

# YOULGRAVE PARISH COUNCIL

## Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held in the Village Hall Committee Room on 21<sup>st</sup> July 2015

Present: Councillors Lillian Clark, Graham Elliott, Nicola Humphreys, Glenys Moore, Richard Roper, Rob Scott, Brian Wardle, and John Wragg  
In attendance: Matthew Lovell – Clerk + 5 members of the public

THANKS : The Scoutmaster and 1<sup>st</sup> Youlgrave Scouts came and were publically thanked by the Chair for all their hard work in reclaiming the areas to either side of Holywell Lane Toilet Block. A token of Council's appreciation will be presented at a later date by Councillor Moore.

2067 To receive apologies for absence

Cllrs Andrew McCloy and Ralph Wilson sent apologies.

2068 Variation of order of business and Clerk's request for time constrained items

No variations required.

2069 Declaration of Members Interests

None required for this meeting

2070 Public Speaking

County Councillor Simon Spencer and PC Hyde sent their apologies.

Members of the public addressed the meeting about the undue haste in the decision to close the recycling area. They presented a 370 signature petition in favour of keeping it and the organiser noted that only 5 people had expressed a desire to see it removed and 15 stated that they didn't use it. A further 38 people in Middleton by Youlgrave had also signed it. Reasons given for its retention included that more waste would be put in black bins and fly tipping would continue, recycling should be encouraged for all, the facility was a victim of its own success and the more regular emptying is now managing this effectively. It was suggested that a "Please keep your local site tidy" notice would encourage users to be responsible. It was noted that contamination is allowed for in contractors costs and that the four lines in the Bugle asking for opinion in the clerks report should have been a Specific Headed request.

A query as to when the Parish Plan which had been adopted officially by the Council was being put on the agenda was made and the clerk informed the meeting that all councillors had been circulated a copy of this 7 year old document for them to raise items at an Autumn meeting prior to setting the budget in November.

2071 To confirm the Non-exempt minutes of the meeting held on 23<sup>rd</sup> June 2015

RESOLVED to confirm as a correct record the minutes of the meeting held on 23<sup>rd</sup> June 2015. The minutes were signed by the Chair.

2072 To determine which if any from Part 1 of the Agenda should be taken with the public excluded – clerks pension

2073 Planning decisions/applications received since last meeting. Planning related matters

**Decisions received:** NP/DDD/0515/0481 – Long Rake Spar Mining Co – Temporary Office Accommodation – Granted

**Applications for discussion:** none

#### 2074 Footpaths and Highways and related issues

Church handrail – the officer comment to our County Councillor was read to the meeting and met with disbelief that this matter had not even started to be resolved. Council agreed that a temporary handrail needs to be ordered in order to meet the Safety and discrimination issues that this Public Footpath needs for access and to inform our County Councillor of our bitter disappointment.

The Conksbury Lane sign has been found and a request to mount it on a householder's wall will be discussed with the owner initially due to the cables buried underneath this area.

The footpath from Alport to Shining Bank will again be reported due to its extremely poor condition, crumbling paver edges and collapsing wall sections making it unfit for walkers.

The appearance of a road closure sign with no notification on Alport Lane outside the church met with concern as there is a funeral at 2pm on Monday. The clerk will urgently contact Highways to inform them of this. It is believed that another section of sewer has collapsed in this area.

King Street footpath is in urgent need of strimming. The clerk will ask our current contractors to deal with this and claim from DCC under the footpath grant.

The post mounted rubbish bin has disappeared from the entrance to the Grove. HGV issues are on the increase and similar vehicles are being noticed more regularly. The latest excuse is that Long Rake is in the village so they have a right to drive through – despite the signs.

A request for an additional grit bin and a proposal to move or purchase another bench at the Fountain will be put on the next agenda.

#### 2075 Reports from Village Organisations –

S&C Hall – the governors are in the process of formulating a revised structure within the boundaries of the 1938 Trust Deed including a more flexible governor membership and felt that a community governor chosen from among the elected Parish Councillors would be an ideal representative. Council will consider this when a formal request is made.

Village Hall – The confidentiality policy causing concern follows Charity Commission rules and does not cause a conflict with the report from the Council representative. The new large monitor in the hall helped add to village tea sales during Well dressing and the new footlights were used with great effect by the school show last week.

Reading Room – there is a book sale on this coming Friday with refreshments available in the afternoon.

CLT – The current position at Peak Rural Housing with the houses is that 4 are occupied, 1 is under negotiation for shared ownership, 2 have had their status changed to rental and the shortlisting for them is next Wednesday, 1 bungalow is for sale under shared ownership. It is understood the shared route is incurring problems with uncompetitive mortgage offers.

There is a working party this Saturday to clear the village orchard. The two areas at the entrance belong to Peak Rural Housing who are being chased to mow

Waterworks – all continuing as reported to the last meeting

#### 2076 Report of the Clerk / update on: -

##### a) Playing Field and Village asset matters

Playing Fields – all leagues have been written to and the dog notices have arrived and will be installed next week.

The defibrillator housings have had the postcodes painted on.

##### b) Allotments – Only the 1/8 plot is now vacant. Plot 6b had been written to but is still unworked and needs passing on now rather than at year end. Plot 18b's crop needs urgent attention.

##### c) Cycling Event Issues – the letter to the cycling bodies received a response to notify us of the road race organiser – a commercial firm and a copy was forwarded to them with no response. The clerk has spoken to British Cycling who are responsible for about 80% of the road events and who are producing materials to educate cyclists in passing horses, conduct in villages etc but who noted that Kilotogo – responsible for the last race are not signed up with them. The PPPF is collating information on cycling on behalf of all its Park Parish members and mentions our letter in its request for information.

There is a new online survey from DCC on their Cycling Plan and individuals are encouraged to respond.

#### 2077 Coldwell End Recycling Area

Following reports of a large petition and one further letter, 5 councillors have written to ask that the decision be rescinded in accordance with Standing Orders and it is duly returned to the meeting due to the new information. The meeting was informed that Sustainable Youlgrave had written to offer to pay for a substantial part of the resurfacing and a quote received from D Stone Ltd to compare with the DCC one. Council resolved to ask DDDC to stop their action to remove the site and retain the facility with immediate effect and to resurface the area. Wording for a notice will be considered to encourage responsible use.

#### 2078 Playing Fields Inspection /MUGA and Tennis Court Surface

The inspection noted:

- 1) Pavilion – the fridge and alarm system need replacing.
- 2) Pavilion – the ramp timber rails and posts have rotted and the cricket club are providing a quote to replace them.
- 3) Toilet Block – ball games continue with minor slate damage and most gutter brackets broken and the plaque has been torn off and disappeared.
- 4) The hard play surface – it was agreed to sweep off the area and assess the break-up of the surface and to monitor this over the summer and return to this item at the next meeting.
- 5) There is a meeting with Downlow's Quarry Manager tomorrow morning to see what assistance they can provide for the cycle trail.
- 6) The play tower rope ladder – one net end has rusted away and the others are deteriorating. Playdale inform us it was only guaranteed for 3 years and can replace for £590.80 including installation – Council resolved to carry this out.
- 7) The toddler area – the new swings are ready for installation.
- 8) The toddler tower needs new steps and platform – the manufacturer can supply for £141.00 – 5 week lead time – Council resolved to place an order for the parts.
- 9) It was noted that the property adjacent the bottom of the field is for sale and a new licence will be necessary if the new occupants wish to retain access.

10) Coldwell End – play area – two 3m lengths of timber are required to repair the rails – clerk authorised to purchase from Toyne Valley.

2079 Derbyshire Association of Local Councils & Correspondence

DALC 15-17, Clerks and Councils Direct, PDNPA Ballot results

2080 Finance

(a) Accounts for Payment

Cheque/online	Payee	Category	NET	VAT
ubddr	SC Containers Ltd	Asset purchase	2900.00	
ubddr	PPS Ltd	HLTB consumables	87.80	17.56
ubddr	HM Lovell	salary	608.97	
ubddr	E Lowe	ALPF/CE cleaning	144.00	
ubddr	Haddon Landscapes	ALPF Mowing	370.00	
ubddr	HM Lovell	General admin	61.07	
ubddr	AEEvans	Play repairs	141.00	18.20
ubddr	HM Lovell	Salary (August)	609.17	
ubddr	E Lowe	ALPF/CE cleaning	180.00	
Ubddr	DDDC	Dog Signs	50.00	10.00
ubddr	DDDC	ALPF licence	70.00	
Ubddr	Grant Thornton	External audit	200.00	40.00
300005	JM Bristow	CE allotment wall	1280.00	
300007	Birchover Landscapes	CE Mowing	270.00	
300008	Post Office Ltd	ALPF EON	71.19	3.56

Income	Category	Amount
Received from		
Unity Bank	Interest	12.44
Donations	CE Car Park	359.14
Donations	HL Toilet Block	31.33

(b) Budget Appraisal/Risk Assessment

Term Deposit March 2016	£35000.00
Balance after above – CoOp (Defib)	£3509.04
Unity Current	£35029.27

2081 Date of next meeting – **22<sup>nd</sup> September 2015** – in Youlgrave Village Hall Committee Room commencing at **7:15pm**

Exempt Items

2082 Statutory Employee Pension Provision

Council agreed to set up the Statutory Pension with NEST at an overall 8% level. Council contribution as per clerks contract 3.75%

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9:20 pm