

BLACKTOFT PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD MONDAY 18 DECEMBER 2017 7.30PM

THE OLD SCHOOL, BLACKTOFT

1.APOLOGIES

Mr M Coultard

Mr M Falkingham

PRESENT

Mr R Thompson

Mr K Gilson

Mr A Hughes

Mr G Sweeting

Mr G Lister

Mr P A Nicholson – chairman

Cllr N Hutchinson

Mr D Turner

1 member of the public

2.CASUAL VACANCY

A casual vacancy has been created by the resignation of Mr Nigel Marshall. The Clerk will process through the ERY Council and place notices in the notice boards.

3.CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS PARISH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES – it was resolved to sign these as a true record.

4.ANY OUTSTANDING ITEMS FROM PREVIOPUS PARISH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

- Emergency Plan – the Clerk requested the contact details from two parish councillors so that the emergency plan can be updated.
- Following the November 2017 parish council meeting, Mr K Gilson reported that he had spoken to the resident regarding parking of vehicles on the public footpath (Smithy Lane) east of Blacktoft village. It is hoped to have some improvement in the near future.

5.ANY DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Mr P A Nicholson – personal – finance

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Mr K Gilson – planning

6.PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

- Parking issues – Blacktoft Lane, Blacktoft
- Public footpaths – Smithy Lane and the riverbank – concerns regarding dog waste
- Notice boards
- Fireworks display

7.CORRESPONDENCE a. For noting and b for action

- SLCC – conference programme
- ERYC – road closure notice
- ERYC – precept request for financial year 2018=2019
- Resignation letter – Mr N Marshall – the Clerk to progress the casual vacancy
- ERYC – Matt Gent, Enforcement Officer – response to parish council queries

The kerb stoning and highway encroachment at a property east of the village of Blacktoft to be removed

Parking of vehicles in the lay-by at the bungalows on Blacktoft Lane has been referred to the Housing section of the ERY Council

- ERYC – Chairmans Awards
- ERYC – Streetscene survey – the Clerk completed and will return
- ERYC – electoral register – the Clerk has informed the ERYC that some errors have occurred in the listings for Blacktoft Lane. These will be rectified by the ERYC.
- ERYC – Charlotte Boyce – street naming banking. The parish has been declared a flood zone with no development therefore no real need for street names to be banked. The Clerk to respond as such to the ERY Council.
- Humberside Police - update
- Copy emails – regarding comments about the Clerk
- ERNLLCA – newsletter
- ERYC – Christmas greetings card

8.HIGHWAYS/PATHS/DYKES

Riverbank – flood defence : Chairman Paul Nicholson gave a short report on the Humber Strategy Meeting held on Thursday 7 December 2017.

Another meeting will be arranged for the new year.

Horse riding on the riverbank will be monitored with the Environment Agency prepared to consider further action if it continues. For information the public footpath in Blacktoft parish on the riverbank runs from Metham in the west to Faxfleet in the east when it leaves the riverbank (for the privately owned wildfowlers rights) joining the highway to the lock at the canal. The riverbank and associated areas is (Site of Special Scientific Interest) SSSI among other initiatives and no horse riding should take place along the length of the riverbank.

Pumping station: The construction of the pumping station continues; the road is being kept clean and the long overrun on the grass verge has been filled with aggregate. A section of the river bank will be removed with the road between Yokefleet and Blacktoft being closed for the duration.

The parish councillors had a short discussion on the merits of salt/gritting roads in the parish: damage to road side grass verges and the possibility of salt-resistant grass (seed).

9.PLANNING

Planning applications:

17/03885/PLF with amendments – continued use of redundant agricultural buildings (Sui Generis) and land for agricultural storage, function facility (Sui Generis), distillery and guest accommodation in associated with function facility with associated extensions, landscaping work and parking area at Beeches Farm, Faxfleet Lane, Faxfleet.

17/03886/PLB change of use of redundant agricultural buildings (Sui Generis) to assembly and leisure (D2) with associated extensions and landscaping work at Beeches Farm Faxfleet Lane, Faxfleet.

The parish council had no objections to these planning applications and resolved to support. The Clerk to respond appropriately to the ERY Council.

Planning approval:

17/01735/PLF construction of a new access road from Bennetland Lane to Clementhorpe Lane and upgrade to Clementhorpe Lane with residents parking and turning areas to facilitate the removal of vehicular traffic over Bellasize and Gilberdyke level crossings land to the west of the north east and to the south of Bellasize Cottage, Clementhorpe Lane, Gilberdyke.

The meeting was closed to allow the Chairman to explain to everyone present the Roles and Responsibilities of the Clerk to the Parish Council and the Parish Councillors.

- The Clerk is employed by the parish council as the Executive Officer and Financial Officer – carrying out the duties of the Clerk - administration, etc and the instructions of the parish council
- There are 12 members of Blacktoft Parish Council and decisions can only be made at a legally convened parish council meeting
- The parish council has to listen to and respond to the comments, complaints and observations of the electorate in the same manner that the ERY Council has to respond, no matter how vindictive or personal, malicious or inappropriate these may be

The Clerk informed the members present that some derogatory, defamatory and threatening comments had been made in emails, by one particular member of the public, over the past few months which unfortunately were also private emails to a single parish councillor. The Clerk requested that the post of Clerk to the parish council should be treated with respect and nobody should feel they can make derogatory or threatening remarks written or otherwise. The Clerk informed the parish council that the police had been notified as had the parish council associations.

The meeting reconvened.

10.FINANCES

Accounts to pay:

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| S E Nicholson | £287.64 |
| S Walker | £20.00 |
| HMRC | £37.00 |
| SLCC subs | £192.00 |

11.PRECEPT FOR FINANCIAL YEAR 2018-2019 – deferred to the January 2018 meeting of the parish council.

12.DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING – Monday 15 January 2018 7.30pm The Old School, Blacktoft.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.15pm.

CHAIRMAN