Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 22nd February 2022

Present: Councillors: Mick Ashforth, Elaine Bacon, Graham Elliott (Chair), Leah Goodwin, Sue Hallam, Nicola Humphreys and Andrew McCloy In attendance: Matthew Lovell – Clerk + 0 members of the public

3051 To receive apologies for absence

Apologies received and accepted from Cllrs Jenny Cooper and Richard Roper Ralph Wilson has stepped down as a Councillor and there is now a casual vacancy being advertised on the noticeboard today. Councillors noted their thanks to Ralph for his valuable contributions over his time as a councillor.

- 3052 <u>Variation of order of business and Clerk's request for time constrained items</u> No variations required.
- 3053 <u>Declaration of Members Interests</u> No interests required declaration.
- 3054 Public Speaking

a) Public – the Haddon Estate River meeting is on 26th February in Bradford Dale

b) County Councillor Simon Spencer and PCSO Ben Morris sent apologies PDNPA member – the Landscape Reviews Report has a questionnaire that parishes are being asked to consult on during the next 12 weeks, DDDC – Bins are a day late due to flooding.

- 3055 T<u>o confirm the Non-exempt minutes of the previous council meeting</u> RESOLVED to confirm as a correct record the minutes of the meeting held on 25th January. The minutes were agreed for signature by the Chair.
- 3056 <u>To determine which if any from Part 1 of the Agenda should be taken with the public</u> <u>excluded –</u> none
- 3057 Planning decisions/applications received since last meeting. Planning related matters **Decisions received**: None

Applications for discussion: NP/DDD/0222/0142 Youth Hostel - Listed Building consent -Replacement of 2 existing single glazed shopfront windows with double glazed units and reinstatement of transom to one window

Council supports this replacement provided it meets with Conservation Officer approval and retains the historic identity of the building.

NP/DDD/0222/0185 Bedford House Stoneyside - Proposed alterations to existing garage

Council supports this application – a pitched roof is more in keeping than the existing flat roof.

Other: none

3058 Footpaths and Highways

Grit bins at Conksbury Bridge have disappeared and DCC Highways are saying they have no record of them – clerks from affected parishes continue to chase to ensure they are replaced or this essential route included for grit piles.

PDNPA have responded to our comments to assure the parish that the proposed diversion of footpath 16 Harthill will be required to meet the standards of the original route and have open access to accommodate current user needs.

Thanks were expressed to local contractors who have assisted in speeding water drainage from the roads following the last storms.

3059 Report from Village organisation representatives:

Village Hall – pantomime is doubtful of making a profit due to Covid issues, rescheduling and poor ticket sales. A leak in the flat roof and problems with the automatic lights are being addressed.

Waterworks – informed the meeting that the domestic rate will raise by ± 10.50 due to a massive hike in insurance costs.

Scout and Community Hall – meeting postponed awaiting the quotes for work.

Reading Room – an inaugural Monday Club was well attended and will continue every two weeks.

CLT – no news; Youth Group – meeting to be arranged for 29th March at 8:30pm

3060 Report of the Clerk / update on: -

a) Charity 520537 assets:

Playing Fields – ALPF – Play Inspection notes the tower timber structure has limited life and the rust on the slide. Toddler Play area fence needs repair/replacement.

HLTB – new loo roll holders being installed once received in March.

(b) CE Car park/field, Allotments and other assets

Allotments – 1 Vacancy will be advertised in Bugle. Request from Preschool for a plot – no news. Renewals being received currently.

CE Toilet Block – ok. Railway bench materials quote £160.23 agreed for purchase. The Honesty Box robbery and damage has been reported to the police - crime reference 460-170222 along with the vandalism of the Alpf box - 1053-170222. Council resolved to purchase new boxes which a local company has offered to make more secure. Council will fit them on arrival.

Fountain – the Conduit Head is being inspected tomorrow to ensure no self-set tree saplings are growing out of it.

(c) New CE play area progress + additions

The new Play Area now has fencing and finger stops in place. Surfacing is booked to commence on 28th February – notices will be erected and cones put out closing RH side from entrance for the duration. On completion stone to be sought and field area brought to level.

- (d) Defibrillator Training and VH defib update Alternative Training provider sought, Farmyard Defibrillator was a faulty new battery so back in action. Fund raising for a HLTB defibrillator not yet found.
- (e) Village Christmas Tree

The PCC has given permission for a smaller tree to be planted near the existing which once established will replace it. Clerk to organise planting with PCC supervision.

(f) Platinum Jubilee

Only a small amount of interest was generated from the Bugle – a public meeting hosted by the Vice-Chair will take place on Friday 11th March at 7pm. Council received preliminary ideas for the Street Party event and other musical event days and agreed that the Friday would be a better choice for a road closure – we need to give 6 weeks notice and will try for 8am to 6pm to allow set up and removal and maximise a central car free route from Church Street to the junction with Grove Place. Application will be made following the meeting. The WI have several ideas for other musical contributions and events.

3061 Maintenance of our Assets

There is now a list of items needing maintenance and council resolved to find a local handyman to carry out works as and when needed including the bench maintenance.

3062 Items for Information

DALC – news and training, PDNPA – bulletin questionnaire returned

	Payee	Net	VAT
	,		¥7.11
ubdd	HM Lovell (Feb)	£620.61	
ddr	NEST (Feb)	£51.88	
ubdd	E Lowe (Feb)	£160.00	
ddr	EDF 2 block monthly ddr	£12.38	£0.62
ddr	B Gas CE electric	£15.91	£0.80
ubddr	HM Lovell (expenses Feb)	£24.30	
ubdd	Commercial Washrooms HLTB	£72.00	£16.40
ubdd	Eley Agri – CE Play fencing	£2309.96	£461.99
ubdd	TDP Limited – seat materials	£160.23	£32.04

Income: Vat refund £1313.71 Reimbursables £4690.00 Grit £135.00 allotments £454.35 Honesty Box: HLTB £54.05 ALPF £58.76 CE £212.66 Defib £3.00

(b) Budget Appraisal/Risk Assessment Balance @ 14th February CoOp £2842.73 Unity current account £18388.40 Unity savings account £10051.82

3064 Date of next meetings - 29th March 2022 Youlgrave VH Community Room at 7:15pm

Exempt Items - none.

The meeting closed at 8:30 pm