

PARISH OF YOULGRAVE

Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held at the Village Hall, Youlgrave on 30 April 2019

- Electors Present** Parish Council Vice-Chairman Andrew McCloy in the chair and 14 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 Graham Elliott, Cllr Ralph Wilson, County Councillor S Spencer and PCSO Boswell
- 3 Minutes** Resolved That the Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on 24 April 2018 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 decreased reserves as spending is underway on the Coldwell End project. The accounts for 2018/19 will be finalised at the April Council meeting and are being internally audited on 9th 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: 2018-19
- First, I apologise for not being able to attend tonight, However I have prepared the following report to be read by my Vice Chairman - Andrew McCloy
- Once again a big thank you to all parish councillors and particularly our clerk Matthew Lovell for all the work that has been successfully completed this year
- In June last year ALPF Car Park was scraped & re-gravelled together with some repairs to the pathways & cycle track area. Cllr Rob Scott has been looking after the Royal Oak and the plaque we promised is now been attached to the framework. The Pavilion water system has been tested for legionella by a specialist company, the result being a clean bill of health. We are however looking to improve the shower facilities and grant aid is being sought to that end. An improved method of recording and testing will also be introduced this year.
- We are still suffering vandalism, particularly on ALPF. Some offenders have been identified and have had visits from the Police. The pavilion has also sustained some damage with hand rails broken and the clock fingers snapped off. The latest however is the fencing and posts around the tennis courts and is probably beyond economical repair. This is something the new council will have to address after the elections. Please report any vandalism direct to the Police using 101 - its available 24/7.
- The top allotment car park wall has been finished, tidied up & completed. It took longer than anticipated but the result was well worth waiting for and came in under budget.
- The same local contractor has since completed repairs on other walls again to a very good standard, and has been re engaged to build a new wall around the car park extension which is currently underway. Some daffodil bulbs promised last year have also been planted in the Allotment car park together with new notice board for allotment holder use.

The long-awaited light that illuminates the Church clock has been replaced with a modern LED and should give many years of service.

The new parish store & toilet block is underway. We had a few issues with foundations & drains but eventually got it all sorted out but it did mean repositioning the building. The original location will now be used as extra parking. Proceeds from the sale of the stone from the old block have gone back into the build pot. Our thanks go to Mark Walker from Alport who removed all the rubble from the site at no cost to the village. I'm sure you all know the contractor for the new build is master builder Steve Marsden whose grandfather built the original toilet & store some 90 + years ago. Once again thanks to Matthew's negotiating skills with Western Power we have managed to save the best part of £2500 from our original quote for the electricity supply. I would also like to thank Richard Froggatt and Mick Livesley for allowing us to tap into and use their electricity supply during the build.

We are in regular contact with Trading Standards who have been successful with a number of convictions for overweight lorries using the village as a short cut. TS have also visited Long Rake Spar & Derbyshire Aggregates seeking their assistance. Replacement signage supplied by both DCC and the quarries has made some improvement, but some still keep slipping through. Please continue to report offending vehicles to Trading Standards.

Allotments are all in good order with no vacancies at the moment. A tree was felled at the entrance to the car park allotments which has improved light to the first plot.

The tarmac area outside HLTB was in a poor state and has been repaired and resurfaced by local contractor Neville Fox.

Unfortunately, we were unable to convince DCC to extend the primary gritting route beyond the allotments. We are told its up for review shortly. However, following the village road safety survey DCC highways have agreed some alterations beginning opposite the garage. We are expecting more to come.

A joint effort between CLT & PC have resulted in the purchase of 2 finger posts. These will be erected on the Dale directing visitors towards the village in the hope they spend in our shops, cafe & pubs.

The batteries on our 4 life-saving defibrillators have come to the end of their life and have been replaced together with new chest electrodes. Hopefully we are good again for another 4 years. The cost for each unit is about £250. Just to remind you that any donations we receive towards the De Fib upkeep & maintenance is dedicated to that fund and not used for any other purpose.

DCC have eventually addressed the issue of the wobbly handrail on the Church steps Bradford Road side and now it is much more stable.

Time constraints prevent me reporting everything that members have achieved this year. I have therefore concentrated on the bigger issues. Once again, I can confirm that all work carried out on behalf of the Parish Council has been done using local tradesmen.

A copy of my report will be published in the next available issue of the Bugle.

Cllr Graham Elliott Chairman YPC

**6. District
Councillor**

No report

7. PDNPA member

Andrew McCloy noted the major investment to resurface the trails and invited those present to put themselves forward as there are three appointments for National representatives put forward by the Government to the Authority for which anyone can apply.

8. County Councillor

Simon Spencer sent apologies

9. Police

PCSO Boswell sent apologies

10. Open Parish

Parishioners raised:

Traffic calming measures, white line renewals, issues with overgrown hedges and the lack of footpaths on our streets. Council is still pursuing these with Highways.

HGV issues were raised and the meeting informed of the double page spread in the next edition of the Bugle on the successful prosecutions and assistance parishioners can give. CCTV was discussed.

Unsociable behavior was raised and the problems at the bench just off Moor Lane leading to Westcroft Close. A request was made to move the bench to a more visible location as the litter and waste in the field and around the bench, loud music and disregard for residents was a major concern. Council will discuss this at the next meeting and raise with Waterloo Housing and the police. It was again noted that unless reports are made to 101 by those seeing the offences then no action will be taken by officers.

Litter bins – are already overflowing encouraging the dropping of waste. There are not enough for the ever increasing number of walkers that use the area.

The meeting closed at 7:35 pm