

YOULGRAVE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held at the Reading Room on 28th January 2014

Present: Councillors Lillian Clark, Graham Elliott, Eric Goodwin, Andrew McCloy, Glenys Moore, Has Oldham, Sarah Shimwell, Brian Wardle and John Wragg

In attendance: Matthew Lovell – Clerk + 1 member of the public

- 1793 To receive apologies for absence
Apologies were received from Councillor Mitch Blythe
- 1794 Variation of order of business and Clerk's request for time constrained items
No variations required. The planning application for Fountain Cottage was discussed due to return time constraints.
- 1795 Declaration of Members Interests
Cllr Wardle declared an interest in the Fountain Cottage application. No other declarations were required.
- 1796 Public Speaking
County Councillor Simon Spencer and District Councillor David Fredrickson sent their apologies.
- 1797 To confirm the Non-exempt minutes of the meeting held on 26th November 2013.
RESOLVED to confirm as a correct record the minutes of the meeting held on 26th November 2013. The minutes were signed by the Chair.
- 1798 To determine which if any from Part 1 of the Agenda should be taken with the public excluded – Maintenance and Clerks Contracts
- 1799 Planning decisions/applications received since last meeting. Planning related matters
- Decisions received:** NP/DDD/0913/0844 – Honeysuckle Cottage, Main St alterations- refused
The officers explanation for the refusal has been circulated.
NP/DDD/1013/0927/0926 – Lomberdale Hall –enclosed staircase extension – Granted
NP/DDD/0913/0805 – Netherfield, Conksbury Lane – extension, outbuildings, photo voltaic - Granted
- Applications for discussion:**
- NP/DDD/1213/1136 – Brandons Cottage, Bankside - extension
Council approves this application as the extension is an improvement to the one it replaces.
- NP/DDD/1213/1166 – Fountain Cottage, Main Street – Garden Building
Council supports this application which will enhance the garden features.
- 1800 Footpaths and Highways and related issues
- The churchyard public footpath 17 lower handrail SBS903179 Cllr Spencer has investigated this and has discovered that it has only recently been established that planning permission is needed for the handrail as the church is a listed building. Cllr Spencer is not at all happy with this and will continue to pursue the matter.

Clerk to report to DCC: Church Corner / Alport Lane - the day's road closure pot hole is now urgent along with a similar sized area of multiple potholes about 20 yards away along Conksbury Lane that are getting to the tyre damage stage and can throw cyclists. On Bradford the ruts in the road and sunken strip where a gas main crosses are becoming a walking hazard especially at night. At the bottom of Bradford the supporting wall alongside the road where it forms a boundary to the river has lost several stones and is now enlarging with each heavy rain - the stones vanishing into the river.

The Alport Lane Playing field road supporting boundary wall has a stone out about 10 yards back from the entrance that needs replacing before it enlarges or damages passing vehicles.

Council were extremely pleased with the pavement repairs carried out especially at the Post Office but felt it a pity that one rough patch was left outside Christmas Cottage on Church Street when all the rest was done. Of far more urgent attention is the footpath outside the Warden assisted properties on Westcroft Close that Council understood to be scheduled for repair.

Footpath 32 (King Street) - major progress can now be seen in reopening the lower section of the public footpath. Council expressed its thanks to the willing team of volunteers who support the Ranger.

The clearance of vegetation and repair to the handrail on Bankside has been carried out and the path marked up for repairs.

The all metal 10' Bench at the top of Spring Lane has disappeared. This has been reported to the police Crime Ref: 3077-14

1801 Reports from Village Organisations –

S&C Hall – nothing to report.

Village Hall – the boiler system needs a pump upgrade to reach all areas of the building.

Reading Room – The new polished limestone sign has been installed.

CLT – A very successful coffee morning saw membership increase by 10 and raised £201 towards the general administration funds. The new housing is expected to be completed by the end of 2014.

Water Board – The go ahead for the water treatment plant has been received however the EA have progressed no further with the abstraction limits. The projects require £100,000 capital raising so will proceed as funds permit.

1802 Report of the Clerk on: -

a) Playing Field matters –

The MUGA is awaiting dry weather for lining and works need to be carried out to the shelter before it deteriorates completely. The issue of the posts protruding on the tennis court side have received advice that this is standard practice where other schemes have been carried out and Council resolved to leave them as is. The promised grass seed needs chasing.

A letter from the Bowls Club apologising for the unauthorised works was read. Council gave permission for completion and the small extension to the plot to reinforce the bank provided this is completed as soon as the weather allows access.

It was noted that the pavilion door to the showers catch is facing the wrong way and needs adjusting to stop swinging when unlocked.

b) Allotments – renewal notices are being sent out in the next three weeks.

c) Holywell Lane Toilet Block – is ours and the £7000 banked but no keys or final meter

readings have been carried out so the clerk has informed the solicitor we can only take full responsibility when this is sorted out and is in contact with DDDC to arrange this.

A working party of Councillors Moore, McCloy, Goodwin and Clark (after the panto) will meet on site as soon as the clerk has received the keys.

d) Noticeboard position – DCC has informed the clerk that if we wish to reposition it on Holywell Lane we need to apply for a licence even if we are replacing a bench with it. The damaged bench is to be removed as soon as possible and a licence applied for.

e) Grit – no snow yet. All bins still full. We have approx. 15 bags left in the sales stock. Council delegated to the clerk to order another pallet if demand continues.

1803 Village Defibrillator positions

All four defibrillators have been delivered and the box for the one proposed at the Farmyard dropped off to show the owners - Greene King. The clerk has found an organisation - British Coatings Federation which will donate the paint for the kiosk for free if we are using it to install a defibrillator and has applied. We have £390 in funds towards installation and training costs and more promised. An electrician is to be sourced and installations carried out.

Council agreed the positions of the defibrillators as: Alport Kiosk, The Farmyard -subject to Greene King approval, The Garage, Alport Lane and Riverside Cottage, Bradford.

A fund raising soup and pudding lunch is being held in the Village Hall from noon on 7th March (£5 per ticket). The organisers will be pleased if some councillors can attend.

The awareness training requires dates organising and quotes for a leaflet to be distributed to all households along with laminated boards showing the locations will be sourced for the next meeting.

It was agreed that promoting the fund raising more widely should be pursued and an article submitted to Clerks and Councils Direct amongst others.

1804 MUGA Gate

The installation of the equipment is complete however the access is not of sufficient width if wheelchair users wish to access the court. Wicksteed acknowledge that they overlooked this and will move one goal back to give the required width. Council resolved to instruct Wicksteed to move one goal back to widen the access and as acknowledgement of works to date to pay £25000 on account.

1805 Christmas Tree Lights – these are extremely ancient and have no replacement bulbs left. Modern LED type can be bought for under £200 but work on 240v reduced to a lower voltage and the supply is 110v. Council delegated the chair to agree a way forward with the electrician and authorised a spend of up to £200

1806 Website – the initial meeting and subsequent first steering group working party have provided a start-up package that is with the designer to create the site layout and will be added to as other clubs, groups etc submit their information.

Resolved to: i) create a sub-committee to manage the website, Councillors Elliott, McCloy and Wardle have attended the Steering Group working party to date and Councillors Elliott and McCloy will be its Council members up to the May meeting where all sub-committee appointees are considered. The full committee membership will comprise all those with direct access to the site including the clerk.

ii) formally appoint the Clerk as the Administrator to oversee the site on behalf of the Council and issue the passwords. Access will be given to all the steering committee members to input data, articles and update the site. Options for other limited direct access are still being explored.

iii) allow coverage to include the neighbouring Parish of Middleton & Smerrill along with Parish of Harthill as they are a geographical part of the Bradford Dale community;

iv) delegate the layout decision to the website sub-committee;

v) resolved to register the Website name with Youlgrave.com and also register: Youlgreave.com if available to point at the site. Other registrations to be considered by the committee and designer.

vi) Paid advertising and sponsorship are to be allowed in moderation.

Council wished the Chair well for his forthcoming treatment and hoped for his speedy restoration to health.

1807 Derbyshire Association of Local Councils & Correspondence

DALC, Clerks and Councils Direct

DDDC Community Forum 17th February – Agricultural Business Centre Bakewell 7pm

Road Closure – Mawstone Lane at Hopping Lane Junction 27th to 31st January 2014

In previous correspondence it had been noted that the Peak Park Authority is willing to send a planning officer to a meeting to answer questions. It was proposed that we invite an officer to speak at the Annual Parish Meeting on 29th April.

1808 Finance

(a) Accounts for Payment

Cheque No Payee

500847	Defibrillator payment	£1975.00
500848	HM Lovell (January)	£480.96
500849	Elite Hi Vis	£43.67
500850	HM Lovell (expenses)	£65.07
500851	YPCC (Mowing grant)	£1500.00
500852	Yorkshire Purchasing	£5.94
500853	Birchover Landscapes	£160.00
500854	Eon	£44.35
500855	The Bugle	£25.00
500856	DALC (training)	£35.00
500857	Wicksteed Leisure Ltd (MUGA)	£25000.00
	Total	£29334.99

Income

Interest December/January	£4.29
Defibrillator Fund	£2039.68
Honesty Box December	£173.47
Grit Sales	£62.00
DDDC Toilet Block	£7000.00
Grant (MUGA)	£25000.00
	Total £34279.44

(b) Budget Appraisal/Risk Assessment

Current account Balance after above £28621.34

(c) The term deposit account is due. It was resolved to place the monies for a further year on deposit.

1809 Date of next meeting – 25th February, Committee Room at 7.15pm

Remaining Dates for 2014: 25th March, 29th April (APM)

1810 Maintenance tenders

Resolved to award the contract for 16 benches to Bakewell Property Maintenance

1811 Clerks hours for Website

Currently the clerk's input has been 2 meetings with preparation + minutes, creation of the Parish Council pages and emailing all collated data to the designer. As the Administrator the clerk will need to attend the Website Committee meetings and update and monitor the site in conjunction with members of the committee. Once up and running the input should decrease if the committee stays enthusiastic. Resolved for the clerk to log hours and be paid for them on a monthly basis for the first six months and revisit this at that time.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9:19 pm