

BLAXTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 15 JULY 2026 AT 18:00 IN BLAXTON VILLAGE HALL

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

APOLOGIES: None

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC: None

IN ATTENDANCE: E Lear (Clerk)

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 – A £50 voucher was received by Cllr Johnson for participation in a focus group discussing the former Blaxton Quarry development.

RESOLVED (1)

That the declaration be accepted.

4. MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING HELD ON 17 JUNE 2026

RESOLVED (2)

That the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 17 June 2026 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

5. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION- None present in meeting

a) Correspondence received from a resident of Park Lane expressing concern that overgrown vegetation along the road may again cause issues for emergency vehicles and refuse lorries travelling along. The council is aware that the matter is now with the local MP and that CDC have cut back vegetation in areas.

RESOLVED (3)

That the council supports the resident/s, that Park Lane needs cutting back so that full vehicle access remains open and is aware this is an ongoing issue.

b) The council had been approached by a resident about providing a form of 'community service' for three local boys who had caused trouble in the area.

RESOLVED (4)

That the item would be passed on to local volunteers who may be able to assist.

6. **WARD MEMBERS REPORT** – None received.

7. **CDC AND SOUTH AREA COMMUNITIES TEAM ISSUES**- None received but the Neighbourhood Co-ordinator would be invited to the September meeting.

8. **POLICING ISSUES**- None

9. **CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEES**- None

10. **FINANCIAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS**

a) Payments Considered for Approval on 15 July 2026:- including contractual payments

RESOLVED (5)

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>
31	Planning Portal PP-15021981	Planning application for shed for BPF including service charge (RETROSPECTIVE)	230.33	15.17	245.50
32	E Lear	Salary July 2026	606.85	0.00	606.85
32	E Lear	Office, Telephone, Broadband Allowance July 2026	20.00	0.00	20.00
33- DD 31/07/26	Nest GBP04548149255005027	Clerk's pension 01/07/26 – 31/07/26	22.37	0.00	22.37
34	HMRC	HMRC M4	204.54	0.00	204.54
35	ESP Play Ltd 60548/V4 balance	Switch Rain Wheel (£300 credit applied)	69.34	13.87	83.21
36	All Signs 1257716	2 x A3 signs and 2 x A4 signs for BPF	246.58	49.31	295.89
37	Old Yorkshire Railways Sleepers Ltd 135019	2 Raised Bed Kits (1300 x 1900 x 400) plus delivery	337.00	67.40	404.40
38	Outdoor Toys D1590	Potting table plus greenhouse, double planter, Mud kitchen	395.81	79.16	474.97
39	Amazon Business GB67NVRF1AEUD	2 x Insect hotels	82.88	16.58	99.46
40	Amazon Business GB61QQLSABEY	1 x black ink cartridge, 1 x yellow ink cartridge	61.65	12.33	73.98
41	Finningley Home & Garden Maintenance	Recovery, Refurbishment and relocation of seat	275.00	0.00	275.00

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42 – DD 31/07/26	Unity Bank	Account fee 01/06/26- 30/06/26	7.00	0.00	7.00
43	Glendale Countryside Ltd GC446-2929	Grass cut x 2 (02/06/26 and 16/06/26)	105.32	21.06	126.38
44	Dawson & Burgess Solicitors 27624	First Registration of 3.8 acres of land at Blaxton OS Field no. 1354	777.00	130.00	907.00
45	Cosy 31711	2 x Natural Stepping Stones (10pk)	65.93	13.19	79.12
					£3925.67

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

- b) Bank Reconciliations at 30 June 2026 **Noted**
- c) Net Position at 3 July 2026 – **Noted**
- d) YLCA Training Programme (within Weekly News & Notifications) - circulated 19/06/26, 26/06/26, 03/07/26 and 07/07/26- **Noted**
- e) Station Road Pavement Flooding- The Chief Executive's Office had replied that after CDC Drainage had completed the routine maintenance tasks in the area, they had discovered a more substantial piece of work requires completing. This job will be scheduled in by prioritisation using risk (throughout the district) and the job will be completed in due course.

RESOLVED (6)

That the Clerk contact the Chief Executive's Office requesting a timescale for when the job will be completed highlighting that this route is used by mobility vehicles who have nowhere to go when encountering, and when pedestrians encounter they must step a large distance into the road, as the road is flooded as well.

- f) Missing Bench on Mosham Road- After making enquiries with the insurance company, they have stated that the family would not be contacted and requested information to pursue.

RESOLVED (7)

That the council pursue a claim and the Clerk request a letter from CDC confirming the disposal of the bench to pass on to the insurance company.

RESOLVED (8)

That the Clerk request licence plate details from the police and establish who could provide them directly to the insurance company, if required.

g) Proposed Christmas Tree-

1. Update- CDC have provided a specification for adding ducting to the verge to carry the wiring for the Christmas tree lights. The wiring will pass from the tree to the resident's junction box for power supply. A miscellaneous licence will be required for the tree (free of charge) but the ducting will require a licence to dig (payable). The resident aims to plant the tree in November.
2. A request to the council was made to commission the ducting

RESOLVED (9)

That a quote will be obtained for the ducting works from a electrical company who have undertaken similar work in the local area.

- h) Remembrance Arrangements- The Clerk had attended a training webinar on Martyn's Law and was confident that due to the size of the event (outside and less than 800 people), this would have no impact on the arrangements.

RESOLVED (10)

That the Clerk would obtain 2 quotes as per previous year- one for the full road closure down to St Oswald's Church and one for the Bank End Road closure only, from the existing supplier who is knowledgeable of the route. The quotes would require consideration before the September meeting due to the required permits.

i) Communication with Residents-

1. Update on locating a noticeboard in the brick bus stop near Lower Pasture- The draft licence agreement had been received from SYMCA. Questions were raised about the suggested ownership of the board.

RESOLVED (11)

That the Clerk query the items relating to ownership in the licence agreement and agree to sign when relevant changes are confirmed.

Discussion took place about the specification of the noticeboard

RESOLVED (12)

That a quote is obtained for a 18 x A4, single opening board with a bow head, gold writing and green in colour.

RESOLVED (13)

That the Clerk use the quote to make a request to the Ward Members' Budget for either the whole amount or the amount which will require match funding.

11. PLANNING APPLICATIONS-

- a) 26/00806/FUL- Change of use of agricultural land to a private hire dog exercise facility, including perimeter security fencing, double gated access enclosure and associated on site parking- Land Off Thorne Road, Blaxton

RESOLVED (14)

That the council object to the planning application with comments expressing concerns about the parking and adherence to the conditions stated in the application i.e. who will check.

12. BLAXTON PLAYING FIELD

a) Improvements to Blaxton Playing Field- Further Funding

- 1. Update regarding from Vulcan Renewables Community Fund- The funds of £1000 have been received and orders made/ invoices received for payment for 2 x bug hotels, 2 x mud kitchens, 2 x planters. Awaiting invoice for stepping stones. Approximately £895 (excluding VAT) spent from funds with £105 remaining.

b) Improvements to Blaxton Playing Field- Other items

- 1. Update on storage shed- the planning application has been submitted and is awaiting validation.
- 2. Consideration of an opening event-

RESOLVED (15)

That the opening event, on Saturday 29th of August will take place between 1pm and 4pm, with refreshments provided and advertising to start now.

RESOLVED (16)

That all items are constructed on site on this day.

3. Consideration of signage-

- 1. Terms and conditions of Use- on order; requires receipt of payment to manufacture.
- 2. Trail Welcome Sign

RESOLVED (17)

That a quote be obtained for an A3 landscape sign with no fixings and with text supplied (with modifications).

- 4. Update on installation of reconditioned bench- the slabs are to be installed soon with bench to follow when these are ready. To be installed on straight section of path on the right hand side, near the tunnel.

5. Consideration of a request for a donation of a bench to Walkers- Walkers Nurseries have confirmed that they will donate a bench. Awaiting photos to determine installation method. Location on the field to be determined.
6. Consideration of Autumn bulbs- **DEFERRED** until September meeting

The Chimes (wooden bamboo tubes) are partially broken and the rain wheel is not spinning freely. These have been reported to the contractor and are awaiting feedback.

13. JOINT PLAYING FIELD

- a) PFA funds at Time of Disbandment- no response has been received to the email. If no response is received by the September meeting, consideration will be given to taking the matter of the requested funds to the small claims court.
- b) Fence at the top of the walkway from Lower Pasture- the fence which belongs to 2. Lower Pasture is now in a poor state, with recent repairs completed by local volunteers.

RESOLVED (18)

That the clerk contact the owner of the fence to request that the fence is taken down and the ground left as open ground.

14. BLAXTON VILLAGE HALL

- a) Village Hall Committee – **Meeting 08/07/26-** Meeting brought forward to discuss the position of the treasurer. They are trying to evaluate the position but there is potentially a new person who may take on the role. The position has been made easier due to the signing of the new terms and conditions by users which has resulted in all payments coming in on time. The bank balance is healthy.

15. DATE OF NEXT MEETING:

The next meeting
is scheduled to be held on
Wednesday 16 September 2026 in Blaxton Village Hall
at 19:00.

Meeting closed at 19.30

Chair: _____

Date: _____