

BLAXTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 20 MARCH 2024 AT 19:00 IN BLAXTON VILLAGE HALL

PRESENT: Councillors R Johnson, P Raybould and J Hill

APOLOGIES: Councillors J Steventon and I Collett

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC: Nine

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

1) APOLOGIES

RESOLVED (1)

That apologies for absence be accepted from Councillors J Steventon and I Collett

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

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 FEBRUARY 2024

That the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 21 February 2024 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

5) PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

The Members of Public were residents of Park Lane and in attendance to put forward the issues faced with access along the Lane. The Chair advised this would be discussed under Item 10 k).

One Member of Public also expressed concern over the recent information given out by Doncaster Council (CDC) regarding Blue Recycling Bin collections. CDC had contacted residents via email to advise that a new bin tagging scheme was being rolled out across Doncaster, where crews would leave tags on bins that had the wrong items in and the bins would not be emptied. If your bin was tagged, the incorrect items would need to be taken out so that it could then be emptied on the next scheduled collection day. The Member of Public felt that residents should have been given more time to prepare for this change and that a 'warning' should have been considered in the first instance.

The Chair confirmed that the Parish Council had not received any information regarding this new bin tagging scheme and that residents who were having issues with bins not being emptied, should contact the Clerk to inform.

6) WARD MEMBERS REPORT

The Chair asked Ward Cllr Jones if he had anything to report. Cllr Jones responded to say he had nothing to add and was in attendance for Item 13) Joint Playing Field. The Clerk reported that Ward Councillor S Cox had circulated details of a Rural England Prosperity Fund which Parish Councils may be eligible to apply for.

RESOLVED (2)

That consideration be given to the Rural England Prosperity Fund in respect of the projects on the Blaxton Playing Field or other areas if appropriate.

7) CDC AND SOUTH AREA COMMUNITIES TEAM ISSUES

Great British Spring Clean 15 to 31 March 2024

The Volunteer Spring Litter Pick had been arranged for Sunday 24 March 2024 at 1:30pm, meeting at Blaxton Village Hall. Litter picking equipment would be provided and arrangements would be made for litter collection – **Noted**

8) POLICING ISSUES – None

9) CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEES

- a) South Yorkshire Branch of the YLCA – Meeting 21/02/24 – Minutes circulated 20/03/24 – **Noted**
- b) CDC Parish Councils' Joint Consultative Committee (PCJCC) – Next meeting 04/04/24 – **Noted**
- c) Yorkshire Wildlife Park Consultative Committee – Awaiting date for annual meeting – **Noted**
- d) Yorkshire and Humber Climate Commission (YHCC) – **No updates to report**

10) FINANCIAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

a) D-Day Flag

It was reported that a D-Day 80 Flag of Peace had been ordered and this would be displayed at the War Memorial to commemorate the 80th Anniversary of D-Day on 6 June 2024 – **Noted**

b) Payments considered for approval on 20 March 2024:-

RESOLVED (3)

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>
101	P Reeves	Salary March 2024	700.70	0.00	700.70
101	P Reeves	Office, Telephone, Broadband Allowance March 2024	25.00	0.00	25.00
102	P Dennis	Salary March 2024	103.77	0.00	103.77
103	HMRC	HMRC M12	25.80	0.00	25.80
104 – DD 23/03/24	Ionos 203040940331	1&1 Website Hosting costs 08/03/24 – 08/04/24	23.00	4.60	27.60
105	Amazon GB412GF0ABEI	HP A4 Printer Paper x 2500	20.19	4.04	24.23
106	YLCA INV-1610	Vacancy Advert for Clerk/RFO onto YLCA website and bulletins	15.00	0.00	15.00
107 – DD 31/03/24	Unity Trust Bank	Current Account Service Charge	18.00	0.00	18.00
108 JPF S106	Taurus Sportsturf F030	JFP Field Improvement Project: Slitting football pitches, chain harrow football pitches, cut playing fields (November 2023)	933.33	0.00	933.33
109 JPF S106	Taurus Sportsturf	JFP Field Improvement Project:	933.33	0.00	933.33

<u>Voucher No</u>	<u>Payee/Invoice</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Net</u>	<u>VAT</u>	<u>Total</u>
	F031	Slitting football pitches, chain harrow football pitches (December 2023)			
110 JPF S106	Taurus Sportsturf F032	JFP Field Improvement Project: Slitting football pitches, chain harrow football pitches (January 2024)	933.33	0.00	933.33
111 JPF S106	Taurus Sportsturf F033	JFP Field Improvement Project: Slitting football pitches, chain harrow football pitches, removal of all equipment from container and compound as instructed by Finningley Parish Council (February 2024)	933.33	0.00	933.33
112 JPF S106	Taurus Sportsturf F034A	JFP Field Improvement Project: Balance of 1 month's notice of termination of agreement 15 February 2024	466.66	0.00	466.66
					5,140.08

Note: **DD** above indicates payment taken or to be taken by Direct Debit on the date shown
JPF S106 above indicates 'expenditure on Projects on the Joint Playing Field met from the DMBC Section 106 Grant'

c) Bank Reconciliation at 29 February 2024 – **Noted**

d) Net Position to 18 March 2024 – **Noted**

e) Risk Management Assessment

RESOLVED (4)

That the Risk Assessment for 2023/24, issued by email on 20 March 2024, be received and approved on condition of the following change;

- 'Assets' – 'Security of buildings and equipment' – 'Security of Joint Playing Field Pavilion, associated equipment and materials – Change improvements/comments to; "Currently under the (disputed) management of FPC instead of PFA which is subject to ongoing challenge by BPC".

f) Staffing Committee

RESOLVED (5)

That this item to be deferred to the next meeting.

g) Delegation to the Parish Clerk

RESOLVED (6)

That this item to be deferred to the next meeting.

h) YLCA Training Programme – circulated 26/02/24 & 18/03/24– **Noted**

i) Climate Change & Sustainability – **No updates to report**

- j) Maintenance of Planters 2024 – Quotation received from Need A Hand

RESOLVED (7)

That Need A Hand be requested to undertake both the Spring and Autumn 2024 planting of the four planters at Blaxton Roundabout at a cost of £355 per occasion, plus additional charges for each visit for watering and feeding (costs to be confirmed).

- k) Park Lane – Access Issues and Overhanging Hedges

Members listened to the issues raised by the residents of Park Lane in relation to restricted access along the Lane for emergency and public utility vehicles. The Chair referred to an email sent by the Clerk to Ward Councillor Cox summarising the current problems and actions required to try and resolve the issues. Of the actions listed, three involved CDC Highways, two involved CDC Planning and one involved a resident. Council agreed that a meeting comprising of Cllr Cox, the Parish Council, resident representatives, CDC Highways and CDC Planning was a necessary step in getting to a satisfactory resolution.

RESOLVED (8)

That the Clerk be requested to follow up the communication with Cllr Cox to confirm the Parish Council's agreement to the meeting and a willingness to help in whichever way it could to resolve the issues.

The Members of Public left the meeting at this point.

11) PLANNING APPLICATIONS

- a) Planning Application 24/00323/FUL – Erection of a two storey side-rear extension and erection of a single storey extension to the rear – 10 Fernbank Close, Blaxton DN9 3PT – **circulated 11/03/24**

RESOLVED (9)

That a neutral response be recorded.

- b) Planning Request 24/00070/SCRE – Request for a screening opinion for installation of a new pipeline from Finningley STW to Branton STW falls – **circulated 20/03/24**

It was reported that this Screening Opinion Application had not been referred to the Parish Council, but had been picked up from the Planning Website and information had been requested from the Planning Officer. It was advised that Severn Trent are a Statutory Authority who do not have to apply to CDC for permission to lay pipes. The Screening Opinion from the Planning Authority relates to environmental impacts which in this instance are not issues. Severn Trent will need to apply to CDC Network Management for traffic management permission.

RESOLVED (10)

That the Clerk be requested to update the Parish Council and the website/social media page with any traffic management notifications.

- c) Planning Application 24/00119/FUL – Proposed siting of two containers for a temporary period and removal of one of the existing storage containers – Sports Pavilion, Recreation Ground, Lindley Road, Finningley

Following the consideration of this Planning Application at the meeting on 21 February 2024, the Clerk had spoken with the Planning Officer and highlighted the interest of

Blaxton Parish Council as part owner of the playing field and the condition that it is used as a sports ground and playing field as per the Deeds of the Playing Field. When asked, Ward Councillor Jones confirmed that the container was specifically for the use of the Cadets – **Noted**

12) BLAXTON PLAYING FIELD

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

It was reported that two quotations had been received for the Nature Trail options and additional quotations were being followed up. These would be shared with Doncaster Council (CDC) – **Noted**

13) JOINT PLAYING FIELD

- a) Consideration of Finningley Parish Council email of 21/02/24 regarding future management of the Joint Playing Field

Following repeated attempts by Blaxton Parish Council (BPC) to engage with Finningley Parish Council (FPC) regarding the future management of the Joint Playing Field, it was reported that an email had been received on 21 February 2024 from Finningley Parish Council, requesting consideration of 3 options. The Chair sought Members' views.

During the discussion that followed, the Ward Councillor present became quite heated, interrupted and accused the Chair of being obstructive and the Council of failing to progress Joint Playing Field matters. The Chair requested that the remarks be recorded in the minutes. The Clerk gave a reminder that BPC had made numerous attempts to engage with FPC to resolve the issues which had been ignored, at which point the Ward Councillor said he did not know anything about that and was discourteous towards the Clerk. The discussion continued amongst Members and a meeting between Parish Councils was suggested to discuss one of the options in further detail. The Ward Councillor volunteered that he would be able to arrange a meeting with Chairs, Vice-Chairs and Clerks of both Parish Councils.

RESOLVED (11)

That the Clerk be requested to update the FPC Clerk regarding BPC's preference towards one of the options for the future management of the Joint Playing Field and request that a meeting be arranged between the Chairs, Vice-Chairs and Clerks of both Parish Councils.

Ward Councillor left the meeting at this point.

- b) Consideration of Potential Event on the Joint Playing Field – notification received from Finningley Parish Council on 07/03/24

It was reported that an email had been received from FPC on 07/03/24 regarding a potential event on the Joint Playing Field with the request that the information be passed on to BPC.

RESOLVED (12)

That the Clerk be requested to contact the FPC Clerk to confirm that BPC does not have any issues with the potential event on the Joint Playing Field and to request future updates so that these can be shared with the Community.

- c) Anti-social behaviour

The Clerk reported that advice regarding the potential removal/relocation of the teen shelter had been requested from the Stronger Communities Team at Doncaster Council (CDC). Further advice would need to be sought from another department – **Noted**.

d) Dissolution of Joint Playing Field

It was advised that the Parish Council had sought legal advice on the matter of the disputed dissolution of the Joint Playing Field Association and this advice was shared with Members.

RESOLVED (13)

That the report provided by the Clerk be noted and be reserved for future consideration at a future date if necessary.

RESOLVED (14)

That the Clerk respond with thanks for the legal advice and feedback Resolution 11.

14) BLAXTON VILLAGE HALL

Village Hall Committee – Meeting 24/01/24 Minutes circulated 07/03/24 – Next Meeting AGM 08/05/24 – **Noted**

It was also reported that the Clerk had requested guidance from Doncaster Council regarding the state of the surfacing and car park outside the Village Hall and would report any updates when available – **Noted**

15) DATE OF NEXT MEETING

That the next meeting of Blaxton Parish Council be held on Wednesday 16 April 2024 in Blaxton Village Hall at the conclusion of the Annual Parish Meeting which will start at 19:00

Meeting closed at 21.28

Chair: _____

Date: _____