

YOULGRAVE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held in the Reading Room on 19th January 2016

Present: Councillors Lillian Clark, Graham Elliott, Nicola Humphreys, Andrew McCloy,
Glenys Moore, Richard Roper, Ralph Wilson and John Wragg
In attendance: Matthew Lovell – Clerk + 1 member of the public

- 2131 To receive apologies for absence
Cllr Rob Scott and Brian Wardle sent their apologies.
- 2132 Variation of order of business and Clerk's request for time constrained items
No variations required.
- 2133 Declaration of Members Interests
None required for this meeting
- 2134 Public Speaking
County Councillor Simon Spencer and PCSO Grundy sent their apologies.
a) Public – no matters raised

b) The District Councillor reported that DDDC is closing all its waste sites before the end of February and encouraged councillors to attend the Forums in February to hear the proposed spending plans for the coming year.
- 2135 To confirm the Non-exempt minutes of the meeting held on 24th November 2015
RESOLVED to confirm as a correct record the minutes of the meeting held on 24th November 2015. The minutes were signed by the Chair.
- 2136 To determine which if any from Part 1 of the Agenda should be taken with the public excluded – none
- 2137 Planning decisions/applications received since last meeting. Planning related matters
Decisions received: NP/DDD/1015/0920 – Hopton Tower The Old Hall 1.5m boundary wall – granted
NP/DDD/1015/0936 – Church Steps Handrail – granted

Comments returned due to deadlines: none

Applications for discussion:

NP/DDD/1215/1217 Apple Tree Cottage – change to residential and extensions
Council supports this application and welcomes the holiday lets changing use to residential. It considered that the plans would enhance the building using the hillside to advantage.

NP/DDD/1215/1179 - Long Rake Spar - Erection of proposed buildings; retrospective application for previously constructed buildings; retrospective application for alterations to site boundary; proposed landscaping works

Youlgrave Parish Council fully supports this application to improve and modernise working conditions and reduce the visual impact of the works. It is an important local employer and part of the working heritage of the area that is supportive in its responsibilities to the local environment and community.

2138 Footpaths and Highways and related issues

DCC has undergone a reshuffle in the Highways department and the clerk has been in contact with the new technician over the outstanding items.

Pete Bush PDNPA Ranger is planning 5 projects for the parish this year in conjunction with DCC to alter gates to stiles, progress some minor works on King Street, improve wheelchair access on the Coach Rd and Bradford Dale and improve the crossing of Bleakley Dyke.

The closure of Alport footpath by DCC for repairs was welcomed by council.

Lighting and the slow response by DCC as well as the replacement unit for Braemer/Bradford corner will be chased by the clerk.

A query was raised about the safety of the church street noticeboard due to its rapid deterioration.

Parish grit was seen being inappropriately used during the snow last Sunday and a reminder needs to be made to residents that it is for footpath and road use – cheap grit is available to purchase for private use from Council at Youlgrave garage.

2139 Reports from Village Organisations –

S&C Hall – next meeting this Thursday

Village Hall – the new cooker and fridge are installed and preparations well underway for the pantomime. A query regarding the committee membership confirmed that the Parish Council and WI are the two remaining village bodies still represented – being the only two actively committed when the constitution was re-formed.

Reading Room – the bingo sessions came under scrutiny of DDDC Licencing recently but happily DDDC has decided that the current *modus operandi* falls outside their requirements.

CLT – the Village shop sub-group that met last month had a good ground breaking session with two representatives of Winster's Village shop – a founder and the current manager and learnt that with commitment, the arduous tasks of set up and creating a viable community supported business can be achieved. There is therefore confidence that should no buyer appear when the Post Office finally comes for sale, the village would be in a good position to make an offer using the CLT. The Parish Council cannot run a business so would have to set up an organisation at arms-length if it wished to which the CLT is already in place to achieve with parish backing.

Waterworks – the pressure problems at the top of the village from The Pinfold have been sorted out with back up capacity to future proof. The new development has been hampered by inclement weather but is expected to be full completed this year. Whilst savings have been achieved through the bulk chemical purchases, the modernisation and close management means that properties will see a £5 increase on this year's bill to ensure improvements can continue.

Carnival Committee – has pre-notified Council that they intend to hire a larger marquee and run an over 18s bar from 9pm on the Saturday 9th July rather than use one of the pubs. Security will be asking any under 18s to leave by 9pm.

2140 Report of the Clerk / update on: -

a) Playing Field and Village asset matters

Playing Fields – the final sign is en-route from Dowlow.

b) Allotments – renewal letters will be sent out shortly to ascertain if any plots are

coming free. Once the bins are removed the area will need a tidy up and possibly a height barrier if camper vans illegally park.

- c) Project costing progress – DDDC Grant for the bench has been banked and an order placed for the manufacture of one. The District Councillor was thanked for providing this funding to us and this will be noted in the Bugle on installation. Westcroft grit bin – County is sending an inspector to view the positioning and will be able to supply a bin for us to refill if suitable. Churchyard bench – clerk to liaise with vicar to find the donors who promised to finance this.

2141 Sector led audit body for Audit procurement

It is recommended by DALC that the new NALC/SLCC scheme be adopted for now as there are no cost effective alternatives. Council agreed not to opt out.

2142 Derbyshire Association of Local Councils & Correspondence

Dalc 26, 01, Clerks and Councils Direct

DDDC Community Forum 17th February 6pm-8pm ABC

Fountain Square parking – a letter regarding blocking drives in the square was read and Council noted the ongoing problems and frustration. The police can be called when an actual obstruction is occurring but unless wardens and yellow lines are introduced there is little that can be done.

2143 Finance

(a) Accounts for Payment

Cheque/online	Payee	NET	VAT
	300069 B Tabbenor (bmx)	£1180.20	
	300068 Youlgrave Garage (tree)	£51.89	£10.38
Ubds	LT Birds (Pavilion window)	£82.70	
Ubds	Youlgrave Waterworks	£277.56	
Ubds	Birchover Landscapes	£50.00	
Ubds	HM Lovell	£591.02	
Ubds	EM Lowe	£100.00	
Ubds	HM Lovell expenses	£37.76	
Ubds	Timpson (keys/lock)	£10.00	£2.00
DDR	NEST	£47.43	
Ubds	Hellison Trophies Ltd	£34.16	£6.83
		£2399.95	

Income

YUFC Deposit & rent	£275.00
YLCC Electric/water	£100.94
DDDC District Councillor grant	£350.00
Grit sales	£22.50
Honesty Box – CE 204.60 HLTB 47.88	£288.48

(b) Budget Appraisal/Risk Assessment

Term Deposit March 2016	£35000.00
Balance after above – CoOp (Defib)	£3523.69
Unity Current	£19992.14

2144 Date of next meeting – **23rd February 2016** – in Youlgrave Village Hall Committee Room commencing at **7:15pm**

Exempt Items - none

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8:25 pm