

## **BLAXTON PARISH COUNCIL**

### **MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 19 FEBRUARY 2025 AT 19:00 IN BLAXTON VILLAGE HALL**

**PRESENT:** Councillors R Johnson, J Hill and I Collett

**APOLOGIES:** Councillors P Raybould and J Steventon

**MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC:** None

**IN ATTENDANCE:** E Lear (Clerk)

#### **1. APOLOGIES**

a) To receive and note apologies from councillors who are unable to attend the meeting – Received from Councillors P Raybould and J Steventon

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

RESOLVED (1)

That the reasons for absence from both councillors be accepted.

#### **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 –**

Received from Councillor Johnson for item 11h)

#### **4. MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 22 JANUARY 2025**

RESOLVED (2)

That the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 22 January 2025 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

#### **5. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION-** None

#### **6. CONSIDERATION OF INTERNAL AUDITOR FOR 2024/25 –**

RESOLVED (3)

That Mr A Stanley be appointed as Internal Auditor for 2024/25 with a fee of £225.

#### **7. WARD MEMBERS REPORT –**

Apologies were received from Ward Councillor Cox for the delay in the minutes of the Finningley Ward Joint Parish meeting.

Ward Councillor Cox reported that Finningley Parish Council are happy for BPC to have and store the equipment which used to be under the ownership of the PFA.

RESOLVED (4)

That an email is sent to Ward Councillor Cox thanking him for his assistance and enquiring what items would be available so that BPC can consider storage and the offer.

## 8. CDC AND SOUTH AREA COMMUNITIES TEAM ISSUES- None

## 9. POLICING ISSUES

None but the reporting of issues relating to electric scooter and motorbike on the Joint Playing Field continue to be reported.

## 10. CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEES

None

Upcoming YLCA South Yorkshire Branch Special Meeting, Whitestone Solar Farm-  
19/3/25

## 11. FINANCIAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

### a) Payments Considered for Approval on 19 February 2025:-

RESOLVED (5)

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>
116- DD 02/02/25	Compete 366	Annual Subscription to 365 licenses for period 07/02/2025- 06/02/26	425.52	85.10	510.62
117	P Dennis	Salary February 2025	108.40	0.00	108.40
118	E Lear	Salary February 2025	570.16	0.00	570.16
118	E Lear	Office, Telephone, Broadband Allowance February 2025	20.00	0.00	20.00
119 - DD 28/02/25	Nest GBP04548149208158564	Clerk's pension 01/02/25 – 28/02/25	14.05	0.00	14.05
120	HMRC	HMRC M11	169.60	0.00	169.60
121- DD 28/02/25	Ionos 203046505303	1&1 Website Hosting costs 08/02/25- 08/03/25	23.00	4.60	27.60
122 – DD 28/02/25	Unity Bank 044	Account fee 01/01/25- 31/01/25	6.00	0.00	6.00
123	E Lear Reimbursement	Getting Greens Registered PDF from Open Spaces Society	12.00	0.00	12.00
					<b>£1438.43</b>

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

### b) Bank Reconciliations at 31 January 2025– Noted

- c) Net Position 10 February 2025– **Noted**
- d) YLCA Training Programme (within Weekly News & Notifications) - Circulated 24/01/25, 31/01/25 and 06/02/25- **Noted**
- e) Climate Change & Sustainability-
  - 1. Update on Cycle Station Repair – **Progressing**
- f) ‘Sharing’ Station-

CDC have confirmed that the land adjacent to the verge exiting Blaxton roundabout on Station road, belongs to them. The licence to install a sharing station in this area would be free. Statutory undertaker plans would not be required if installing no more than 200mm into the ground.

**RESOLVED (6)**

That the Clerk is provided with 4 options for ‘sharing stations’ which will be researched for costs and the required depth to be located in the ground.

- g) Derelict Land- Chapel on Mosham Road and storage site of Station Road-

No response has been received from CDC to the request for the door of the chapel to be painted but they state that though they have not heard further from the owner regarding future use, no further s215 action will be taken as they can’t enforce this. A meeting request has been sent to the owner of the land off Station Road, along with a request to remove some items and tidy the area.

**RESOLVED (7)**

That CDC are requested to continue to ask what the intention is for the future use of the chapel.

- h) War Memorial-

Four quotes received to the request for a crown lift to the back right hand tree in the war memorial area.

**RESOLVED (8)**

That the quote received from Viking Trees is accepted at a cost of £250 plus VAT.

**RESOLVED (9)**

That Need a Hand are requested to take down the Christmas Lights.

- i) VE Day 80-
  - 1. **To consider purchasing a flag**

**RESOLVED (10)**

That a 60” inch width flag is ordered from the official flag supplier for VE Day 80, JW Plant & Co Ltd at a cost of £37.33 plus VAT.

RESOLVED (11)

That the flag is raised at 9am on Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> of May, in line with the national arrangement released by the Pageantmaster

RESOLVED (12)

That the Pageantmaster is notified of our involvement with this commemoration.

**2. To consider purchasing a Lamp of Peace**

RESOLVED (13)

That a Lamp Light of Peace is purchased at a cost of £55 including VAT and delivery.

RESOLVED (14)

That the Lamp Light of Peace is lit at 9.30pm at the Blaxton War Memorial on Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> of May, in line with the national arrangement released by the Pageantmaster

RESOLVED (15)

That the Pageantmaster is notified of our involvement with this commemoration.

j) Community Speed Watch

South Yorkshire Police have released information about the Community Speed Watch project which mentions £500 would be required to fund the equipment. Ward Councillor Cox has informed BPC that he has an upcoming meeting with Doncaster Council in which he hopes they will provide the funding.

RESOLVED (16)

That BPC agrees to support the Community Speed Watch.

k) Remembrance Day

There is currently an extended service at the Blaxton War Memorial with no parade to the church, though the scouts have expressed an interest in a parade. The current budget for 2025/26 shows the same provision as in previous years i.e. for no parade.

RESOLVED (17)

That contact is made with Finningley Parish Council to enquire if they would like to be involved with a wider parade.

A local resident has asked why the council does not display of lamp post poppies as local villages do. It was noted that the Women's Institute make knitted poppies for the area around Blaxton roundabout.

RESOLVED (18)

That enquires are made about the lamp post poppies including costs and the number required i.e. suitable lampposts.

RESOLVED (19)

That a reply is sent to the resident reinforcing that current arrangements i.e. knitted poppies and that potential costs of the lamp post poppies are being looked into.

l) Summerfields Green Space

Doncaster Council can't be involved or advise on the Village Green process as they would be involved in deciding the application.

The Open Spaces Society has advised not to try contacting the landowner and that an application should just be submitted.

RESOLVED (20)

That the Clerk look into the application process and report back what evidence would be required.

**12. PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

- a) 24/02335/FUL- Extension and alterations to storage unit to the rear of Beech Grove Lodge,  
- Beech Grove Station Road, Blaxton

RESOLVED (21)

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

- b) Consideration of any Planning Applications received between the issue of the Agenda and the Meeting- **None**

**13. BLAXTON PLAYING FIELD**

- a) Improvements to Blaxton Playing Field – Section 106 Funding (18/02593/FULM)  
No update

RESOLVED (22)

That the clerk chase an update on the S106 application.

- b) Improvements to Blaxton Playing Field- National Lottery funding update-  
**DEFERRED**

c) Community Orchard Trees

The tree planting event will take place on Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> of February between 10.30am and 12.30pm. Members to be on site from 10am to facilitate set up.

**14. JOINT PLAYING FIELD**

a) Future Management of the Blaxton and Finningley Joint Playing Field

No response to the latest response sent by BPC.

It had been noted that the trade bin at the Pavilion had not been emptied on a few occasions.

RESOLVED (23)

That the Clerk write to FPC requesting the access gate code so that volunteers can access the bin to put out for collection and subsequently take in.

**15. BLAXTON VILLAGE HALL**

Village Hall Committee – Next meeting 10/04/25

**15. DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The next Parish Council meeting is scheduled to be held on  
Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> March in Blaxton Village Hall at 19:00.

Meeting closed at 20.40

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

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