerk was still working to obtain three quotations to specify the work which would be needed to create a suitably drained hard surface entrance and car parking area to serve the playing field.

12) JOINT PLAYING FIELD

- a) Accounts for 2019/20 – **Received and Noted**
- b) Anti-Social Behaviour (ASB) and Section 106 Projects

Councillor Johnson reported that since public awareness of the ASB problems had been raised and, increased attention had been paid by the Police and DMBC, the facilities on the field had been treated more respectfully. He also outlined progress towards the allocation of contracts for the works to be met from the Section 106 funds. Football and Cricket sessions had restarted and were being run in accordance with Governing Body Guidance, the Pavilion remained closed apart from the toilets which were being cleaned by users.

RESOLVED (22)

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

13) BLAXTON VILLAGE HALL

- a) **Minutes 26 June and 14 July 2020 – Noted**

It was reported that a further meeting was planned for 23 July 2020 and that reopening the Hall was being considered subject to Covid-19 guidance being followed.

14) ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

Since the last meeting on 18 June 2020 a number of general items of correspondence including Covid-19 updates, community activities and initiatives and training opportunities have been circulated – no requests were made to discuss any of these items formally in a Parish Council meeting.

However, Councillor Johnson attended the YLCA ‘Spread Your Wings’ course on 10 July 2020 at a cost of the Course of £48 to be met from the Council’s Training Budget. The online course was reasonably useful but suffered a little by being conducted online rather than face to face. Copies of the course handouts had been circulated to Members prior to the meeting and the Course Exercises, with answers would also be circulated.

15) DATE OF NEXT MEETING

RESOLVED (23)

That it be noted that the next meeting of the Parish Council will take place on Thursday 17 September 2020 at 19:00 using Zoom or, in Blaxton Village Hall if Covid-19 conditions permit.

Meeting closed at 20:54

Chair: _____

Date: _____

DONCASTER LOCAL PLAN

STATEMENT FROM BLAXTON PARISH COUNCIL IN RELATION TO QUESTION
12.5 - MATTERS, ISSUES AND QUESTIONS

In support of the comments on the Doncaster Local Plan submitted by Blaxton Parish Council to Doncaster Borough Council on 30 September 2019 the Council wishes to add the following statement:-

Reinforcing the points made in our original submission, little has changed. Given the continued absence of accurate, up to date traffic base data for local roads, actual traffic flows should be measured as part of impact assessments when housing and industrial developments are proposed. This would inform the LPA of the impact of developments on the rural road infrastructure and provide an improved basis for judging the effect of developments on the amenity of the area and the quality of life of residents. The existing infrastructure is in poor condition, narrow in many places to the extent that large HGVs often slow to a crawl as they travel in opposite directions along the highways. Residents suffer from noise and exhaust pollution and vibration.

In addition, there are many proposed quarrying, housing and commercial developments in the area which is rich in mineral resources and close to major road networks (M18, A1M, M1, M62 and M180). It seems fitting that developers take responsibility for upgrading the local road network to allow access these major routes without causing major inconvenience to the local communities who rely on the rural road network to travel to work, shops, schools, and leisure facilities; all of which have been made more difficult and time consuming in recent times.

Original statement on Local Plan shown below for reference:-

At its meeting on 19 September 2019 the Parish Council decided that no objection should be raised in respect of the draft Local Plan for 2015 – 2035 but, that the Clerk be requested to register the Council's concerns about the absence of meaningful traffic impact assessments when developments are considered because:-

- there is no reliable, or current, base data for traffic movements on A, B and classified unnumbered roads which makes meaningful assessment impossible
- traffic impact assessments are only ever undertaken within the immediate area of a proposed development by developers' contractors
- traffic impact assessments ignore the impact of developments on the road network in communities near to proposed developments
- traffic impact assessments do not take account of the loss of amenity in nearby communities

It is requested that consideration be given to requiring more meaningful traffic impact assessments in future so that the effects on the local road network and communities are properly considered and any Section 106 financial considerations are applied to the affected communities in consultation with the Parish Council(s) in the area.

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