

PARISH OF YOULGRAVE

Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held at the Village Hall, Youlgrave on 24 April 2018

Electors Present Parish Council Chairman Graham Elliott in the chair and 13 other electors

In Attendance 0 members of the public

1 Appointment of Clerk The meeting appointed Matthew Lovell, Parish Clerk to take the minutes.

2 Apologies Cllr Richard Roper, County Councillor S Spencer and PCSO Boswell

3 Minutes **Resolved** That the Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on 25 April 2017 be confirmed as a correct record and be signed by the Chair.

4 Statement of Accounts The Parish Council has maintained its budgeted spending within plan this year and increased its reserves to bolster the major projects underway. The accounts for 2017/18 will be finalised at the April Council meeting and are being audited on 22nd May ready to presentation to the external auditor. In line with government requirements the unaudited accounts will be available on our website as soon as submitted.

5 Chair's report

Youlgrave Parish Council: Chairman's Report: 2017-18

Welcome to tonight's Annual Parish Meeting. Don't worry if you miss anything, my report will be published in the next available issue of the Bugle

We have had a busy year once again and I would like to thank all councillors and our clerk Matthew for their hard work involved in keeping Youlgrave at the top of its game once again.

The roof on Holywell Lane Toilet Block developed a major leak so in May we completed a re-roof replacing timber spars, felting and higher quality insulation. Hopefully that should now last for many years to come. We also completed the refurbishment of all 20 village benches, some had to be replaced due to being beyond economical repair and one on Bankside that had sustained vandal damage also had to be replaced.

The well-used BMX track has been refurbished and modified following requests from its users and a further 10 tons of material has been laid, all supplied FOC by Breedon Construction thanks to Richard Scott, the then area manager for Breedon

Some fencing has also been repaired around the tennis court and the young children's play area.

In June Peak Park approved plans for a new toilet block which will include disabled facilities and a combined parish store in the top car park. You will have noticed that some groundwork has already been carried out in readiness for the start. The contract for the new build has been awarded and will be completed by the end of the year. To reiterate this major parish project has been funded by visitor donations received in our honesty box at Coldwell End, together with a National Lottery Grant of £10000 which our wizard clerk Matthew and Andrew have spent a serious amount of time and effort during the application stages. Once again I would like to thank them both on behalf of all councillors. This will be another valuable village asset which will last well into the future. Eventually the old block will be demolished and any cash raised from the sale of the stone etc will go back into the pot.

The top allotment car park wall is being reinstated albeit very slowly and I'm sure you've noticed the daffodils have been replanted. A further sack full will be planted in the Autumn to replace any loss during excavation. The vehicle entrance onto the road has also been widened to accommodate tractors and trailers and a new gate fitted. In the interests of road safety, the 40ft conifer close to the road retaining wall has been removed.

A timber frame protector has been fitted around the Royal Oak Tree on ALPF, we haven't fitted the plaque yet but it's on the to do list. At the request of children who live toward the top end of the village a 5 a side goal post has been erected at the top end of the overspill car park. The keep fit equipment on ALPF has proven very successful particularly with the elderly and we were asked if we could provide a seat near to the first set to allow users to rest between exercises, this has now been done.

With the exception of - fitting the new bench, all 3 projects have been funded from the DDDC local projects fund – provided by your District Councillor.

I'm pleased to report that the spate of vandalism on both ALPF and Coldwell End toilets seems to have subsided following our article in the Bugle threatening prosecution. However there has been vandalism elsewhere in the village including the allotments over the past few months and we urge you to report every incident to the Police.

The long wait for the new handrail to the entrance to the church yard Bradford side has been completed by DCC Contractors and has unfortunately turned out to be of flimsy construction and generally a disappointment, we expected better. Our concerns have been passed on to Simon Spencer our County Councillor who agrees and is looking into the matter.

Thanks to all those who completed the traffic survey we needed your views and comments to take forward to the next stage. A big thank you to Edwina Edwards and her Brownies for their contribution to road safety in the village. You may have noticed some of their safety posters dotted around the village. The winning poster chosen by the Brownies has been transposed onto hard plastic and is attached to the outside wall of my office for all to see. In recognition for their interest in village safety, council provided them with yellow flashing reflective armbands to use on dark evenings.

A lot of time and effort has gone into collating information from the survey resulting in this 26 page document and once again our thanks go to Andrew and Matthew for their time and effort in producing this very comprehensive report.

We have since met with Steve Alcock who is the project engineer with the Traffic and Road Safety Service and an official from the Peak Park, and together with Andrew and Matthew we carried out a walk through the village and pointed out all the issues raised by the survey.

Andrew will keep the village informed of progress through the Bugle.

Time constraint prevents me reporting everything that members have achieved this year. I have therefore concentrated my report on the larger issues.

One last thing to note is that all work carried out on behalf of the Parish Council has been done using local tradesman.

Graham Elliott, Chairman.YPC.

6. District Councillor

Graham Elliott noted that life on the Planning and Licensing Committee in his third year as our District Councillor for Lathkill and Bradford is extremely time consuming and with the Local Plan (all 165 pages available on DDDC website) now expecting 5000 new homes to be built by 2033 mainly in Matlock and South Derbyshire the workload is likely to increase. In the PDNPA the affordable home contribution to the total sees 30 approved in Bakewell.

The district wide public toilet closure decision is likely to be made by the end of the month.

The parking badge scheme is in its 17th year and provides a small concession to residents from their ever increasing tax burden. The Chief Executive retires shortly and is being replaced internally by Paul Wilson the current Deputy.

7. County Councillor

Simon Spencer sent apologies as he is in London today.

8 Police

PCSO Boswell sent his apologies as he is at Bradwell's APM and sent the following report which was read to the meeting:

Having looked over the last six months the village of Youlgrave have had:

2 reports of vehicle crime where the vehicles wing mirrors and wipers were damaged.

1 report of chickens being stolen from an allotment area

1 report of burglary non dwelling where sheds have been entered while on an allotment area.

I am not aware of any further issues involving the village.

If any residents bring up concerns over speeding in the village please direct them to the CREST website: <https://www.crestderbyshire.org/about-us/report-a-speeding-concern/>

However I will remind you the site isn't for reporting road layouts being changed or a request for a pedestrian crossing to be installed, these type matters should be directed to Derbyshire County council Highways department.

9 Open Parish

The PDNPA Member Andrew McCloy reported that the cost cutting in the Authority had seen the Ranger Service reorganised and a new ranger for this area. The Planning Service is seeing gradual improvements with training sessions for Parish Councillors and (following a discussion with our clerk) proposals for a better liaison with the Parish Clerks in the Park. The move to more Officer Delegated Decisions has seen 85% approved applications and the Committee now welcomes Parish Council opinion as the local voice – the most recent planning committee publicly thanked Youlgrave PC for its input and noted that the applicant had redesigned the structure to meet its concerns. Andrew was pleased to have been able to assist the 2 local farm applications in meeting PDNPA requirements be granted their applications.

It was noted that Trading Standards have successfully prosecuted a haulier for driving an HGV through the village last year and whilst the process is long winded, evidence based reports with photos and times will be pursued and residents are encouraged to keep reporting.

The current end of the gritter route inside the village was raised for extension to ensure the route to Middleton by Youlgrave is included. The Chair promised to pursue this request with our County Councillor as the gritter drivers are sympathetic to local needs but are tracked so cannot independently alter their routes.

The state of mowing in the Churchyard was raised and council noted that this is a PCC matter to resolve but as a major grant provider towards the mowing has tabled to discuss this matter at the Council meeting which follows this and will raise the matter based on the decision of Council.

The 1914-18 Commemorative Committee noted that the BBC had been filming the carving and stain glass making today and that some sponsorship from local firms had been obtained although fund raising is still needed. Those present were invited to see the work in progress in the adjacent room and there being no other matters raised the Chair offered to have a break between this and the Council meeting to allow all present to view.

The meeting closed at 7:40 pm