

BLAXTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 18 JUNE 2025 AT 19:00 IN BLAXTON VILLAGE HALL

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

APOLOGIES: J Hill

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC: Three

IN ATTENDANCE: E Lear (Clerk)

1. APOLOGIES

a) To receive and note apologies from councillors who are unable to attend the meeting – Received from Councillor J Hill.

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 reason for absence 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 – None

4. MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 21 MAY 2025

RESOLVED (2)

That the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 21 May 2025 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

5. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION-

A member of the public reported that the pavement on Station Road between the two bus shelters (one opposite the post office and one close to Station Close) were flooding and the drains in the gulleys of the adjacent road were full of mud.

RESOLVED (3)

That the flooding and associated blocked drains are reported to CDC.

A member of the public expressed concern about the length of time the barrier was down at the Station Road level crossing which was resulting in queues forming to the Blaxton roundabout and back through Finningley.

RESOLVED (4)

That contact is made with Network Rail to express concern and ask that the barrier is raised in between trains.

A member of the public expressed concern about the volume of freight lorries travelling through the village and the speed at which they are travelling. The volume and size of vehicles was damaging the local roads.

The Chair explained that the A614 was a designated HGV route and we are currently in a peak of activity in the area (i.e. lots of quarries operating) which was resulting in a high volume of vehicles.

The Community Speed Watch initiative was discussed. It was hoped that this would be active soon. The member of the public was invited to participate.

RESOLVED (5)

That the Ward Councillors are alerted to concerns about the speed of vehicles travelling along Station and Bank End Road.

Members of the public questioned that 40mph roads would be turning onto 20mph roads (CDC proposed Order).

The Parish Council confirmed that they have requested speed limits on the tributary roads that lead to Blaxton roundabout to be changed to 30mph but this has been unsuccessful.

Members of the public requested an update on the status of the Joint Playing Field. It was confirmed that there was no update as no further responses had been received from FPC but that BPC continues to manage the assets which fall on Blaxton Parish Council land. Requests for help from outside organisations have not been responded to.

6. **WARD MEMBERS REPORT** – None

7. **CDC AND SOUTH AREA COMMUNITIES TEAM ISSUES-**

- a) Community Safety Strategy Consultation

RESOLVED (6)

That members will look at the consultation individually.

8. **POLICING ISSUES-** None

9. **CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEES**

- a) YLCA South Yorkshire Branch Annual Meeting – **Next meeting 18/06/25- apologies sent**

10. **FINANCIAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS**

- a) Payments Considered for Approval on 18 June 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>
20	P Dennis	Salary June 2025	108.20	0.00	108.20
21	E Lear	Salary June 2025	579.43	0.00	579.43
21	E Lear	Office, Telephone, Broadband Allowance June 2025	20.00	0.00	20.00
22- DD 30/06/25	Nest GBP0454814921872367	Clerk's pension 01/06/25 – 30/06/25	19.15	0.00	19.15
23	HMRC	HMRC M3	219.36	0.00	219.36
24- DD 30/06/25	Ionos 203048705795	1&1 Website Hosting costs 08/06/25- 07/07/25	25.00	5.00	30.00
25 – DD 30/06/25	Unity Bank 048	Account fee 01/05/25- 30/05/25	6.00	0.00	6.00
26	Royal British Legion Industries 139964	Unknown Tommy and Women in War Statue Pair x1 plus £25 delivery	291.66	58.34	350.00
27	Glendale Countryside GC446-1366	2 x grass cuts	108.16	21.64	129.80
28	Need a Hand 2205	Remove old/ Refresh with new compost, refresh planters with plants, initial water/feed	355.00	0.00	355.00
29	Amazon Business GB518EWGABEY	1 x Cyan ink cartridge 1 x Black ink cartridge	71.78	14.36	86.14
30	Need a Hand 2206	Watering/feeding on 2 occasions	70.00	0.00	70.00
31	I Collett	Reimbursement for Sharing Station	538.89	82.79	621.68
					£2594.76

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

- b) Bank Reconciliations at 31 May 2025– Noted
- c) Net Position 12 June 2025– Noted
- d) YLCA Training Programme (within Weekly News & Notifications) - circulated 22/05/25, 09/06/25 and 12/06/25- Noted
- e) Climate Change & Sustainability –
1.Update on Cycle Repair Station- The concrete base has been installed and the repair station equipment is on order. Awaiting installation.
- f) Cycle Path Proposal/ Mosham Road Improvements-
No response from the person who suggested they may be able to help with contacting the developer.
- g) 'Sharing' Station-
Consider Installation-The Sharing Station is now complete. The VHC have agreed that the sharing station can be installed at the front of the village hall within the fence. A 'Coming Soon' post on Facebook was well received. It will be installed before the next meeting.

I Collett supplied an invoice for works including receipts which totalled £628.21.

RESOLVED (8)

That I Collett is reimbursed for £628.21 and the further costs associated with installing it into the ground as it falls within the agreed budget for the project.

h) Remembrance Day-

Quotes for the parade route option need to be obtained but as previous quotes seemed inconsistent, a new specification was being developed. Onsite meetings would take place to obtain these quotes.

Finningley Parish Council have agreed to share costs of the road closure if the parade route option goes ahead.

i) Summerfields Green Space- Deferred

j) Planters-

The Blaxton Parish Council name stickers on the planters have deteriorated.

RESOLVED (9)

That the council will remove the old stickers.

A quote had been received from the original supplier of the planters.

RESOLVED (10)

That further quotes for sticker/signs will be obtained

k) Maintenance of Seats 2025

1. Quotation received from Need a Hand to sand and stain two benches for £80.

RESOLVED (11)

That an order is placed for £80 to sand and stain the two identified benches.

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2. The bench between Walkers & Gatehouse Lane is leaning over and has been identified as structurally unsound and therefore requires removal. Currently awaiting a response from Highways regarding the ownership of the bench as it was noted that it could have been installed using the Ward members fund.

It was also suggested that the damage to the bench may have been caused by the roadworks undertaken by Severn Trent in the last year.

RESOLVED (12)

That the Clerk contact Severn Trent asking if they had caused the damage to the bench.

11. PLANNING APPLICATIONS- None

12. BLAXTON PLAYING FIELD

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

The Neighbourhood Co-ordinator at CDC continues to chase an update but no recent update has been provided.

RESOLVED (13)

That assistance is sought from Ward Councillors to chase as well.

- b) Improvements to Blaxton Playing Field- National Lottery funding

The National Lottery Community Fund has awarded the Council for £9506 to provide equipment to enhance the nature trail once this is installed. This has been received.

13. JOINT PLAYING FIELD

- a) Future Management of the Blaxton and Finningley Joint Playing Field
FPC have indicated that they are willing to open discussions regarding the devolved management of the JPF by FPC.

RESOLVED (14)

That the outline draft management agreement which was proposed in Summer 2024 is sent to FPC for discussion once again.

- b) Pavilion Modifications Proposal by FPC- No updates.

14. BLAXTON VILLAGE HALL

Village Hall Committee – Meeting 04/06/25

J Steventon outlined that the Yoga provider who hires the hall had expressed concerns about the floor being noisy so the VHC were looking into this.

The VHC had looked at their income and determined who was contributing to the make up of this.

The VHC have obtained the grant for the roof repairs and have approved the go ahead for the project with roof encapsulation and solar panels.

15. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next Parish Council meeting
is scheduled to be held on
Wednesday 16 July in Blaxton Village Hall
at 19:00.

Meeting closed at 20.44

Chair: _____

Date: _____