

## **BLAXTON PARISH COUNCIL**

### **MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 15 MARCH 2018 IN BLAXTON VILLAGE HALL AT 19:35**

**PRESENT:** Councillors N McCarron (Chair), R Johnson and P Schofield

**IN ATTENDANCE:** Stephen Racjan (Stronger Communities Officer), Inspector Mark Payling, two Police Community Support Officers and P A Dennis (Clerk)

#### **MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC – 14**

##### **1) APOLOGIES**

RESOLVED (1)

That apologies for absence be accepted from Councillor L Hornsby.

##### **2) TO CONSIDER THE EXTENT, IF ANY, TO WHICH THE PUBLIC ARE TO BE EXCLUDED FROM THE MEETING – Item 15 due to the confidential nature of issues to be discussed**

##### **3) DECLARATION OF PREJUDICIAL INTERESTS, OTHER INTERESTS, THE RECEIPT OF GIFTS AND HOSPITALITY AND REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATION**

- Parish Councillor N McCarron declared an interest as a resident of Park Lane relating to emergency vehicle access to the Lane to be raised by residents during Public Participation.
- Parish Councillor P Schofield declared an interest in respect of Item 12 relating to a Planning Application on behalf of Hill House School

##### **4) MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 15 FEBRUARY 2018 – ATTACHED**

RESOLVED (2)

That the Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 15 February 2018 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

##### **5) PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

A number of residents of Park Lane attended to express concerns following a fire at a property near to the end of Park Lane on 10 March 2018. The concerns stemmed from the operating difficulties which the Fire Service had encountered when dealing with the fire and included:-

- a) Lane width restrictions due to residents' hedges and trees
- b) Trunk and branch growth of eight large trees covered by a tree preservation order
- c) Confusion of Fire and Rescue Service personnel about the use of turning areas at 62/62A Park Lane
- d) Fire and Rescue Service apparently unaware of the designated access point for Park Lane of the A614 (Thorne Road)
- e) Inability of third Fire and Rescue vehicle to leave the Lane except by reversing
- f) Difficulty of evacuating casualties by Ambulance if this had been needed

The Council agreed to consider what actions it could take help improve the situation under Chair's Report item later in the meeting.

## 6) MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

### Resignation of Parish Councillor – Resolution 2

RESOLVED (3)

That it be noted that no Poll had been requested by 13 March 2018, the closing date for the receipt of requests, and that the Clerk had advertised the vacancy with a closing date and time of 12 noon on 5 April 2018 so that the Council could co-opt a Member at the Parish Council meeting to be held on 19 April 2018.

## 7) POLICING ISSUES

### a) Eastern Area Policing – Inspector Mark Payling

The Chair welcomed Inspector Mark Payling and two Police Community Support Officers to the meeting. Mark Payling explained that the delivery model of neighbourhood policing had been reviewed and that a return to the practice of attending Parish Council meetings periodically was being reintroduced. He also explained that attendance at meetings would be in proportion to the levels of crime, anti-social behaviour and other issues being experienced by communities.

Councillors were keen to receive information about Police activities in the area and it was confirmed that consideration would be given to providing a version of the Ward Members newsletter tailored to Parish Council areas. In addition to the viewing the crime map on the South Yorkshire Police website, members of the public could receive 'Alerts' from South Yorkshire Police covering news, local crimes and prevention advice by signing up at <https://www.sypalerts.co.uk>.

The role of the Police and Crime Commissioner which included establishing the Police and Crime Plan, monitoring performance, holding the Police to account and listening to local people about their needs was explained.

RESOLVED (4)

That the Officers be thanked for attending and their explanations on the various issues raised.

### b) Police and Crime Commissioner Newsletter February/March 2018 – **Noted**

## 8) DMBC AND EAST AREA COMMUNITIES TEAM ISSUES

### a) Doncaster Green Space Network Meetings – **Noted**

### b) Parish Councils' Joint Consultative Committee Meeting Agenda 14th March 2018 – **Noted**

### c) Parking at Finningley Post Office Resolution 7

RESOLVED (5)

That it be noted, with appreciation to Ward Members, that post and rail fencing was planned for installation by DMBC outside Finningley Post Office early in the new financial year to prevent unauthorised parking on grass verges.

### d) Charges for Waste Bin Emptying 2018/19

RESOLVED (6)

That it be noted that the annual charge by DMBC for emptying the three waste bins provided by the Parish Council would increase from £281.84 to £292.64 per bin from 1 April 2018.

e) Ward Members Meeting 19 March 2018

RESOLVED (7)

That it be noted that a representative from Blaxton Parish Council had been invited to attend the Ward Members.

**9) DONCASTER SHEFFIELD AIRPORT**

a) Noise Monitoring and Environment Sub-Committee Agenda 15 March 2018

The Chair reported that proposed changes to the Parish Councils' representation on the Airport Consultative Committee had not been approved and that the existing three Parish Council representatives would retain their seats. She also reported on passenger and freight increases, environmental issues and the forthcoming publication of the Airport Master Plan to 2024.

RESOLVED (8)

That the Chair be thanked for her report which was noted.

b) Ryanair Training Flights Booked Monday to Friday, 09:00 – 14:00 from 12 March – 6 April 2018, excluding Bank Holidays – **Noted**

**10) WARD MEMBERS REPORT – None**

**11) ACCOUNTS & FINANCIAL MATTERS**

a) Payments for authorisation 15 March 2018

RESOLVED (9)

That the following payments be authorised:-

<u>Payee/Invoice No</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Net</u>	<u>VAT</u>	<u>Total</u>
1415 Limited (Mr Flag) <b>11980</b>	6' x 4' Sewn Union Flag with eyelets	88.80	17.76	106.56
Blaxton and Finningley Playing Field Association	Grant 2016/17 - £2,000 less Ramp Maint Costs of £525 = £1,475	1,475.00	0.00	1,475.00
GNE Contracting Ltd <b>82772</b>	Installation of 4 village street signs as Quotation NEQ3271	523.19	104.6 4	627.83
P A Dennis	Salary March 2018	367.50	0.00	367.50
P A Dennis	Office, Telephone, Broadband Allowance March 2018	23.60	0.00	23.60
P A Dennis	Reimbursement for 1&1 Website Hosting costs 08/03/18 - 08/04/18	19.99	4.00	23.99
HMRC	Month 12 Contributions	93.20	0.00	93.20
			<b>Total</b>	<b>2,717.68</b>

b) Bank Reconciliation February 2018 – **Noted**

c) Balances against the Budget to 10 March 2018 – **Noted**

d) Installation of Seat and Slab Bases

The Clerk reported on quotations received for the following works:-

- Bank End Road Seat (asset no. 101) – Slab base in front of seat and 3 or 4 feet wide approach path from pavement
- Summerfield Drive Green Space Seat (asset no.106) – installation of seat and slab base in front of seat

RESOLVED (10)

That the quotation of £1,027.24 + VAT for the above works submitted by GNE Contracting Ltd be accepted.

e) General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR): Toolkit for Local Councils and Parish Meetings

RESOLVED (11)

That receipt of the Toolkit be noted and that the Clerk be authorised to attend an appropriate course provided by YLCA.

f) Installation of Village Welcome Signs

RESOLVED (12)

That it be noted that two of the four signs had been installed and that arrangements were in hand to install the remaining signs.

g) Risk Management Assessment

RESOLVED (13)

That the Risk Management Assessment for 2017/18 circulated on 13 March 2018 be received and approved.

## 12) PLANNING

a) Planning Applications

RESOLVED (14)

That the objection to planning application **18/00444/CON**, submitted to DMBC between meetings, relating to Land at College Farm, Great North Road, Barnby Moor, Retford and the Hanson Quarry, Hurst Lane, Auckley on grounds of adverse impact on the road network, communities, environment and the economy within Doncaster MBC be confirmed.

RESOLVED (15)

That, in respect of application **18/00602/FUL** – Erection of a 2 Bed Bungalow to the rear of No.38 | 38A – Blandings, Park Lane, Blaxton, Doncaster, DN9 3AT, the Planning Authority be requested to require movement of the footprint of the proposed building so as to establish a 2 metre gap between the building and the boundary with 40 Park Lane to preserve the residential amenity of the neighbouring property.

RESOLVED (16)

That a neutral response be submitted to DMBC in respect of the following applications:-

**18/00445/FUL** – Change of use of agricultural land to recreational and leisure facilities including construction of tennis/netball courts and cricket wickets in connection with Hill House School (Being resubmission of application granted under Ref: 17/02657/FUL on 18.01.2018) – **To consider the extension of operating hours and revised toilet block only**

**18/00427/FUL** – 1 Parkland Walk, Blaxton, DN9 3PS – Erection of a two-storey extension to rear, and two storey in-fill extension to front

**18/00395/FUL** – Retention of Slurry Tank, Land North of Levels Lane East of Thorne Road, Blaxton, Doncaster

b) PreMix Concrete – Resolution 17

It was reported that no response had been received from DMBC Planning to an enquiry as to whether the PreMix Concrete operation at Bank End Quarry was within current planning approvals for the site. It was also reported that a retrospective application for approval of a new vehicle access to the site had been submitted to DMBC.

RESOLVED (17)

That the reports be noted.

- c) Springs Road Community Liaison Group – Next Meeting – 22 March 2018 – **Noted**  
d) Summerfields Estate Green Space – **No issues**

### 13) CHAIR'S REPORT

a) Fire on Park Lane, Blaxton on 10 March 2018

Council discussed the issues and concerns raised during Public Participation in relation to difficulties for the Fire and Rescue Service when dealing with the recent fire. Access and activities were made difficult by the restrictions in the width of the Lane caused by vegetation and trees. There was confusion about the use of the turning facilities at the end of the Lane.

RESOLVED (18)

That the Clerk be requested to arrange a site meeting with the DMBC Trees and Hedgerows Officer to view the area and obtain advice about works which could be undertaken on the eight trees subject to a Preservation Order.

b) DMBC Parish Councils' Joint Consultative Committee (PCJCC) 14 March 2018

The Chair reported on issues considered at the recent PCJCC meeting including a report on Service Enhancement Partnerships between DMBC and Town and Parish Councils, responses from the Elected Mayor to questions raised by Parish Councils, investments in Doncaster and how the General Data Protection Regulations (GDPR) which would come into force on May 2018 were being dealt with.

Comments were made by Parish and Town Councillors on the Committee that the Joint Charter with DMBC already provided a mechanism to establish a new way of working and to confirm existing good practice for the benefit of local people, much like the Service Enhancement Partnerships which had been discussed.

DMBC appeared reluctant to consider the possibility of providing a Data Protection Officer to help Councils meet the requirements of the GDPR.

RESOLVED (19)

That the report be received and noted with thanks.

c) Cameras – Blaxton Roundabout

It was noted that cameras on masts had recently been installed around Blaxton Roundabout.

RESOLVED (20)

That the Clerk be requested to ask DMBC for information about the purpose of the cameras installed recently around Blaxton Roundabout.

#### 14) BLAXTON PLAYING FIELD

a) Quotations for Replacement Fencing and Gates adjacent to Public Footpath

The Clerk reported that three contractors had been invited to provide quotations to supply and install approximately 42 metres of welded steel V Mesh fencing to include, a 14 feet wide double leaf vehicle entrance gate and a 1 metre wide pedestrian entrance gate with 6 feet long concreted area to reduce wear on the at the pedestrian entrance. One contractor had failed to respond in time despite numerous reminders. The other two contractors had submitted quotations for different products.

RESOLVED (21)

That, since Councillors were anxious not to prolong the procurement process and, having regard to the quality of the more expensive product, the contract to replace the fencing and provide gates along the boundary of the public footpath and Blaxton Playing Field be awarded to Darfen Durafencing in the sum of £5,400.40 plus VAT and subject to site visit.

b) Grass Cutting

RESOLVED (22)

That Glendale Managed Services be requested to continue to cut the grass on Blaxton Playing Field on 12 occasions during 2018 at the increased cost of £37.10 per cut.

#### 15) BLAXTON VILLAGE HALL

*This Item was taken in camera and members of the public were excluded*

a) Meeting 13 March 2018

The Chair reported on the Village Hall Committee meeting held on 13 March 2018 when the difficulties experienced during the changeover of users on Parish Council meeting nights were discussed. The Committee would be writing to the Parish Council with observations. Reports on building maintenance and financial matters were also considered at the meeting.

RESOLVED (23)

That the report be noted and that the letter on the access difficulties to the Hall be awaited.

#### 16) JOINT PLAYING FIELD

a) Minutes of the Meeting held on 21 February 2018 – **Noted**

b) Request from Finningley Parish Council 7 March 2018

It was reported that request had been received from Finningley Parish Council for Blaxton Parish Council to support the Joint Playing Field Association in reducing car parking problems for nearby residents by requesting that the Association consider limiting the number of games taking place at any one time to the capacity of the car park.

RESOLVED (24)

That the Council support the request from Finningley Parish Council and request the Joint Playing Field Association to consider limiting the number of matches on the Field at the same time so as not to generate overspill car parking to the inconvenience of residents.

**17) CORRESPONDENCE**

RESOLVED (25)

That the following items be noted:-

- a) NALC Chief Executive Bulletin 9 – 2 March 2018
- b) SYPTTE – Doncaster Bus Services Changes from 28 April 2018
- c) Clerks & Councils Direct March 2018

**18) DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

RESOLVED (26)

That it be noted that the next Meeting of the Parish Council would take place in Blaxton Village Hall on Thursday 19 April 2018 at the conclusion of the Annual Parish Meeting which was due to start at **19:35**.

Meeting closed at 22:10

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

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