

YOULGRAVE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 18th July 2023

Present: Councillors: Mick Ashforth, Ann Blenkinsopp, Ken Clayton, Graham Elliott (Chair), Dee Frith, Leah Goodwin, Sue Hallam, Nicola Humphreys, Andrew McCloy and Richard Roper
In attendance: Matthew Lovell – Clerk + 1 member of the public

3279 Apologies for Absence

Council accepted apologies from – none required

3280 Variation of order of business and Clerk's request for time constrained items

No variations required.

3281 Declaration of Members Interests

No interests required declaration.

3282 Public Speaking

a) Public – none

b) County Councillor Simon Spencer, and PCSO Ben Morris sent apologies
District Councillor Laura Mellstrom introduced herself and noted that with 50% new councillors and a coalition there is a slow start. The Serco contract is being reviewed for re-optimisation and to create more efficient routes the domestic collections may change their day. There is a working group on public conveniences gathering evidence which the Clerk is happy to assist with our experiences.

3283 To confirm the Non-exempt minutes of the previous council

RESOLVED to confirm as a correct record the minutes of the meeting held on 20th June. The minutes were agreed for signature by the Chair.

3284 To determine which if any from Part 1 of the Agenda should be taken with the public excluded – none

3285 Planning decisions/applications received since last meeting. Planning related matters

Decisions received: NP/DDD/0323/0245 - 31 New Road, Youlgrave - Proposed alterations and extension to an existing dwelling and associated works – Refused

NP/DDD/0523/0585 - Sunnyview 27 New Road - Proposed installation of air source heat pump at rear of property – granted conditionally

Planning Applications for discussion:

None

Other: none

3286 Footpaths and Highways

The traffic and parking meeting on 20th July will be attended by 6 councillors to receive ideas and discuss options and any proposed actions will be brought to the next meeting to discuss.

National grid are working in at the top of Holywell Lane 14th-17th August with a road closure. Church St south pavement scheduled for completion before 29th September.

Clerk has chased Highways regarding the village resurface as no dates are given.

3287 Report from Village organisation representatives:

Village Hall – in looking for a new chair. The kitchen replacement is ongoing and bookings are up. It was suggested that a new VH sign would attract more attention.

Waterworks – AGM reported on the loss last night due to buying in Severn Trent Water and steps underway to create a balance tank system for overnight spring storage. A

temporary system is being created this year but the underground permanent tank needs £100000 finding to finance it.

Scout and Community Youth Hall – in full use.

CLT- nothing to report. Reading Room – no report.

Bowls Club – new members being recruited and joining the team.

Well Dressing – a good event with special thanks to DSF for the 2 top boards which are now much easier to erect. Fund raising used the scanning app to good effect. It was noted that a return to Village Hall teas through the week was desirable – the PTFA ran Saturday but there is now commercial competition although perhaps a market specialisation could be investigated.

Community Speed Watch – needs new members.

WEF – a bank signature mandate has been signed so hopefully a balance will soon be available.

3288 Report of the Clerk / update on: -

a) Charity 520537 assets:

Playing Fields – ALPF – Inspection to take place tomorrow evening.

Thanks were expressed to the Chair for manning both days of the Well dressing weekend car park and waiving payment. He noted that the effort needed to encourage the public to pay was not something for the those perceived to have little authority and needs bearing in mind for future volunteers. A few had no cash and a card machine needs investigating for future years. The lack of cones to the top of Alport Hill meant the whole length was solid parking and opposite the playing field entrance impeded vehicles turning. An exercise to recover cones has meant there are enough to do it all next year.

HLTB – no issues

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

Allotments – Inspection noted 3 need nudging as we have a waiting list and one plot is coming free but the large Ash has dieback and we have a quote based on felling using the neighbouring field for access. Another quote will be sought as well as access permission. The trees at the car park edge need a major cut back at the end of season. CE Toilet Block – ok. Defibrillators – all ok, CCTV operational.

Maintenance – noted Church St railings need repainting once they are repaired and the footpath resurfaced.

(c) Footpath alteration proposals – advice from PDNPA awaits officer return on 20th.

(d) Sports Pavilion replacement

A plan and costings for a similar building are being sought and Council agreed to form a sub-committee of Cllrs, Goodwin, Roper, Blenkinsopp and Clayton with Ricky Podmore (YLCC) and Mick Shimwell (YUFC) to set out the needs for a future community sports building. It is suggested the committee meet as soon as suggestions for plans and costings are gathered. Elton's pavilion organisers names have been supplied and will be contacted for their input and experience.

3289 Fields in Trust – Management renewal – Freehold or Lease

Resolved to take the Freehold option under FiT protected asset rules to enable full access for grants without the need for permission on each occasion at a cost of £1500.

This option still leaves the Charity document as the back stop with council entering into a Deed of Dedication with FiT and sole trustee for the property. Clerk to query if there are any additional liabilities to us that we are unaware of.

3290 Items for Information

DALC – news and training, PDNPA Parishes Day

3291 Finance

a) Resolved to approve the following:

	Payee	Net	VAT
ubd	HM Lovell (July)	£649.34	
ddr	NEST (July)	£56.95	
ubd	E Lowe (July)	£440.00	
ubd	Marmax bench/picnic	£1494.00	298.80
ubd	YLCC mowing	£550.00	
ubd	EDF 2 block monthly ddr	£51.43	2.57
ubd	BG CE electric	£43.14	2.16
ubd	HM Lovell (expenses July)	£18.29	
ubd	DDDC premises licence	£70.00	
ubd	YPO toilet rolls bleach paper	£108.87	21.77
ubd	Key cutting CE	£8.33	1.67
ubd	HM Lovell (August)	£649.34	
ddr	NEST (August)	£56.95	
ubd	E Lowe (August)	£460.00	

Income

Manned Car park £475.62 HB alp 30.57 + 89.30 ce 401.45 +466.23 hltb 32.84 + 68.71
Interest £57.22 YLCC £285.00 + £50.00 YBowlsC £125.00 YWW £0.75 Vat refund £2586.12

(b) Budget Appraisal/Risk Assessment

Balance @ 14th July CoOp £6577.22
Unity current account £19766.66
Unity savings account £10218.53

3292 Date of next meetings – 19th September 2023 Youlgrave VH Community Room 7:15pm

Exempt Items – none

The meeting closed at 8:22 pm