

BLAXTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 18 APRIL 2019 IN BLAXTON VILLAGE HALL AT 19:35

PRESENT: Councillors N McCarron (Chair), P Schofield, R Dennis, R Johnson and J Scutt

APOLOGIES: All present

IN ATTENDANCE: J Mason (Item 12(e)) and P A Dennis (Clerk)

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC – Three

1) APOLOGIES – All Present

2) TO CONSIDER THE EXTENT, IF ANY, TO WHICH THE PUBLIC ARE 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 MARCH 2019

RESOLVED (1)

That the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 21 March 2019 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

5) PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

a) Fly Grazing

During the Annual Parish Meeting the Council had heard of the plight of traveller horses which were fly-grazed on now-barren land without the owners providing food, water and veterinary care, with the result that the animals and their offspring were dying. Some horses were straying onto roads and a vehicle was reported to have collided with a horse on the A614 Thorne Road. It appeared that horses were sometimes moved on by the owners only to be replaced by horses from elsewhere.

Members were aware of animals which had been rescued, some of which subsequently died or had to be destroyed.

It appeared that this problem, which had existed in the area for many years, was not being dealt with robustly by the authorities.

RESOLVED (2)

That the Clerk notify DMBC and South Yorkshire Police about the fly grazing issue and request that the authorities take a more proactive approach to stopping fly grazing in the area and the related animal suffering.

b) Hurst Lane Zebra Crossing, Yorkshire Wildlife Park Roundabout and Traffic Management

Members of the public expressed serious concern about the total absence of meaningful information about:-

- when the 'planned' Zebra Crossing would be installed on Hurst Lane adjacent to the Schools

- dates for the installation of the Roundabout on Hurst Lane to serve the Yorkshire Wildlife Park (YWP)
- how traffic would be managed when the YWP Roundabout was installed, including how timings would be altered at the Gatehouse Lane/Mosham Road, the Hayfield Lane/First Avenue and the Hayfield Lane/Hurst Lane traffic light-controlled junctions would be adjusted

Parish Councillors endorsed the concerns raised.

RESOLVED (3)

That the Clerk be requested to raise the issues with DMBC and Ward Members with a view to ensuring that the local community was involved with and, informed about, traffic management operations before arrangements were finalised.

RESOLVED (4)

That DMBC be requested to provide details of when a Zebra Crossing would be installed on Hurst Lane adjacent to the Schools

6) MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES – None

7) DMBC AND EAST AREA COMMUNITIES TEAM ISSUES

- a) Public Rights of Way Forum Agenda 11 April 2019 – **Noted**
- b) Pedestrian and Cyclist Safety – Mosham Road – Resolution 3 – Deferred to 18/04/19

RESOLVED (5)

That it be noted that it was unlikely that DMBC funding would be available to provide a combined cycle/pedestrian path along Mosham Road in the near future.

- c) Impact of Road Traffic Volume and Speed on Blaxton Residents – Resolution 4

RESOLVED (6)

That the DMBC response to the Council's concerns about the impact of road traffic on Blaxton be received and noted,

RESOLVED (7)

That the Clerk be requested to respond to DMBC making the following points:-

- i) There is inadequate consultation with the Parish Council and the community about significant developments which will impact upon the road traffic network in Blaxton
- ii) The traffic assessment process is flawed because there is apparently no base data for traffic volume, thus meaning that it is not possible to produce a cumulative impact assessment.
- iii) There are on-going developments on Hurst Lane, Auckley which will impact the traffic flows at the junctions of the A614 and B1396 at Blaxton Roundabout and, the safety of students from Blaxton who attend New College and The Hayfield School.

- iv) The Parish Council's long-standing concern is that DMBC refuses to undertake traffic volume, type and speed counts on the approaches to Blaxton Roundabout using temporary counting equipment; that no evidence of current vehicle counts is available which begs the question as to how cumulative traffic assessments can be made; that the need to reduce speed limits is ignored due to the lack of collision data and, that DMBC refuses to meet Members on site to discuss opportunities for speed and accident reduction.

RESOLVED (8)

That DMBC be requested to respond to the issues described above, which were supported by Auckley and Finningley Parish Councils, and, that a representative be invited to meet the Council on site at Blaxton Roundabout.

8) POLICING ISSUES

- a) Elected Member Weekly Updates – **Noted**
b) South Yorkshire Police and Crime Commissioner March 2019 Newsletter – **Noted**

9) DONCASTER SHEFFIELD AIRPORT

- a) Noise Monitoring and Environmental Sub-Committee 28 March 2019 Draft Minutes – **Noted**
b) Airport Consultative Committee (ACC) Agenda 11 April 2019

The Chair reported on the ACC meeting held on 11 April 2019 which had received information about training flights, to be limited to 40 circuits per day on no more than two consecutive days and, a maximum of 4 days per week for a six month trial period, passenger numbers, new services, highly regarded disability provision and a change in the official name to 'Doncaster Sheffield Airport'.

RESOLVED (9)

That the report be noted with thanks.

- c) Event invitation from Doncaster Sheffield Airport and the Peel Group 2 May 2019

RESOLVED (10)

That Councillor J Scutt be nominated to represent Blaxton Parish Council at the event planned by the Peel Group on 2 May 2019.

10) YORKSHIRE WILDLIFE PARK (YWP) CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE – Agenda 10 April 2019

Councillor Schofield reported back on the YWP Consultative Committee meeting held on 10 April 2019 which seemed to focus on the learning opportunities at the Park and the increase in employment opportunities which the new development should create. However, the feeling was that there was little opportunity for participation by members of the Committee.

The Parish Council was concerned that little useful information was provided about the following matters which would impact local communities in the near future:-

- Time scale for building the roundabout on Hurst Lane to provide access to the Park.
- Details of proposed traffic management arrangements during roundabout construction, including the possible need to adjust traffic signal timing at the junctions of Gatehouse Lane and Mosham Road, Hayfield Lane and First Avenue and Hayfield Lane and Hurst Lane.

- Consideration of how the roundabout works would impact on traffic flow at Blaxton Roundabout which already suffers from queues generated by traffic volume and the traffic light timings on Mosham Road.
- Details of proposed traffic management arrangements during the introduction of traffic light control at the junction of Hurst Lane and Mosham Road at Lidgett Corner, including consideration given to the possible need to adjust traffic signal timings elsewhere in the area.
- Consideration of how the introduction of traffic lights at Auckley would impact on traffic flow at Blaxton Roundabout which already suffers from queues generated by traffic volume and the traffic light timings on Mosham Road.

RESOLVED (11)

That the report be noted.

RESOLVED (12)

That the Clerk be requested to refer the issues above to the Yorkshire Wildlife Park Consultative Committee together with a request for the Park to introduce responsive, meaningful communications systems so that local communities are kept updated about developments that impact upon them and, especially those which affect transport arrangements.

RESOLVED (13)

That the Clerk also be requested to raise the issues above with DMBC as part of the Council's response to the matters considered under Minute 7(c) above.

11) WARD MEMBERS

- a) Meeting with VIGO representatives – Bank End Quarry

RESOLVED (14)

That the report from Councillor Scutt circulated by email on 2 April 2019 be received and noted with thanks.

RESOLVED (15)

That it be noted that Council representatives were welcome to visit Bank End Quarry in future to view how the site was developing.

12) ACCOUNTS AND FINANCIAL MATTERS

- a) Payments for Authorisation 18 April 2019

RESOLVED (16)

That the following payments be approved:-

<u>Payee/Invoice No</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Net</u>	<u>VAT</u>	<u>Total</u>
Blaxton Village Hall Committee	Grant 2019/20	1,600.00	0.00	1,600.00
YLCA	Subscription 2019/20	413.00	0.00	413.00
Glendale Countryside GC446PC01668	BPF Grass Cutting 22/03/19	37.84	7.57	45.41

<u>Payee/Invoice No</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Net</u>	<u>VAT</u>	<u>Total</u>
DMBC 24921031	Dog Waste Bin 31/12/18 - 16/02/19 - 3 bins @ £5.63 each for 5 weeks	84.45	16.89	101.34
N McCarron	Chair's Allowance 2018/19	120.00	0.00	120.00
Viking 152227	1 HP953XL Ink (£28.57), 1 HP 953XL C/M/Y/B Ink pack (£92.99) (£50 Cashback to be received) and 5 Reams HP 80gsm Paper £13.99	135.55	27.11	162.66
P A Dennis	Salary April 2019	387.97	0.00	387.97
P A Dennis	Office, Telephone, Broadband Allowance April 2019	23.60	0.00	23.60
P A Dennis 203017132432	Reimbursement for 1&1 Website Hosting costs 08/04/19 - 08/05/19	19.99	4.00	23.99
P A Dennis	Reimbursement for Title and Map for SYK265497 - 15/03/19	10.00	0.00	10.00
HMRC	Month 1 Contributions	96.60	0.00	96.60
B Keighery 170419	Supply and Erect 229mtr stock fencing and remove old 17/04/19	2,278.64	455.73	2,734.37
Total				5,718.94

- b) Bank Reconciliation 31 March 2019 – **Noted**
c) Balances against the Budget to 31 March 2019 – **Noted**
d) Appointment of Representative to the DMBC Public Rights of Way Forum

RESOLVED (17)

That Councillor P Schofield be appointed to attend DMBC Public Rights of Way Forum Meetings.

- e) War Memorial Site Improvements

John Mason (Ink Architectural) attended the meeting and presented drawings and information about tenders received in respect of the proposed groundworks at the War Memorial site. Three tenders had been sought and one Contractor had declined the invitation to submit a tender.

RESOLVED (18)

That Mr Mason be thanked for his presentation and that the remaining two tenders and plan of works tenders be considered at the Parish Council meeting to be held on 16 May 2019.

- f) Facebook Page – Resolution 17 – 17 January 2019

It was reported that the Clerk had recently learnt that, although it seemed that a Facebook Page would always attach to the Administrator's personal account, it was possible to transfer the Facebook Page to others to Administer and detach it from the previous Administrator. The Clerk would work on the Council's Page and report back to Members when progress had been made.

RESOLVED (19)

That the report be noted.

- g) Guide to the Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) for Parish and Town Councils – **Noted**

13) PLANNING

a) Planning Applications

RESOLVED (20)

19/00697/FUL – 5 Springbank Close, Blaxton, Doncaster, DN9 3AB – Erection of single storey extension – **Neutral Response**

b) Enforcement Notice

19/00001/ENFNOT – **Land On The East Side Of Thorne Road, Blaxton, Doncaster**
Appeal against enforcement action for use of site for motor cross and quad bike track under grounds C & E.

The Council received details of enforcement notice 19/00001/ENFNOT served by DMBC and an appeal – APP/F4410/C/19/3222999 lodged with the Planning Inspectorate.

During Public Participation the Council heard from a local landowner about activities which had taken place on the Appeal site which, apart from the destruction of plants and wildlife habitat had included harassment and apparently the death of a motorcyclist.

The Parish Council had previously logged concerns with Doncaster MBC about the motocross activity on the site which had included motorcycles travelling at speed along the Public Footpath No1, the cordoning off of Public Footpath No.1 and significant noise disturbance for residents along Thorne Road (A614), Summerfields Drive, Park Lane, Hillscroft Road, The Crescent, New Street and Blue Bell Close Blaxton. The noise of this unauthorised activity prevented residents from the quiet enjoyment of their outside spaces.

The Appeal against the Enforcement Notice also seems to be confusing and possibly inaccurate in that it refers to 'Blaxton Quarry' which is actually the name of a quarry at the junction of the B1396 with Gatehouse Lane, Auckley.

RESOLVED (21)

That the Clerk be requested to notify the Planning inspectorate of the comments above and confirm that the Parish Council fully supports the enforcement action by DMBC and the objections outlined by Russell Toothill in his submission to the Planning Inspectorate.

c) Springs Lane Community Liaison Group Agenda 11 April 2019 – **Noted**

d) Summerfields Estate Green Space – **No Issues**

14) CHAIR'S REPORT

a) Caravan Parked Opposite Post Office

The Chair and Councillor Johnson reported on a caravan which was recently parked on Airport land opposite the Post Office and, had since moved on.

RESOLVED (22)

That the reports be noted.

15) BLAXTON PLAYING FIELD

- a) Mole Control – Appeared to be clear but Contractor monitoring until end of April 2019 – **Noted**
- b) Rabbit Control – No further evidence but will continue to monitor regularly until December 2019 – **Noted**
- c) Bank End Road Fence Replacement – **Work Completed 17/04/19 – Noted**
- d) Roundabouts Resolution 25

Councillor Dennis reported that, following a recent informal Facebook poll Roundabouts Whirly Bird (No.4), Sputnik (No.8), Spiro Whirl (No.13) and Swirl (No.15) were the most popular with comments being made about the need for inclusivity. Item No.14 (Rocking Horse) was also heavily favoured.

RESOLVED (23)

That those who took part in the Facebook poll and Councillor Dennis be thanked for their input and that the Clerk be requested to seek advice on the suitability of the roundabout items for installation on Blaxton Playing Field.

RESOLVED (24)

That the Clerk also be requested to obtain cost and installation details for the Rocking Horse.

16) BLAXTON VILLAGE HALL

- a) Review of Constitution

The Clerk reported that he had contacted Community First Yorkshire again and had been informed that the original enquiry had been mis-placed. However, the issue had now been allocated to a case worker who would be in touch with the Clerk on 24 April 2019.

RESOLVED (25)

That the report be noted.

17) JOINT PLAYING FIELD

- a) Minutes – **Noted**
- b) Section 106 Projects Update – **final quotation received and recently notified to DMBC**

18) CORRESPONDENCE

- a) SYPTE – Bus Service changes April 2019 – **Noted**

19) DATE OF NEXT MEETING

RESOLVED (26)

That it be noted that the next meeting would be of the **Annual Parish Council Meeting** which was due to take place on Thursday 16 May 2019 in Blaxton Village Hall at 19:35.

Meeting closed at 21:47

Chair: _____

Date: _____