

BLAXTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 18 FEBRUARY 2026 AT 19:00 IN BLAXTON VILLAGE HALL

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

APOLOGIES: None

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC: Three

IN ATTENDANCE: E Lear (Clerk), CDC Highways Officer

Prior to the meeting members received a presentation by a CDC Officer on current work being done to try and establish a UNESCO Biosphere to include the area in and around Blaxton. Members thanked the officer who left prior to the start of the meeting proper.

1. **APOLOGIES**

a) To receive and note apologies from councillors who are unable to attend the meeting – None.

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

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 JANUARY 2026**

RESOLVED (1)

That the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 21 January 2026 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

5. **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION-**None

6. **WARD MEMBERS REPORT** – None received but Ward members had informed the council of how to apply for the Ward Members' Budget for a noticeboard- the closing date for this round is the 20th of February. It was reported that there had been changes to the Ward Members' Budget which now allowed for parish councils to directly access the funding.

7. **CDC AND SOUTH AREA COMMUNITIES TEAM ISSUES-** No reports received.

- a) Gatehouse Lane/ Mosham Road Junction- brief presentation by CDC Highways

The CDC Highways Officer brought several plans for the upcoming changes at the junction to the meeting- these were taken away due to copyright. These were viewed by members and the public.

The Officer described that the development is currently using the old entrance but that the scheme involves the creation of a new entrance which will be located closer to Blaxton. A dedicated right turning lane will be created to enter this new entrance. Traffic islands for pedestrians will be created. A new footpath will be created which travels around the corner from Mosham Road to Gatehouse Lane which will be 2 metres wide with another crossing point created on Gatehouse Lane.

The road in the area will be resurfaced.

The traffic lights will remain the same but be in a new position.

There is a new street lighting scheme for the whole development area.

New services including drainage and electricity will be added.

The Officer confirmed he will update the council throughout the project.

The Officer was asked if the speed limit will change in the area- the Officer will reply after the meeting.

8. POLICING ISSUES- None

9. CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEES

- a) : Airport Consultative Committee- **Meeting 26/01/26**

Cllr Collett attended and a report had been distributed. Airports must have an ACC. The airport is currently employing heads of department.

They are hoping not to attract older noisy planes.

Cllr Collett also reported that the local MP had done a report about the airport.

Discussion took place about placing information about the committee on the website and Facebook.

RESOLVED (2)

That a request for members of the public to submit questions to the ACC via the Parish Council, is advertised on Facebook and the website.

10. FINANCIAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

- a) Payments Considered for Approval on 18 February 2026:- including contractual payments

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>
120 DD 01/02/26	Compete 366	Annual Subscription to 365 licences 06/02/26- 05/02/27 1 Business Standard 6 Business Basic	420.00	84.00	504.00

<u>Voucher No</u>	<u>Payee/Invoice</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Net</u>	<u>VAT</u>	<u>Total</u>
		RETROSPECTIVE			
121	P Dennis	Salary February 2026	111.94	0.00	111.94
122	E Lear	Salary February 2026	597.31	0.00	597.31
122	E Lear	Office, Telephone, Broadband Allowance February 2026	20.00	0.00	20.00
123- DD 27/02/26	Nest GBP04548149241174977	Clerk's pension 01/01/26 – 31/01/26	21.26	0.00	21.26
124	HMRC	HMRC M11	228.07	0.00	228.07
125 – DD 27/02/26	Unity Bank 056	Account fee 01/01/26- 31/01/26	6.00	0.00	6.00
					£1488.58

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

- b) Bank Reconciliations at 31 January 2026 **Noted**
- c) Net Positions at 12 February 2026 – **Noted**
- d) YLCA Training Programme (within Weekly News & Notifications) - circulated 19/01/26, 26/01/26, 02/02/26, and 09/02/26- **Noted**
- e) Station Road pavement flooding- The CDC Drainage team have visited the area on a few occasions. They will now clean out again before reassessing.
- f) Climate Change & Sustainability –
 1. Update on Cycle Repair Station- It is now repaired and fully functional.
 2. Consideration of future project- a new budget will be available in April. An infrared gun which detects heat loss (energy leaks) from houses, which could be loaned out to the community was discussed. It was suggested that a CDC Officer may be able to help with the supply. Arrangements to loan out would need to be considered. Ideas of planters for a herb garden and water storage devices for Blaxton Playing field were also mentioned.
- g) Mosham Road Improvements-
 1. Mosham Road/ Gatehouse Lane junction- The works were considered to be an improvement to the area with improved lighting and traffic management. There was a slight improvement for pedestrians with a newly created path and pedestrian refuges to allow pedestrians to cross. There was some concern that the crossings on the Auckley side of the traffic lights wasn't being improved.

RESOLVED (4)

That the CDC Safer Roads team are contacted asking them to consider improving the crossing points on the Auckley side of the traffic lights also.

2. Consideration of Response from Walker's Nurseries – a meeting to discuss a pedestrian entrance had been received with the suggestion of two dates.

RESOLVED (5)

That the request be made for the meeting to take place on Wednesday 25th of February.

CDC had responded to a request for a dedicated right turning lane for Walkers Nurseries, stating that the road was not wide enough in this location to allow.

- h) Mosham Road Pavement Condition- A response had been received from Highways stating that inspection had not shown any issues with the path. They suggested the vegetation may need cutting back.

RESOLVED (6)

That the Clerk request that the hedges along Mosham Road are cut back.

RESOLVED (7)

That the Clerk request that the hedges are cut back along Station Road, at the same time as the above.

- i) War Memorial- A quote of £285 had been received for the removal of moss and weeds from the paved area of the War memorial.

RESOLVED (8)

That the quote for £285 be accepted and a request is made for the works to be completed when the weather improves in April/ May.

- j) Communication with Residents-

1. To receive and consider update from Ward Councillors regarding noticeboard- funding could be available via the Ward Members Budget- a Ward Cllr had provided a link to the application form.

RESOLVED (9)

That the clerk research a new noticeboard for cost and size.

2. To consider locating a noticeboard in the brick bus stop near Lower Pasture- awaiting information from SYMCA.

RESOLVED (10)

That the item is DEFERRED and added to the next agenda.

- k) Great British (Doncaster) Spring Clean 2026-

RESOLVED (11)

That the Council will participate in the Great British (Doncaster) Spring Clean 2026.

RESOLVED (12)

That litter picks will be arranged for the weekend of the 21st/22nd of March, with advertising to start but more detail to follow.

RESOLVED (13)

That advertising mention that litter picking equipment can be borrowed from the storage box outside the village hall at all times.

l) Appointment of Internal Auditor-

RESOLVED (14)

That it is noted that the appointment of the internal auditor has been confirmed at a cost of £225.

11. PLANNING APPLICATIONS- none

12. BLAXTON PLAYING FIELD

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

1. Update on the s106 funding and placement of order for the nature trail- The s106 funding was received on the 22nd of February and the 30% deposit paid for the nature trail on the 26th of February.

Bingham's Ground Services have indicated a start date in mid March.

RESOLVED (15)

That CDC PROW are asked if the public footpath can be reinforced with gravel.

2. Publication of the Contracts Details Notice (UK7) for the nature trail- **NOTED**

b) Improvements to Blaxton Playing Field- National Lottery funding

1. To consider the addition of items around the nature trail-

RESOLVED (16)

That a list of items is agreed in the next meeting and three companies are asked to provide a quote.

c) Improvements to Blaxton Playing Field- Other items

1. Consideration of the installation of a ball wall (brick)- Discussion about a ball wall made of brick with a goal post painted on it, to replace the net which is to be removed- awaiting further information from CDC Planning.
2. To consider a product donation of bricks and installation using volunteers- Cllr Hill's employer would be willing to donate the bricks to build the wall as well as supply bricklayers to provide instruction to build. It was suggested that a volunteer day could be run to build the wall using this professional

instruction. A foundation would need to be built beforehand- the requirements for this need to be researched.

RESOLVED (17)

That Bingham's Ground Services are asked to provide a quote to install a foundation for the ball wall.

3. Consideration of storage of equipment- a discussion took place that the storage unit could be used to harvest water which could then be used on the field. There could be an open ended part which could provide cover for the public. Concern was expressed about who the shelter could attract. Awaiting further information from CDC Planning. FPC have replied that they will not share the two pieces of equipment, previously owned by the PFA, in future.
4. Consideration of the quotation for removal of moss from MUGA-

RESOLVED (18)

That a quotation of £345 for the treatment of the MUGA to remove moss be accepted with the work to be carried out when the weather improves in April/ May.

5. Consideration of the quotation for bench repairs

RESOLVED (19)

That a quotation of £225 for the staining of the benches and tables be accepted with the work to be carried out when the weather improves in April/ May.

13. JOINT PLAYING FIELD

- a) Future Management- No response had been received from FPC regarding the issue of an invoice for half of the funds in the bank account at the time of the disbandment of the PFA in September 2023.

14. BLAXTON VILLAGE HALL

- a) Village Hall Committee – Next meeting 29/04/26-
 1. Electricity storage battery for solar panels- A request has been made to Cllr Hill's employer about donating an battery (for storage of electricity from the solar panels)- no response yet.

A thank you for the works on the roof will be sent via Cllr Steventon.

15. DATE OF NEXT MEETING:

The next Parish Council meeting
is scheduled to be held on
Wednesday 18 March 2026 in Blaxton Village Hall
at 19:00.

Meeting closed at 20.55

Chair: _____

Date: _____