

BLACKO PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE MEETING 26 MAY 2020
{BY CONFERENCE CALL}

MEMBERS PRESENT: Parish Cllrs N Hodgson P Hesketh R Fewster
N McEvoy H Wager

K Wood Clerk

1. **APOLOGIES**

D Stone

2. **MINUTES OF LAST MEETING**

To approve the minutes of the test meeting held on 28.04.20 – Proposed Cllr Hesketh seconded Cllr Fewster. All approved.

3. **MATTERS HELD OVER**

1. 20 is Plenty signs. At present we have donations for 2 more signs, and the Cllrs were discussing the need/position of these signs, at the moment we have two signs erected on the area near the recreation ground, and the option for putting one near Gisburn Road and one between Malkin Close and Willaston Avenue was proposed by Cllr Hesketh. After discussion it was decided that at present we had not been brought to task by either LCC or PBC regarding the erection of these two signs and we were better leaving it at that. Cllr Hesketh will speak to the residents and return their donations, we will ask Cllr Purcell, who offered to donate for a sign, if she would donate to one of the original signs. All in favour.

Whilst discussing the above, the speed of vehicles on Gisburn Road was mentioned, and the clerk was requested to email Cllr Whipp and ask for an update on any Data available on the Average Speed Cameras since they were activated.

2. Village Website revitalisation – Ongoing –Cllr Hodgson has been in contact with Roy, will move forward with this after lockdown.
3. Any illegally parked vehicles to be reported LCC – The clerk had circulated the response from Parking Services @ LCC, which gave the number of times parking enforcement officers had visited the area, and the number of vehicles during those visit that were parked in contravention to parking law, this was just 1, which was issued with a parking notice. The Cllr asked the clerk to contact Parking Services to ask in our photographic evidence was not enough to pursue the regular offenders. – Ongoing
4. White lines on Barnoldswick Road – Awaiting LCC.
5. Football Pitch/Exercise Track - Cllr Hodgson reported that the contractor would start work on the 6th July, or earlier if his present job completes sooner. Discussion followed with regards to possible closing of the recreation ground whilst the work is done. It was felt that as the playground area was closed at present due to Covid19, it would not look good in the government allows these areas to open and then we shut them off for the work on the football

pitch/exercise track. Cllr Hodgson to contact the contractors to see what guarding they intend to put in place, and these will be complemented by our own fencing, to be the minimum , to leave some of the recreation ground open to residents, but safely.

6. Cold Calling Zone – Clerk reported that Trading Standards had received 111 responses, which was not quite 50%, but they would send some reminders out, and report back as soon as possible.
7. Boules court needing some treatment – Cllr Hesketh has treated the area, and awaiting for the weeds to die back before removing
8. Pick up after your dog signs – These are now in place around the village
9. Invite to Gail Barton – Our Lancashire – Gail to attend the April Meeting (I have emailed Gail and postponed her attendance till we are back to normal)
10. River Ribble Trust – Possible Tree planting – Cllr Fewster stated that this needs to be given a lot of thought, including the number of trees planted and the type of trees, Cllr Hodgson asked Cllr Wager if she would Champion this, in the light of Cllr Whalley resignation. It was agreed that this would be on hold until after the works on the recreation ground were finished. Clerk to pass on details from Lee @ Pendle on the Cllr Wager.

4. **PLANNING**

Town and Country Planning Act 1990 APPLICATION: 20/0277/OUT PROPOSAL: Outline: Erection of one dwelling (Access Only). AT: 425 Gisburn Road Blacko Nelson FOR: Mrs J. Cox CONSULTATION Deadline: Please send me your comments by: 2nd June 2020.

It was agreed that as this was access only we would reply to Planning that we had no objections in principle but would like to enquire if any covenants/conditions were in place on the land. - Clerk

5. **REPORT FROM BOROUGH COUNCILLOR**

Cllr McEvoy - nothing to report

6. **REPORT FROM COUNTY COUNCILLORS**

7. **REPORTS FROM OUTSIDE BODIES**

Cllr McEvoy reported that a trial had taken place using a virtual meeting, and it was hoped that the June Barrowford and Western Parishes meeting would take place via this way.

8. **RECREATION GROUND AND ALLOTMENTS**

Inspection to be carried out this week

On Monday/Tuesday 18th/19th May damage occurred to the drainage pipe and wall at the bottom of the track onto Beverley Road. It was first thought that an Electrical van had caused the damage. But a local resident was a witness to the accident and had contacted the driver Mrs Emmett from Hillside farm, who reported they would ensure the pipe and wall be repaired. Cllr Hesketh was asked to contact the resident and get complete information from

him, dates times names etc, and once this was to hand the clerk to write to the resident to ensure repairs are carried out.

On a separate occasion, the planter on the same track, has been damaged by vandals/thieves, it looks like they were trying to steal the Best Kept Village Plaque of the back of the raised planter, they did not manage to steal the plaque but some damage has occurred. It was agreed a price to requested from the lengthsman for the repairs, clerk to report the damage to PC Dibb, and depending on the cost of the repairs, a decision would be taken as to whether or not a claim on our insurance is required.

9 **QUESTIONS FROM COUNCILLORS**

Cllr Wages, reported a resident was concerned about a tree in a field opposite the entrance to The Close, looked like it was suffering from Ash Dieback, and as it was near to the main road could be a danger. Clerk to report it to Lee at Pendle.

10. **FINANCE**

Proposals for Payment

Expenditure

Clerks Salary	£117.70
P Hesketh – 2 x Wooden Hexag Troughs @ 50.00	£100.00
Zurich Insurance	£1044.91
M Brown (Donation Refund)	£45.00
V Giannandrea (Donation Refund)	£45.00

Income

Allotment

Harlow	£52.00
Robinson	£52.00
Moreton	£52.00
Matthews	£52.00
Farnhill	£52.00
Mitchell	£52.00
McDonald	£52.00
Stone	£52.00
Berry	£52.00
Bannister (10 months out of 12 – R Browns allotment)	43.33

Car Parks

Jackson	£105.00
Moreton	£105.00
Fletcher	£105.00
Robinson	£105.00
Balderstone	£105.00
Spencer	£105.00
Hogg	£105.00
M Vickery	£105.00

BKV

Pure Cor Systems	£100.00
M Hoare	£50.00
Ashworths	£50.00

A Barrow	£50.00
D Bulcock	£50.00
J & A McBeath	£100.00
N Robinson	£100.00
Wheatley Financial Services	£150.00
Blacko Events Committee	£500.00

Other

Blacko Events – Towards Exercise Track	£1740.00
Pendle Borough Council – Precept	£9589.00

Cllr Hodgson proposed payments and seconded by Cllr Fewster – All were in favour.

The Clerk reported that the Government Auditors PK Littlejohn had been in contact over the last couple of months regarding the reporting of the accounts, due to the Covid19 pandemic, the Government have agreed the regulation for the reporting on the 2019/2020 Parish Council Accounts requirement to publish, has been extended to the end of September. The Clerk reported that she had finished the accounts, which were circulated last month, and they were now at the internal auditors, should no problems arise these will be agreed and signed at the June meeting and sent off to PK Littlejohn in plenty of time.

11. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Cllr Hodgson stated that all other Cllrs had been informed during the month of Cllr Whalley decision to resign from the Council, Cllr Hodgson had also emailed Cllr Whalley with thanks for his time and work whilst on the Council. Clerk to issue Cllr Hesketh with a vacancy notice to be placed in the notice boards.

It was also proposed by Cllr Fewster and seconded by Cllr Hodgson that the Parish Meeting and AGM be postponed until after lockdown when a Face to Face meeting can take place.

It was proposed by Cllr Hodgson and seconded by Cllr Hesketh that once we are back to normal all attendees at meetings via conference calls should be reimbursed the cost of the calls, at the moment the meetings have taken place March, April & May, but could possibly continue for another few months.

10. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Tuesday 23 June 2020 7.00pm (Via conference call)