

YOULGRAVE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 29th November 2022

Present: Councillors: Mick Ashforth, Ken Clayton, Graham Elliott (Chair), Leah Goodwin, Sue Hallam, Nicola Humphreys, Andrew McCloy and Richard Roper.

In attendance: Matthew Lovell – Clerk + 1 members of the public

3171 To receive apologies for absence

Apologies received and accepted from Cllrs Elaine Bacon and Jenny Cooper. Cllr McCloy gave apologies and left the meeting at 3180 due to another engagement.

3172 Variation of order of business and Clerk's request for time constrained items

No variations required. Planning applications included under 28 day return rule.

3173 Declaration of Members Interests

No interests required declaration.

3174 Public Speaking

a) Public – the idea of a Carolean Walk was presented by its conceptualist to the meeting and council discussed the project at item 3181.

b) County Councillor Simon Spencer and PCSO Ben Morris sent apologies District Councillor and PDNPA member – no matters

3175 To confirm the Non-exempt minutes of the previous council

RESOLVED to confirm as a correct record the minutes of the meeting held on 18th October. The minutes were agreed for signature by the Chair.

3176 To determine which if any from Part 1 of the Agenda should be taken with the public excluded – none

3177 Planning decisions/applications received since last meeting. Planning related matters

Decisions received: None

Application returned to meet deadline: NP/DDD/1022/1285 Conksbury Old Hall, Back Lane, Conksbury - Installation of 60 solar panels to create a 22.8kWp solar array

Council objects to this application on grounds of scale and overlooking issues. Whilst Council is in favour of environmentally friendly projects to reduce the carbon footprint, the overall area of 60 panels appears excessive for one all be it large dwelling and detrimental to the natural environment. The location as assessed from the footpath on the opposite side of Lathkill Dale did not appear to hide this proposed development and would require natural screening to be planted to a sufficient height to maintain the views for several years prior to installation.

It notes from the plans that a position south of the hall would minimise the visual impact being hidden by existing trees and the landscape.

Planning Applications for discussion: none

Other: none

3178 Footpaths and Highways

Tar spraying – no date yet from Kier. Weeding of street verges information received from DCC that DDDC are responsible for the 5 visits advertised by DCC. Dale footpaths will be cut back more regularly next season. Council expressed its thanks to our PDNPA Ranger and volunteers who have fixed the step on the King Street public footpath. Graffiti issues on the Quiet Lanes have been reported to DCC and our PCSO.

3179 Report from Village organisation representatives:

Waterworks – It's raining but we still await good flow in the mine to wash through debris before using it but the spring is healthy and Severn Trent is being cut to weekend peak supply experimentally to see if the spring can cope and hopefully switched off soon.

Community Speed Watch – volunteer advert.

Reading Room – tickety boo.

CLT – a report in the next Bugle to note plans are with the architect and a Village Meeting will be held in the new year.

Scout and Community Hall – thanked council for its support for another successful bonfireworks that raised £1800 towards building improvements. AGM tomorrow.

Village Hall – pantomime busy rehearsing, defibrillator purchase in hand and Christmas Fayre Saturday 3rd December.

Bowls Club – the defibrillator is being installed soon with a commemorative plaque planned – the box is wall mounted and additional cctv watches it. The ambulance and fire service were approached by the clerk to see if they have a recognised number to try on digital locks and CHT asked if they might supply then on their number. Council agreed to replace the lock with a 4 digit combination.

Webster Educational Foundation in Youlgrave 527046-0 – trustee appointment
Council resolved that Andrew McCloy be the Council appointed trustee.

3180 Report of the Clerk / update on: -

Youlgrave

a) Charity 520537 assets

Playing Fields – ALPF – Play equipment: clerk chasing for Playdale warranty repair for ground anchor. Cllr Goodwin to liaise with Cricket Club to set a meeting for the pavilion project. Thanks were expressed to Councillors Hallam and Cooper for their work removing graffiti from benches, walls and windows.

Fell Run - cricketers have given up Sunday 21st May 2023 to accommodate this.

HLTB – One loo seat keeps coming loose – design issue.

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

Allotments – 3 on waiting list. Allotment "Swap and Donate" table donations raised £109.22 which has in turn been donated in full to the Jigsaw food bank in Matlock.

CE Toilet Block – lock times altered to minimise damage but gents loo appears to have a restriction and is being monitored.

CE car park – two long term vehicle owners spoken to by the Chair and immediately removed and one (not in on 3 occasions and letter left) who wishes to pay the suggested donation which council agreed provided the vehicle remains at their own risk and with no guarantee of a place if full.

The planting group is planning a further session shortly.

Defibrillators – all working – pads will need replacing on 2 at end of year.

(c) Signage for Bradford Bottom

Agreed to purchase 3 signs with end and mid point due to curve of road.

(d) CCTV grant

Police Commissioner has awarded us £5000 towards our £7000 spend but the movement of ASB activity to Coldwell End has led to quotes being sought for all three council areas – ALPF, HLTB and CE. Council resolved to progress this based on the combination of the cheaper cctv quote and a local electrician. It was noted that the felt roof of the pavilion would probably be too hot in summer for the unit and another position needs agreeing.

3181 A Carolean Walk

Council was receptive to this idea but we are managers of Alport Lane Playing Field for Fields in Trust as a playing field and not a park. Parks invite dog walker usage and the field

is a designated PSPO dog exclusion zone. Perimeter trees might be acceptable in the lower area below the tennis court but would impede views on the west boundary for residents on New Road and not be suitable at the north or east boundaries due to playing field use. Council agreed that the idea of a circular hard path that connected with the play areas for pushchair users, provided a flat surface for the less able and connected the gym equipment stations for exercise has a lot of merit and the outer boundaries could have wildflower and bulb planting to brighten up the perimeters without the problems trees and shrubs create. Coronation grants may become available soon and the clerk will investigate what is available and seek budget prices for a track.

3182 Field user charges

Council resolved to put up the charges for field contribution by £5 to £75 for the year. Use of pavilion remains unchanged due to it's condition and the lease on the bowls club will remain unchanged for the next 5 year term.

3183 Precept for 2023

Council resolved to increase the precept to £21872 – an increase of £1241 to meet rising costs – 6.02% 2.77 per household ie approx. 5p per week.

3184 Items for Information DALC – news and training,

3185 Finance

a) Resolved to approve the following:

	Payee	Net	VAT
ubd	HM Lovell Nov)	£726.98	
ddr	NEST (Nov)	£62.78	
ubd	E Lowe (Nov)	£200.00	
ubd	HM Lovell expenses	£20.09	
ubd	YPO toilet rolls	£92.59	18.52
ubd	The Bugle sub	£30.00	
ubd	YLCC mowing	£300.00	
ubd	EDF 2 block monthly ddr nov dec	£58.09	2.91
ubd	BG CE electric x2	£29.45	1.47
ubd	Initial Services annual	£72.44	14.48
ubd	J Bristow CE wall repair	£60.00	
ubd	YPO handwash	£68.57	13.71
ubd	HM Lovell Dec)	£679.38	
ddr	NEST (Dec)	£62.78	
ubd	YPCC mowing grant	£1500.00	
ubd	Festive lights (Christmas Tree)	£168.67	33.73
ubd	HMRC	£417.32	
ubd	E Lowe (Dec)	£160.00	
ddr	ICO annual fee	£35.00	

Income

YLCC recharges £555.57 HB – ALPF - £44.27 HLTB - £57.25 CE - £418.49

(b) Budget Appraisal/Risk Assessment

Balance @ 28th November CoOp £1823.12
 Unity current account £8868.35
 Unity savings account £10081.17

3186 Date of next meeting – 24th January – Reading Room 7:15pm

Dates for 2023: YVH Community Room 7:15pm: 28th February, 28th March, 18th April Finance, 25th April APM (7pm Main Hall), 16th May, 20th June, 18th July, 19th September, 17th October, 7th November Finance (Social Room) and 28th November

Exempt Items – none

The meeting closed at 8: 47 pm