

PARISH OF YOULGRAVE

Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting

held in Youlgrave Village Hall on 26th April 2022 at 7:00pm

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 J Cooper, County Councillor S Spencer and PCSO Boswell
3 Minutes	Resolved That the Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on 27 April 2021 be confirmed as a correct record and be signed by the Chair.
4 Statement of Accounts	<p>The Parish Council has maintained it's budgeted spending within plan this year and used reserves as allocated to complete projects. The accounts for 2021/22 will be finalised at the April Council meeting and are being internally audited on 12th 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.</p>
5 Chair's report	<p>Youlgrave Parish Council: Chairman's Report: 2021-22</p> <p>Despite another year of disruption caused by the pandemic we have managed to carry out this year's planned projects and the majority of general maintenance.</p> <p>The main aim during the year was to move the children's play area at Coldwell End towards the top of the field, install new play equipment and fencing to enable a safer area and approach for its users. Funding for the project was by way of a £10000 grant from Awards for All and topped up with funds from our honesty boxes. We have also been able to re surface a large area at Coldwell End car park and allocate two disabled parking bays. The original play area has been levelled and will provide extra parking at busy times. The dog exclusion area has also been moved to the new play area.</p> <p>The royal oak planted on Alport Lane Playing Field as a sapling is now more than 3 metres high and continues to be nurtured by Rob Scott. The bike track has been re vamped ready for this year's onslaught of junior bikers. Unfortunately, there have been several more trees suffering ash die back that we have had to deal with, others are under constant review. The outdoor gym equipment remains as popular as ever, particularly with the older generation. Our long-standing mowing contractor has been taken ill and at present unable to continue in contract. We wish him well and hope that he will eventually be well enough to resume. In the mean time we have awarded the contracts for this season to others.</p> <p>No doubt you will have seen the new notice board on Church St. This was funded by the Crime Commissioners Vulnerability Fund and will require little or no maintenance in the future.</p> <p>Details of the proposed new housing development off Hannah Bowman Way was recently published in the Bugle, more information will come forward as progress develops.</p> <p>The volunteer litter pickers have done stirring work this last year – the latest last weekend saw 39 pink bags awaiting collection and the parish council keeps its stock of pink bags and picker sets ready for any parishioner or group to use.</p>

Our thanks go to Ralph Wilson for his contribution during his time as a parish councillor and welcome Ken Clayton who has filled the vacancy. Congratulations Ken.

Following the Boundary Commissions final review, with support from local residents and Parish Councils the Lathkill and Bradford Ward will no longer be swallowed up by Bakewell. Instead, we are to be renamed the Youlgrave Ward and encompass a larger area. Excellent news.

Finally, a big thank-you to all parish councillors for their work throughout the year, and in particularly Cllr Andrew McCloy and our wizard clerk Matthew Lovell. Without their skills in securing grants and funding for the village, we would not be in a position to afford these projects.

We are looking forward to the challenges this next year puts before us.

Graham Elliott (Chair) Youlgrave Parish Council.

6. PDNPA member

Andrew McCloy informed the meeting that the new 5 year management plan was now in operation and consultations starting again on the local plan with close consultation of PPPF who represents the parishes. The Defra funding has been frozen for 3 years making giving the Authority 50% less to work with than 10 years ago. Residents are seeing the problems in the slower responses and cut backs and PDNPA are to actively promote Visitor giving and try and impress on those coming in that walking in beautiful places has a cost if it is to be maintained. The PDNP Foundation is at the forefront in money raising. Fortunately the opening of overseas travel has lessened the visitor impact but financial hardship is bound to increase day trips. Finally, the Government has responded to the Independent Landscape Review of the National Peak Parks and is dictating that their focus needs to be 1) nature recovery and 2) to help farmers move from subsidy to Environmentally friendly practices.

The authority is seeing a review as with 11 authorities crossing into its boundaries the board comprises 30 members and government wants a smaller board. Unfortunately, the most likely area for cuts is in Parish Members so that local voices will no longer be represented.

7. District Councillor

Graham Elliott noted that DDDC has too many issues to bring to our meeting so highlighted two to show the District's attempts to meet obligations:

Bins: some improvements have been seen but this is still an unsatisfactory service and their legal teams are now involved in finding a long-term solution. Collections should take place per the schedule so please report online any missed bins.

Travellers: the DDDC owned proposed permanent site near Tansley is contaminated land so unsuitable and two others are being investigated as this issue has dragged on for 30 years.

Simon Spencer sent apologies

8. County Councillor

PCSO Boswell sent apologies

9. Police

Parishioners raised: no matters

10. Open Parish

The meeting closed at 7:20 pm