

BLAXTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 16 JULY 2025 AT 19:00 IN BLAXTON VILLAGE HALL

PRESENT: Councillors R Johnson, J. Hill, I Collett, J. Steventon, L. Watson

APOLOGIES: None

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC: One

IN ATTENDANCE: E Lear (Clerk)

1. APOLOGIES

a) To receive and note apologies from councillors who are unable to attend the meeting – None.

b) To consider reasons for absence provided by councillors who cannot attend and resolve the council's acceptance of these if felt relevant.- Not required

2. TO CONSIDER THE EXTENT, IF ANY, TO WHICH THE PUBLIC WERE TO BE EXCLUDED FROM THE MEETING- Not required

3. DECLARATION OF PREJUDICIAL INTERESTS, OTHER INTERESTS, THE RECEIPT OF GIFTS AND HOSPITALITY AND REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATION – None

4. MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 18 JUNE 2025

RESOLVED (1)

That the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 18 June 2025 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

5. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION-

A member of the public reported again that the gullies along Station Road required cleaning- The Clerk reported that they were scheduled to clean the gullies on Station Road this week.

RESOLVED (2)

That if the gullies are not cleaned by the end of the following week, that they are reported to CDC.

A member of the public reported again that the footpath near the bus stop, opposite the post office continues to flood so that the path is unwalkable. The flooding seems to be closest to the grass verge rather than the road.

RESOLVED (3)

That CDC are contacted suggesting further investigation is required into the flooding and that the verge may be affecting it.

A member of the public suggested that residents of Blakewood/Lower Pasture don't feel they are benefitting in their area from the Precept. He suggested a noticeboard may be required in the area.

RESOLVED (4)

That discussion of the item is deferred until September.

A member of the public reported that the shrubs/hedges were overhanging the pathway at the top of Lower Pasture (near the Station pub). A discussion took place about all of the overgrown hedges along Station Road from the bus shelter opposite the post office and adjacent to the Joint Playing Field. It was noted that the hedge cutting would not be taking place until the end of bird nesting season.

RESOLVED (5)

That CDC are contacted again regarding the overgrown hedges.

A phone call had been received from a member of the public regarding accessibility around the Parish on a self propelled wheelchair. She was finding it difficult to travel to the post office due to the slope of the paths from the footpath to the road (for crossing) and also had difficulty getting to Walkers Nurseries.

RESOLVED (6)

That CDC are asked if they have a policy to cover accessibility for self propelled wheelchairs.

6. WARD MEMBERS REPORT – None

7. CDC AND SOUTH AREA COMMUNITIES TEAM ISSUES-

a) Neighbourhood Response Team- did not attend.

8. POLICING ISSUES- None

9. CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEES

a) Joint Parish Meeting –**meeting 05/07/25-** attended by J. Steventon.

A brief report of the meeting included discussions about the sharing station, cycle repair station, the bench on Mosham Road (as well as the replacement of benches in the parishes going forward), plus the airport and Community Speed Watch (the equipment has arrived and in person training is to be carried out).

10. FINANCIAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

a) Payments Considered for Approval on 16 July 2025:-

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>
32	A S. Audit Services	Internal Audit (RETROSPECTIVE)	225.00	0.00	225.00
33	P Dennis	Salary July 2025	108.40	0.00	108.40
34	E Lear	Salary July 2025	579.43	0.00	579.43
34	E Lear	Office, Telephone, Broadband Allowance July 2025	20.00	0.00	20.00
35- DD 31/07/25	Nest GBP04548149221233031	Clerk's pension 01/07/25 – 31/07/25	19.15	0.00	19.15
36	HMRC	HMRC M4	219.16	0.00	219.16
37- DD 31/07/25	Ionos 203049267676	1&1 Website Hosting costs 08/07/25- 07/08/25	25.00	5.00	30.00
38 – DD 31/07/25	Unity Bank 049	Account fee 01/06/25- 30/06/25	6.00	0.00	6.00
39	Glendale Countryside GC446-1489	2 x grass cuts	108.16	21.64	129.80
40	Amazon Business GB1AUTABEY	Aquaman 40l water container	44.16	8.83	52.99
41	Need a Hand 2209	2 x Watering of Planters	70.00	0.00	70.00
42	Need a Hand 2210	Painting of Inner Railings Painting of Outer Railings At Blaxton Memorial	510.00	0.00	510.00
					£1969.93

Note: DD above indicates payment taken or to be taken by Direct Debit on the date shown

- b) Bank Reconciliations at 30 June 2025– Noted
- c) Net Position 8 July 2025– Noted
- d) YLCA Training Programme (within Weekly News & Notifications) - circulated 20/06/25, 27/06/25 and 04/07/25- Noted
- e) Financial Regulations- Circulated prior to meeting with suggested changes. The suggested changes were discussed item by item and the changes agreed.

RESOLVED (8)

That the new model Financial Regulations are adopted with the changes agreed and circulated via email to members.

- f) Climate Change & Sustainability –
1.Update on Cycle Repair Station- The cycle repair station was installed on the 7th of July.
The council had received a suggestion of adding signage addressing liability. The Council's Insurer wouldn't advise on wording for the signage but advised that it was covered under Street Furniture.

RESOLVED (9)

That a metal sign is placed on the cycle repair station with wording previously circulated by Cllr Hill.

RESOLVED (10)

That an update is provided to the resident who made the suggestion.

g) Cycle Path Proposal/ Mosham Road Improvements-

A request sent to the agent of the developer to make the Mosham Road/Gatehouse Lane junction a pedestrian crossing had not been responded to.

RESOLVED (11)

That the request is made directly to the developer via contact with the Social Impact representative

RESOLVED (12)

That Ward Councillor S. Cox is asked for an update regarding the request to CDC for a pedestrian junction.

RESOLVED (13)

That Walkers Nurseries are informed of BPCs efforts to improve access for pedestrians and cyclists in the area including a path from the bus stop to the entrance of Walkers which are unlikely to progress. A request for suggestions and help is to be made.

h) 'Sharing' Station-

The VHC have indicated that the roof works will include the installation of scaffolding and that they would prefer the installation of the sharing station take place after this.

RESOLVED (14)

That a meeting is requested with the VHC to discuss instalment so that it can be installed before the roof works are complete.

i) Remembrance Day-

Site meetings took place following the production of a specification to parade along Station Road. Quotations have now been received from three traffic management companies with two options: one to hold the service on Bank End Road only and the second to parade along Station Road to St Oswald's church.

RESOLVED (15)

That an order is placed with Chevron Traffic Management to for option 2: to parade along Station Road to St Oswald's church for £2025.00 subject to :

1. Finningley Parish Council when provided with the decision, is happy to share costs for the traffic management
2. Reverend N. Redeyoff agrees to hold services in two locations i.e. the Blaxton War Memorial and St Oswald's church
3. The uniformed groups want to parade along Station Road.

Alternatively if the above conditions aren't met, to place the order for option 1: service on Bank End Road only with Chevron Traffic Management for £1035.00

j) Summerfields Green Space- Deferred

k) Planters-

An alternative quote for the Blaxton Parish Council name stickers has been received

RESOLVED (16)

That an order will be placed for £120.70 (including delivery) for 16 sets of name stickers i.e. for four sides of four planters.

l) Bench Between Walkers & Gatehouse Lane

Severn Trent will not accept liability for the state of the bench. CDC have no record of the bench and believe that BPC has taken on responsibility for the bench by maintaining it over the years. CDC have confirmed that a Licence to Dig will not be required for removal of the bench but may be if new foundations are required for a future bench. A Miscellaneous licence would also be required for installation of a new bench.

RESOLVED (17)

That the bench will be removed and assessed to see if repair is possible. If not, it will be scrapped.

RESOLVED (18)

That the bench isn't replaced at this time and comments are monitored.

11. **PLANNING APPLICATIONS-**

- a) 25/00857/FUL- Erection of a timber framed structure to be used as a retail unit (Retrospective)- Walkers Nurseries, Mosham Road, Blaxton –

RESOLVED (19)

That the Parish Council have no objections and wish to register a neutral response

12. **BLAXTON PLAYING FIELD**

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

The Officer Delegated Report (ODR) has been signed by CDC and BPC will be awarded £33,025.19.

RESOLVED (20)

That three companies are invited to site meetings in order to provide a detailed quote for the installation of a nature trail.

13. JOINT PLAYING FIELD

- a) Future Management of the Blaxton and Finningley Joint Playing Field- No response from FPC to date, to draft outline previously forwarded by BPC and again in June 2025
- b) Pavilion Modifications Proposal by FPC- No update.

14. BLAXTON VILLAGE HALL

Village Hall Committee – Next meeting 24/09/25

15. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next Parish Council meeting
is scheduled to be held on
Wednesday 17 September in Blaxton Village Hall
at 19:00.

Meeting closed at 21.21

Chair: _____

Date: _____