

## BLAXTON PARISH COUNCIL

### MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 19 APRIL 2023 AT 19:00 IN BLAXTON VILLAGE HALL

**PRESENT:** Councillors R Johnson, J Scutt, P Raybould and J Hill

**APOLOGIES:** None

**MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC:** None

**IN ATTENDANCE:** P Reeves (Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer) and Ward Councillor Allan Jones

**1) APOLOGIES** – None

**2) RESIGNATION**

The Chair reported that Councillor Cross had resigned from the Parish Council and the 'Notice of Casual Vacancy' has been displayed – **Noted**

**3) TO CONSIDER THE EXTENT, IF ANY, TO WHICH THE PUBLIC WERE TO BE EXCLUDED FROM THE MEETING** – None

**4) DECLARATION OF PREJUDICIAL INTERESTS, OTHER INTERESTS, THE RECEIPT OF GIFTS AND HOSPITALITY AND REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATION** – Cllr Johnson declared an interest in Item 14a) Playing Field Association due to being appointed representative for the next PFA meeting – **Noted**

**5) MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 15 MARCH 2023**

RESOLVED (1)

That the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 15 March 2023 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

**6) PUBLIC PARTICIPATION** – None Present

**7) WARD MEMBERS REPORT**

Cllr Jones reported that an email regarding an Elector Referendum to merge Blaxton and Finningley Parish Councils, at the request of Ward Members, had been forwarded to the Clerk. The Chair advised that this information would be circulated to Members and would be included in the agenda for a future meeting.

**8) DMBC AND SOUTH AREA COMMUNITIES TEAM ISSUES**

Volunteer Litter Pick – 4 April 2023

The volunteer litter pick went ahead on 4 April 2023 with 22 bags of litter being collected. The Council would like to thank all the volunteers and also StreetScene for collecting the bags of litter.

It was reported that there are residents who regularly litter pick as they walk around the Village and a suggestion was made for a number of litter-pickers and bags to be readily available within the Village.

RESOLVED (2)

That the Clerk be requested to purchase some litter-pickers and bags and check with the Village Hall Committee that these can be available outside the Village Hall.

## 9) POLICING ISSUES

### Community Speed Watch

It was reported that a response had been received from the Safety Camera Unit at South Yorkshire Police regarding the Community Speed Watch system. Pilot tests were currently being carried out in other areas and Blaxton would be added as an area to come back to once these tests had concluded.

RESOLVED (3)

That the Clerk be requested to keep in touch with the Safety Camera Unit for further updates.

## 10) CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEES

- a) DMBC Parish Councils Joint Consultative Committee (PCJCC) – Meeting 23/03/23 – Report received from Cllr R Johnson, Minutes awaited – **Noted**

- b) South Yorkshire Branch of the YLCA – Next meeting 21/06/23 – **Noted**

Nominations for the Election of Branch Chairman, Vice-Chairman and representatives for the YLCA Joint Executive Board

RESOLVED (4)

That the Clerk be requested to nominate Duncan Wright for the Office of Chairman and Derek Liddle 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.

- c) Yorkshire and Humber Climate Commission (YHCC) – Engagement Meeting 23/03/23 – report received from Cllr J Hill 24/03/23 – **Noted**

Cllr Hill suggested that Climate & Sustainability be included as a regular item on the agenda.

RESOLVED (5)

That Climate & Sustainability be included as an item on the agenda at least quarterly.

## 11) FINANCIAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

- a) Village Hall Grant Request 2023/24

Each year the Council budgets £1,600 to support the operation of Blaxton Village Hall. A request for the payment of the grant had been received.

RESOLVED (6)

That the request be approved and the payment be made in May 2023.

- b) Payments considered for approval on 19 April 2023

RESOLVED (7)

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 <b>INV-0441</b>	Subscription 2023/24	441.00	0.00	441.00
2	P Reeves	Salary April 2023	515.19	0.00	515.19
2	P Reeves	Office, Telephone, Broadband Allowance April 2023	25.00	0.00	25.00
3	P Dennis	Salary April 2023	96.90	0.00	96.90
4	1&1 Ionos Ltd (P Dennis) <b>203035695463</b>	Reimbursement for 1&1 Website Hosting costs 08/04/23 – 08/05/23	23.00	4.60	27.60
5	HMRC	HMRC M1	24.00	0.00	24.00
					1,129.69

c) Bank Reconciliation at 31 March 2023 – **Noted**

d) Net Position to 18 April 2023 – **Noted**

e) YLCA Training programme – circulated 20/03/23, 28/03/23, 03/04/23 & 07/04/23 – **Noted**

f) Defibrillator Training

The Clerk reported that communication had been ongoing between Yorkshire Ambulance Service and the Village Hall to arrange a date in September for a Defibrillator training session.

RESOLVED (8)

That the Clerk be requested to contact Yorkshire Ambulance Service to confirm a date in September and update the Council and the Village Hall.

g) Coronation 2023

The suggestion of providing a Toppings Coronation pork pie to every household was discussed, along with complimentary packets of Wildflower seeds and the consideration of planting a Coronation tree in a suitable location in the Village. It was suggested that a newsletter to include a voucher for the pie and packets of seeds be delivered to Blaxton residents.

RESOLVED (9)

That the Clerk be requested to order family-sized pork pies from Toppings (to include a percentage of Vegetarian pies) and packets of wildflower seeds, and for these to be available for collection from the Village Hall on Thursday 4 May and Friday 5 May following the distribution of a newsletter.

RESOLVED (10)

That the Clerk be requested to contact DMBC for a quotation for planting a Coronation tree.

h) Blaxton Roundabout

It was reported that there was still no update from DMBC regarding the request for the addition of road markings at the roundabout.

RESOLVED (11)

That the Clerk be requested to update the Council once a response from DMBC highways had been received.

i) Bin Emptying 2023/24

DMBC have advised that the charge for emptying the waste bins on Blaxton Playing Field, Mosham Road and the Blaxton and Finningley Joint Playing Field will be £365.53 per bin for the financial year 2023/24, an increase of approximately £1.01 per bin per week. Council is requested to consider the increase and the schedule of emptying.

It was also reported that DMBC may be trialling technology which monitors the levels of the bins upon emptying and if this system could help the Council in determining if the bin schedule needs alternating.

RESOLVED (12)

That the Council agree to DMBC continuing the weekly emptying of the three waste bins at a cost of £365.53 per bin for the financial year 2023/24, subject to the 16.77% increase from April 2023.

RESOLVED (13)

That the Clerk be requested to contact DMBC to enquire about the technology which monitors the bin levels and provide an update.

j) Maintenance of Planters – Quotation received from Need A Hand

RESOLVED (14)

That Need A Hand be requested to undertake both the Spring and Autumn 2023 planting of the four planters at Blaxton Roundabout at a cost of £350, plus additional charges for each visit for watering and feeding (cost to be confirmed).

**12) PLANNING APPLICATIONS – None**

**13) BLAXTON PLAYING FIELD**

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

It was reported that following a meeting on 27 March 2023 with DMBC to discuss where the Section 106 funding could be spent, it had been confirmed that the funds could be used on Blaxton Playing Field or elsewhere in the Village. The quotation for the resurfacing and fencing of the play area from October 2022 was discussed, as well as the previous research into works needed for improving the car parking facilities.

RESOLVED (15)

That the Clerk re-circulate the previous quotation for improvements to the car park and also be requested to look into further quotations for resurfacing and fencing of the play area.

**14) JOINT PLAYING FIELD**

- a) Playing Field Association (PFA) – Meeting 22/03/23 Report received 24/03/23 – It was reported that on the basis of attendees present, the meeting was not quorate, therefore it was decided to work through the agenda and take notes but that no decisions be made – **Noted**

i) Appointment of PFA Representative

RESOLVED (16)

That Cllr R Johnson attend the next PFA meeting if one is arranged before the appointment of PFA representative is considered at the next annual Parish Council meeting.

ii) Review of Constitution

It was reported that Blaxton Parish Council's response to Finningley Parish Council's suggested amendments to the PFA Constitution had been considered by Finningley Parish Council and a further response had been received. These revisions were discussed.

RESOLVED (17)

That the Clerk be requested to inform the Clerk of Finningley Parish Council of Blaxton Parish Council's responses for review.

iii) Consideration of Blaxton Parish Council grant request of £2,000 for 2022/23

RESOLVED (18)

That the consideration of Blaxton Parish Council grant request of £2,000 for 2022/23 be deferred until the July meeting, when the PFA's annual accounts and financial position should be available.

- b) Blaxton and Finningley Joint Playing Field Improvement Projects Funded by Section 106 Grant (12/01327/EXTM) – Monitoring report to follow – **Noted**

**15) BLAXTON VILLAGE HALL**

Village Hall Committee – Meeting 22/03/23 Minutes received 28/03/23 – **Noted**

The AGM will be on 3 May 2023.

**16) DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

That the Annual Blaxton Parish Council be held on Wednesday 17 May 2023  
in Blaxton Village Hall at 19:00

Meeting closed at 21:30

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

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