

BLACKO PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES OF THE MEETING 28 FEBRUARY 2018

MEMBERS PRESENT: Parish Cllrs N Hodgson P Hesketh
 H Wager D Stone E Clayton
 N McEvoy LCC's D Whipp

K Wood Clerk

Cllr Hodgson stated that as there were a number of members of the public in attendance, and the weather conditions were not good and worsening, he suggested that rather than wait till the end of the meeting – for questions from members of the public – the public could put their questions to the Council as we progress through the meeting.

1. APOLOGIES

R Fewster J Purcell

2. MINUTES OF LAST MEETING

To approve the minutes of the last meeting held on 23 January 2018 – Proposed Cllr Hodgson, P Hesketh seconded. All approved

A member of the public asked the Council why there were no up to date minutes on the Parish Website he reported that no minutes were on the website after 2016, Cllr Hodgson & the Clerk, said this would be looked into as they were under the impression that more recent minutes were available, but the third party, who updated the website, was on holiday, but this would be looked into it, the member of the public proceeded to say that the Council by law should publish the minutes, and he also reported that you had to register on the website to view the minutes, and he also thought this should not be the case. The Chair stated we would speak to the third party and try to change this, and also try to change it, so the clerk updated the minutes, once they had been signed off. The member of the public stated this was not the first time the minutes were not up to date, this had proved to hamper his research. The member of the public also reported that the Parish Website gives the Chair's email address as Chair@blackpc.org and he has emailed this address and not received a response, he only got a response when emailing the Chair's other email address. Cllr Hodgson stated this would be looked into at the same time as the other problems mentioned above.

3. MATTERS HELD OVER FROM PREVIOUS MEETING

- Barnoldswick Road Walling – The Clerk had tried on the Land Registry website to find the details of the owners of the land on the left side of the road from the Cross Gaits to Red Lane, but found she was going round in circles, The Clerk has contacted the planning department at PBC to ask for their assistance – It was agreed to pursue but to notify Cllrs of any costs that may be involved
- Malkin Close & 20 mile an hour speed limit, – Ongoing. Awaiting consultation This is tied into the Average speed camera on Blacko Mile, these are not switched on yet,

there is still work to be done. Cllr Whipp reported that the speed limit at the top of the village would be on the March Agenda at County Hall, he asked the Cllrs for their definitive position, as this has been discussed at a number of meetings. Cllr Hodgson said we would prefer the 30mph limit to be on the top side of the bend where the street lamps finish, rather than on the lower side of the junction of Blacko Bar Road. Cllr Whipp agreed and stated he would put this position to the meeting.

At this time in the meeting it was proposed to discuss a letter received by some residents with regard to the Traffic Regulation Order, Gisburn Road, Blacko – where the LCC proposes to seek to introduce a Traffic Regulation Order Prohibition of Waiting on Gisburn Road, Blacko. Firstly – It was found to unacceptable that the Parish Council had not been informed directly from LCC, and also that only a small amount of residents had been notified by LCC, the closing date for comments was 9th March 2018, Cllr Clayton had received the letter as a resident, but not received the attached plan, and on contacting LCC, was informed that the missing of the map was a mistake and one would be sent, and that the closing date would be extended till the 19th March. Cllr Whipp stated he had only seen the letter on social media, and felt it was sounding out exercise, and there were a number of issues, as in drop kerbs, the areas are not an accident hotspot. Cllr Hodgson proposed the Clerk write to Benda Garside and state the position of the Council with regard to not being notified direct and the short response time, and which residents had been notified as to the proposals, this was seconded by Cllr Hesketh, all agreed.

- Possible Petanque – Cllr Hodgson stated that construction works were nearing completion, with some levelling out of the spoil and that the next step was to get signed consultation for the 1st part of the grant from Sport England

A number of members of the public wished to talk with regard to the position of the Petanque.

First member of the public asked the Council why the Council had not communicated to the residents near to the recreation ground regarding the proposed addition of the Petanque - Cllr Hesketh reported that it was first mentioned in Blacko News edition August 2015, and again in Autumn 2016 edition where the size of the Petanque was given, and again in the Summer 2017 edition when it was reported Boules court on its way. As every copy of Blacko News is distributed to every household in Blacko, and no one has asked any questions until today. A letter was passed to the Council from another member of the public who could not attend the meeting, who teaches Rugby to young people and mainly used the place where the Petanque has been positioned and he was concerned he had not been consulted. Cllr Hodgson said he took on board what he has said and would respond to him.

A member of the public who was concerned that people playing Boules would be able to see into the upstairs of her house, Cllr Hodgson stated that you cannot say on one hand you don't mind the Rugby practice being on the same spot, but are against the Boules court, when we are talking about a Recreation ground and this is another form of Recreation. Cllr Hodgson stated that the area looks at its worse now, and when the levelling and gradient to the side is grassed over it would not be noticeable from the roadside.

Another member of the public stated that due to no minutes on the website,

he wanted confirmation from the Council that it was minuted where the position was to be, Cllr Hodgson stated that it was mentioned, at first to be on the top side of the recreation ground, which would have meant pinching a small part of the football pitch, soon after this was mentioned Football Nets were put on the Goals, so the Cllr had to look for a new position, this was not taken lightly and due to the undulation of the playing field it was discussed at a meeting and it was agreed by the Council to allow 2 Parish Councillors to meet with the lengthsman and to choose the best site, the building of the Boules court was to also take in the renewal of some of the drainage system to help with the flooding on Beverley Road. The member of the public's concerns over the drainage renewed by the lengthsman during the construction works were taken on board by Cllr Hodgson, who stated he would meet with the lengthsman as soon as possible and respond directly to the concerned member of the public. Cllr Hodgson stated that the Pentaque Court was not a cost to Parish Council, due to grants being bid for, and it would be an addition to the recreation ground, and members who suggested the school were not in favour of it were wrong, the school had already bought boules in readiness and also had donated towards the court. The Events committee had also agreed to purchase a bench to be sited near the court. It was suggested by one member of the public that the Recreation Ground had not been looked after and updated over the last few years. Cllr Hesketh stated he disagreed with this and the Recreation Ground was well kept and updated with new signs and plants as with the rest of the village

- Village Website update – Ongoing. The third party who looks after the website and the website designer have now been working together to get the site up to speed. – A number of items mentioned earlier in the meeting will be discussed with the third party.
- Litter Posters. – It was agreed at the previous meeting to see how things go through the Summer. Cllr McEvoy reported that one of the signs has blown away and he has contacted LCC with regards to replacing it. He also reported he has asked PBC to do a clean of the area
- Rotten posts on Allotments – Cllr Hesketh has identified the allotment holder and is to contact the allotment holder in the first instance
- Photo of the Residents of Blacko for prosperity. Possibly some time next summer. – Ongoing
- Hollin Hall farm – Cllr Hodgson discussed this with Kathryn Hughes at the B & W P meeting, and will follow this up with her - Ongoing
- Admigill Hall Farm – Clerk has received notification from PBC saying they were aware of this building and were investigating.
- Repairs to stone planter – Cllr Hodgson has spoken to Zane, who was happy to repair the planter, Cllr Hodgson will remind him
 - New Nest Swing – Cllr Hesketh had requested a commissioning report and certification for the installation, he didn't think what had been provided by the supplier was sufficient. Clerk to contact them again.

4. **PLANNING**

5. **REPORTS FROM BOROUGH COUNCILLOR**

There had been a full meeting of the Council, with a number of items under discussion including Roads, Selrap proposal and the possibility of a Unitary Authority, but nothing directly involving Blacko

6. **REPORT FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR**

Cllr Whipp reported that a list of pot holes in the area had been reported to LCC, large problem with in the whole area of Pendle. Works were set to take place on Blackobar road, but this would be to patch defects and surface dress, should take place April/May

Cllr Whipp excused himself due to the weather he wished to ensure he got home

7. **REPORTS FROM OUTSIDE BODIES**

Cllr Hodgson stated that at the B & W Parishes meeting, was mainly taken up with the Newspaper issue with the Newsagents and Booths. The application by Booths was turned down by the Council

8. **RECREATION GROUND AND ALLOTMENTS**

- Inspection done.

Cllr Hodgson reported that he will add Boules Court to his inspection report

- Cllr Stone reported that he had meet Luke from the drainage department at PBC at the allotments, although there was no flooding at the time of the meeting Cllr Stone was able to show him the photos. Luke agreed that there was danger to traffic and flooding at the cottages. Although Cllr Stone showed Luke some old plans, they didn't show the actual drains. It is Lukes intention to return and trace the drains and find any blockages with a track camera. Cllr Stone said this would mean some digging up on the allotment, this would be on Cllr Stones allotment, and Cllr Stone had no problem but wished the Cllrs permission, Cllr Hesketh proposed and Cllr Hodgson seconded all were in agreement. Luke will get back to us with regards to his findings and if any blockages were found on the Road would be down to LCC and in any gardens would be down to the home owner

9. **CAR PARKS**

Clerk reported that Glen Britton who has moved house has been in contact and will relinquish his parking space at the end of the financial year, and will post the post key through Cllr Heskeths door, Clerk will contact the people at the top of the list for the new year.

10. **CORRESPONDENCE**

Selrap – Cllr Hesketh proposed we renew the membership, Cllr Stone seconded.

Barnoldswick in Bloom – Letter to Northern Forest letter – All agreed that we were in favour of adding Blacko to the letter proposed to go to Northern Forest delegate. Cllr Hesketh to confirm with Lesly Gilbert from Barnoldswick in Bloom

11. **QUESTIONS FROM COUNCILLORS**

Cllr Hesketh – Wished to thank Cllr Hodgson for all his time on the Pentaque development.

Cllr Clayton – Problem with Dustbins being left on the roadside after collection time. It was suggested it should be reported on the PBC website in the first instance. Also cars and parking on the Grass verge at the top of the village also some dog walkers were walking their dogs and not “picking up”. A Polite notice to be posted in the first instance and this has worked in the past.

Cllr Wager – Had reported an area down Blacko Bar road on the grot spot site of PBC, and happened to be in the area when some council workers were about they said they were not allowed to remove the rubbish but would report it direct themselves, but on looking at the rubbish they stated it was resin from old cannabis plants, which puts the question, is there a cannabis farm in the area. It would hope that the council works will report the find, all to be aware and keep eyes open in that area.

There was also reported a shed on the back street of the terraced houses on Gisburn road which was stopping access down the back street. It was proposed by Cllr Hodgson and seconded by Cllr Clayton that the Clerk write to the enforcement office.

A general gripe was reported to Cllr McEvoy, about the long winded recorded message when you ring PBC, it was stated that this was to put you off contacting them direct and to push you to the website

12. **QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC**

13. **FINANCE**

It was approved to authorise all payments on the Agenda.

Payment Authorised

Clerks Salary	£140.60
Lengthsman (Boules Court) Interim payment	£2000.00
Empress Fencing (Boules Court)	£606.00
Preston Industrial Plastics (Boules Court)	£353.41
Lengthsman (Expenses)	£221.07
Lanlee (Boules Court)	£167.99
LBKV entry	£15.00
NW in Bloom entry	£50.00
Selrap	£15.00
Salterforth Nurseries	£291.86

Income

Mr & Mrs S Forrest (BKV donation)	£150.00
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Cllr Hesketh proposed the finance and Cllr Stone seconded all were in favour.

14. **LAND AND PROPERTY**

15. **ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

16 **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**
Tuesday 27 March 2018 7.00pm

NOTE AFTER THE MEETING

It was confirmed after the meeting that all Agenda upto and including August 2017 were present on the Parish Council Website.