

YOULGRAVE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 19th September 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 + 11 members of the public

3293 Apologies for Absence

Council accepted apologies from – none required

3294 Variation of order of business and Clerk's request for time constrained items

No variations required.

3295 Declaration of Members Interests

No interests required declaration.

3296 Public Speaking

a) Public –

New Road residents noted the ongoing issues with the threat to lock the access to the paths and a claim to Land Registry that is being challenged for the ambulance and other vehicle turning area between two properties and the gate on which the PC grit bin is located and requested council to also object to LR. A resident of Bankside noted the large positive village response to provision of a 20 mph speed limit and asked Council to provide 20splenty stickers to highlight this. Other New Road and Conksbury residents concurred with the speeding remarks. A Brookleton resident noted the ineffectual white lines placed to stop parking as visitors are unaware of their meaning and that Yellow lines were needed.

Council noted that they signed up to 20splenty in February 2021 but that the Derbyshire campaign had faltered until the recent trial 20mph by DCC in 2 locations reawakened interest.

b) County Councillor Simon Spencer, District Councillor Laura Mellstrom and PCSO Boswell sent apologies

3297 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 July. The minutes were agreed for signature by the Chair.

3298 To determine which if any from Part 1 of the Agenda should be taken with the public excluded – none

3299 Planning decisions/applications received since last meeting. Planning related matters

Decisions received: NP/DDD/0723/0807 Pathways, Brassington Close – alternations and extension to dwelling and new garage - Refused

Planning Applications for discussion: None

Other: clerk to query why yellow notices are not being put up for planning applications – there have been several instances over the past few months where locals were unaware of nearby applications.

3300 Footpaths and Highways

Highways has apologised for not getting Kier back this season and will chase them for remedial works early next year – they didn't win any contracts in Derbyshire this year. Harthill Footpath 16 farm diversion Order came into operation on 15th August.

3301 Report from Village organisation representatives:

Village Hall – a new chair is needed. The kitchen has been installed and a cleaning day was carried out by volunteers.

Waterworks – The temporary balancing system was held up by digging through rock but the trench is now ready for the pipes and the standing area for the tank is being created. Few leaks and a wet summer have enabled this to be carried out with our own funds. 2 grant applications are awaiting a response for the permanent underground structure.

Scout and Community Youth Hall – AGM is to be held on 2nd October. The village firework fundraiser event was requested for Council hosting again on 3rd November and resolved to continue provision of insurance with all risk assessments supplied prior to it.

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

Bowls Club – noted the active Vets team and invited new membership.

Community Speed Watch – needs new members after the safe locations are reassessed after the 30 mph speed limits are moved.

3302 Report of the Clerk / update on: -

- a) Charity 520537 assets: the legal transfer draft has been received from FiT and we need to employ a solicitor to complete the process – a request for one will be placed in The Bugle.
- Playing Fields – ALPF – Inspection noted: the illegal vehicle – now towed away but the abandoned motor cycle needs a letter and then reporting for scrap removal if not moved.
- Pavilion: The springy floor in the 2 changing areas needs a hardboard cover to prolong life (2 off 2340 x 3650). New brackets are needed for the gutter down pipe.
- Loos – opening time notice needs renewing. BMX track – needs a litter pick – WI offer received. Toddler gate – more secure fastening for latch needed.
- Tennis netting – the users are purchasing new wire to restring – council will reimburse.
- HLTB – loose toilet seat issues with the fastenings are being sorted. A new water heater was authorised and a date will be organised for the electrical works as the footfall has dropped.
- (b) CE Car park/field, Allotments and other assets
 - Allotments – top plot placed with awareness of large Ash – tree surgeon recommended leaving to next season as its size means it may survive dieback.
 - CE Toilet Block – ok. Defibrillators – all ok, CCTV operational.
 - Maintenance – noted Church St railings need repainting once they are repaired.
- (c) Footpath alterations evidence – evidence is being supplied by parishioners and once the requisite number of PROW forms are submitted, we have an offer from the PDNPA Footpaths Officer to meet the owners with us prior to submitting a PROW definitive map correction to see if there is willingness to avoid a long legal process at DCC.
- (d) Sports Pavilion replacement
 - The sub-committee has met and reported that they have viewed Elton and Ashbourne and are to visit two more sites – the one in Eckington is a long structure so more suited to our needs. An ambitious pavilion suited to sport and community needs is envisaged with an upper floor for events. Elton asked several architects to produce designs on the basis of the successful one being hired once grant applications were won.

3303 Village Transport Issues – 20sPlenty, VAS and School Signs

Council resolved to purchase a supply of 20splenty wheelie bin signs, bumper and window stickers to be available for collection.

Clerk is investigating VAS as the ongoing costs were prohibitive when DCC Engineers first marketed this and a grant would be needed for the several thousand pound initial outlay. A report will be made to the next meeting.

Zig zag lines are to be requested in the bay outside school from DCC.

A pc hosted public traffic meeting will be held to update parishioners.

3304 Items for Information

DALC – news and training, PDNPA Parishes Day 7th October

DDDC – new bin days and residents asked to check which to put out on their leaflets.

3305 Finance

a) Resolved to approve the following:

	Payee	Net	VAT
ubd	DDDC non election fee	£233.00	
ubd	Key cutting	£8.33	1.67
ubd	Dalc Councillor Training	£55.00	
ubd	YLCC Mowing	£670.00	
ubd	PKF Littlejohn external audit	£210.00	42.00
ubd	Asus laptop replacement	£427.41	85.48
ubd	HM Lovell (Sept)	£649.54	
ubd	HMRC	£376.19	
ddr	NEST (Sept)	£56.95	
ubd	E Lowe (Sept)	£400.00	
ubd	EDF 2 block monthly ddr	£51.43	2.57
ubd	BG CE electric	£43.14	2.16
ubd	HM Lovell (expenses Sept)	£30.58	
ubd	Gallagher (yr2) Insurance renewal	£2463.33	
ubd	YLCC Mowing	£670.00	

Income Wayleave £4.00

Addl YLCC £50.00 HB CE 1267.76 + 566.91 ALP 183.48 + 101.31 HB 217.75 + 58.26

(b) Budget Appraisal/Risk Assessment

Completion of Audit – accepted with auditors altering Charity tick box

Balance @ 19th September CoOp £8976.89

Unity current account £12492.25

Unity savings account £10218.53

3306 Date of next meeting – 17th October 2023 Youlgrave VH Community Room 7:15pm

Exempt Items –

One quote for bench repairs received but the price means further quotes are needed and will be advertised in the Bugle.

The meeting closed at 8:53 pm