

PARISH OF YOULGRAVE

Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting

held by Zoom virtual conference on 27th April 2021 at 7:30pm

Electors Present

Parish Council Chairman Graham Elliott in the chair and 9 other electors (8 councillors and the Parish Clerk)

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 30 April 2019 be confirmed as a correct record and be signed by the Chair. There was no meeting in 2020 due to 1st Covid lockdown although the Chairman's report was published in the Bugle and is therefore recorded in the minute book.

4 Statement of Accounts

The Parish Council has maintained its budgeted spending within plan this year and increased reserves as spending was reduced by Covid although the toilet blocks were kept open with Honesty Box funding. The accounts for 2020/21 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: 2020-21

What a year we have all had. I'm sure you will all understand that this pandemic has put the mockers on most things, including Parish Council projects and general maintenance. My annual report is therefore sparse in content. Having now made my excuses there are a few things that I can report on.

Unfortunately, someone stole the honesty box that was welded to a post at the entrance at CWE car park. Luckily our Parish Clerk had emptied it a couple of days before so the contents would have been minimal. We have managed to replace it and now it's much more secure.

The bike track on ALPF remains closed, however we are about to start some repairs which should allow us to open the track up again very soon. We also had a number of trees in that area suffering with Ash die back, having taken advice from the Peak Park tree officer these have now been dealt with.

One of the pieces of keep fit equipment on ALPF developed a fault but we were successful in getting that repaired to enable continued use.

A major water leak on ALPF has eventually been found and dealt with by Youlgrave Waterworks. Our thanks go to Malc Stacey and his team for his persistence in tracking this down.

Some may have noticed the car parking area on ALPF had developed some very large potholes. Our thanks go to Long Rake Spar who came to our rescue and carried out the repairs at no cost to the council. Their generous offer was much appreciated.

Rob Scott continues to look after the Royal Oak tree and it continue to thrive. Cheers Rob.

Rob stood down as a councillor during the year and we have welcomed Elaine Bacon as his replacement.

Despite new signage HGVs still persist in using the village as a short cut. Please continue to report these incidents to Trading Standards, photo images from your mobile capturing number plate, time and date together with operator details on side of lorries.

We agreed together with DDDC and the CLT to engage in a local needs housing survey for the village. The result showed that there is a need for an extra 6 houses in the village. Together with the CLT we have looked at a number of possible sites with a Peak Park Planner. I believe two landowners, currently not identified to us by DDDC have already shown interest in a development. You will appreciate Covid has slowed thing down somewhat so please bear with us on this one.

A new housing enabler has been employed by DDDC so hopefully we may see some movement later in the year. All will be kept in touch with regard to any proposals put forward.

We have had an issue with the drains at Holywell Lane toilets in so much as they were continually getting blocked. However, thanks to the efforts of Steve Marsden and his gang they have now been re-routed. This has resolved the problem and they have now been opened for the season.

Issues regarding the proposed boundary changes were reported in the February edition of the Bugle, so other than to thank all who have expressed their views and concerns to the commission thank you. I have been assured that the commission will consider very carefully the views of all our parishes concerns. My hope is that the proposals are overturned and our Lathkill & Bradford Ward remains as is.

Finally, a thank you to all members and particularly our Parish Clerk for their work throughout this difficult year. Cllr Graham Elliott Chairman YPC

6. District Councillor

Graham Elliott noted that DDDC had also had a difficult year and whilst there are many faults and frustrations, he highlighted 2 areas to commend 1) the efficiency with which the additional strains in managing and administering the Covid grants and loans which are still ongoing have been handled; 2) the Climate Emergency plan agreed to be carbon neutral by 2030. DDDC website has further details.

7. PDNPA member

Andrew McCloy noted the challenges being faced by the staff with remote working and national pressures that have already caused all their visitor services to reopen. The £6.7 million allocated by central government to manage a 550 sq mile Park of 12 Authorities and 125 parishes – is the equivalent budget for a large secondary school and as a National Park, Central Government is pressurising for visitor priority over everything else to cope with the expected lack of overseas holiday destinations but with no additional resources to assist the residents to cope.

A question from the meeting as to why disposable Barbeques are on sale in the Bakewell Co-Op when there are already reports of fires from discarded ones this year showed the frustrations that whilst village shops and other stores respond to requests to remove them from sale the CoOp won't. PDNPA has welcomed a Public Space Protection Order in High Peak to legally enforce the ban and also supports community initiatives aimed at preventing fires.

8. County Councillor

Simon Spencer sent apologies

9. Police

PCSO Boswell sent apologies

10. Open Parish

Parishioners raised: Can the PC resume reports from Village Organisations – this is planned for the May meeting onwards and those currently representing are requested to bring a report. The meeting closed at 7:50 pm