

BLAXTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 20 APRIL 2022 AT 19:00 IN BLAXTON VILLAGE HALL

PRESENT: Councillors R Johnson, J Scutt, R Cross, P Raybould

IN ATTENDANCE: P Reeves (Clerk)

APOLOGIES – None

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC – One

1 APOLOGIES – All Present

2 TO CONSIDER THE EXTENT, IF ANY, TO WHICH THE PUBLIC ARE TO BE EXCLUDED FROM THE MEETING – None

3 MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 16 MARCH 2022

RESOLVED (1)

That the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting on 16 March 2022 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

4 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES (Not included elsewhere on the Agenda) – None

5 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

A resident had previously contacted the Clerk with a number of issues and was in attendance to raise these matters:

a) Dog Signs on Blaxton Playing Field

It was reported that dogs on the playing field had recently caused concern to the resident and his family and that the current 'No Dog' signs in the vicinity of the play area and the playing field are not clearly visible.

The Chair explained that the signs at Blaxton Playing Field are under consideration to ensure clarity and compliance, and that this would be considered later in the meeting.

b) Summerfields Road Markings

It was reported that some of the white road markings on Summerfields are no longer visible.

RESOLVED (2)

That the Clerk report the faded/absent road markings on Summerfields to DMBC.

c) Debris, dirt, and vegetation at B1396 Junction with Wroot Road

The detritus on and around the street furniture and highway at the Bank End Road (B1396) junction with Wroot Road near to Blaxton Quarry, which the resident had previously reported to DMBC, were discussed. The conditions at the junction had improved following the report but, recently conditions had deteriorated with the visibility of signs being affected.

The Chair advised that the condition of the highway continues to be an issue and encouraged the resident to also raise his concerns with Finningley Parish Council as the junction is within its area

RESOLVED (3)

That the Clerk also raise this matter again with DMBC.

d) Blaxton Roundabout – Visibility & Safety

The recent accidents at Blaxton roundabout and the visibility and safety concerns were discussed.

The Clerk reported that DMBC had advised that it would look into the accident records at this location to see if an assessment could be conducted.

RESOLVED (4)

That the Clerk follow up the request for an assessment of Blaxton roundabout with DMBC.

e) Traffic Signals/Roadworks

The recent roadworks and 4-way traffic signals at Blaxton roundabout were reported to be problematic and that a further set of temporary traffic signals were now in situ along Thorne Road.

It was explained by both the Chair and the Clerk that the Parish Council has no responsibility or power over the roadworks, but did liaise with DMBC to request that certain conditions were met to minimise disruption and to notify road users as much as possible.

There had been no notification received for this current set of 2-way signals on Thorne Road.

RESOLVED (5)

That the Clerk contact DMBC regarding current roadworks to find out the details and how long they will be in situ.

The Chair thanked the resident for attending the meeting and for raising the matters above.

6 CONSIDERATION OF APPLICATIONS FOR CO-OPTION TO THE PARISH COUNCIL

The Clerk reported that no applications had been received by the deadline of 15th April 2022.

RESOLVED (6)

That Members attempt to engage with residents before the next meeting to encourage applications for Co-option to the Parish Council.

7 APPOINTMENT OF VICE-CHAIR FOR 2021/22

RESOLVED (7)

That Councillor R Cross be appointed as Vice-Chair for the remainder of 2021/22 Municipal Year.

8 WARD MEMBERS REPORT

The Clerk reported that a monthly meeting is being considered with Ward Members, local Parish Council representatives and other relevant officers.

RESOLVED (8)

That the Clerk confirm to Ward Members that Blaxton Parish Council would be happy to support this suggestion and provide a representative.

9 DMBC AND SOUTH AREA COMMUNITIES TEAM ISSUES

- a) **Great British Spring Clean 2022** – Volunteer litter pick went ahead on 8th April 2022 – Thank you to all involved.

- b) **Blaxton Roundabout Signage/Maintenance**

The Clerk reported that, following a report on 25th March from a resident who had experienced damage to his property from a vehicle at the roundabout, enquiries had been made to DMBC regarding the safety of the roundabout and the current signs. DMBC confirmed that they were satisfied with the position and condition of the signs on all four approaches to the roundabout, but would check the recorded number of accidents at the location to determine if any further assessment was required.

The Clerk also advised that the damaged signs on the roundabout had been reported many times and DMBC had agreed they were in a poor state of repair and had passed this onto the maintenance team.

It was reported that 2 accidents had occurred at the roundabout since the above enquiries had been made.

RESOLVED (9)

That the Clerk follow up with DMBC if any further assessment of the roundabout is required due to the recent accidents at this location.

- c) **Back Lane** – Signage

Following a resident's request for extra signage at Back Lane, the Clerk reported that enquiries to DMBC had been made. DMBC confirmed that as Back Lane is not adopted and is privately maintained, it would be the responsibility of the landowner to install any extra signage. Members confirmed that Blaxton Parish Council was unable to assist with funding additional signage.

RESOLVED (10)

That the Clerk update the resident and suggest contacting DMBC directly.

10 POLICING ISSUES

Community Speed Camera Scheme

Community Speed Watch training took place on 8th April 2022. There are now 3 members who are trained to assist the PCSOs when required – **Noted**

11 CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEES

- a) DMBC Parish Councils' Joint Consultative Committee (PCJCC) – Meeting 24/03/22
Minutes awaited – **Noted**
LGA Corporate Peer Review Participation Group 16-19 May 2022 – **Noted**
- b) Doncaster Sheffield Airport Consultative Committee (ACC) – Meeting 07/04/22
Minutes awaited – **Noted**
- c) Doncaster Sheffield Airport Noise Monitoring and Environment Sub-Committee (NMESC) – Meeting 24/03/22 Minutes circulated 24/03/22 – **Noted**
- d) South Yorkshire Branch of the YLCA – Next meeting 22/06/22 – **Noted**
Nominations for the Election of Branch Chairman, Vice-Chairman and representatives for the YLCA Joint Executive Board

RESOLVED (11)

That the Clerk be requested to nominate Duncan Wright for the Office of Chairman and Francis Jackson for the Office of Vice-Chairman of the South Yorkshire Branch of the Yorkshire local Councils' Associations (YLCA) and Julia Staniforth for appointment to the Joint Executive Board.

12 FINANCIAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

- a) Village Hall – Grant Request 2022/23 and Audited Accounts – A copy of the audited accounts of the Village Hall was circulated by email on 20/04/22.

Each year the Council budgets £1,600 to support the operation of Blaxton Village Hall. A request for the payment of the grant has been received. The payment of the grant has been included in the payments listed below for approval.

RESOLVED (12)

That the information be received and noted and, that the request be approved.

- b) Payments for approval on 20 April 2022

RESOLVED (13)

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>
1	YLCA YLCA Sub	Subscription 2022/23	436.00	0.00	436.00
2	YLCA 1253-2122	Flying Start Webinars 1 & 2 – R Cross 14 & 17 March 2022	60.00	0.00	60.00
3	DMBC 27828932	Dog Waste Bins 27/12/21 – 03/04/22 - 3 bins @ £6.02 for 13 weeks – Wks 39-52	234.78	46.96	281.74
4	Blaxton Village Hall Committee	Grant 2022/23	1,600.00	0.00	1,600.00
5	P Reeves	Salary April 2022	476.03	0.00	476.03
5	P Reeves	Office, Telephone, Broadband Allowance April 2022	25.00	0.00	25.00
6	P A Dennis	Salary April 2022	89.85	0.00	89.85

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7	P A Dennis	Reimbursement for 1&1 Website Hosting costs 08/04/22 - 08/05/22	23.00	4.60	27.60
8	HMRC	Month 1 Contributions	22.40	0.00	22.40
9	Glendale Countryside GC446-PC-03418	BPF Grass Cutting 21/03/22	42.16	8.43	50.59
					3,069.21

Note: **JPF S106** above indicates 'expenditure on Projects on the Joint Playing Field met from the DMBC Section 106 Grant'

- c) Bank Reconciliation at 31 March 2022 – **Noted**
- d) Balances against Budgets to 31 March 2022 – **Noted**
- e) Chairman's Allowance Budget – Report to follow
- f) YLCA Training Programme – Circulated 04/04/22 – **Noted**
- g) Website Accessibility and MS Office 365 – Report to follow – **Noted**
- h) Plant/Floral displays around the Village

Following discussions in 2021, it was suggested that suggestions for improvement of plant/floral displays around the Village would still be welcomed.

RESOLVED (14)

That the Clerk make enquiries with the local Landscape Garden Designer and request a meeting.

- i) Platinum Jubilee 2022 –

RESOLVED (15)

That a working group meeting be arranged for 25th April to discuss plans for the Platinum Jubilee Event.

13 PLANNING MATTERS – None

14 BLAXTON PLAYING FIELD

- a) Annual Equipment Inspection Report – Appointment of Contractor

The Clerk reported that quotations from three companies for the Annual Equipment Inspection had been received.

RESOLVED (16)

That The Play Inspection Company be appointed for the Annual Equipment Inspection at Blaxton Play Area.

- b) Dog Signs

RESOLVED (17)

That the signs on Blaxton Playing field and Play Area remain under review.

15 JOINT PLAYING FIELD

- a) Playing Field Association – Meeting 09/03/22 Minutes circulated 17/03/22 Next Meeting 27/04/22 TBC – **Noted**
- b) Finningley and Blaxton Joint Playing Field Improvement Projects Funded by Section 106 Grant (12/01327/EXTM)
- i) Projects Variation re Field Enlargement – It was reported that approval had been received from DMBC regarding the changes in Contractor and the Footpath, but with the condition that there was a guarantee for open access for all for the junior pitch and booking of the pavilion.

RESOLVED (18)

That DMBC approval of the requested variation to the field enlargement project, which included the following items, be noted by the Council.

- Excavate around field to enlarge adult pitch
- Excavate around field to enlarge junior pitches
- Level near pavilion to create new junior pitch

RESOLVED (19)

That the quotation of £16,410 from Plevey & Sons for the changed specification for the planned work be accepted.

RESOLVED (20)

That the Clerk refer the condition of a guarantee for open access for all for the junior pitch and the booking of the pavilion to the Joint Playing Field Association for consideration.

- ii) S106 Projects Budget Report at 31 March 2022 – **Received and Noted**

16 BLAXTON VILLAGE HALL

Village Hall Committee – Meeting 23/02/22 Minutes circulated 31/03/22 – **Noted**

17 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The Annual Parish Council Meeting is scheduled to be held on Wednesday 20 May 2022 in Blaxton Village Hall start at 19:00.

Meeting closed at 21.12

Chair: _____

Date: _____