

# YOULGRAVE PARISH COUNCIL

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## Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2024

Present: Councillors: Mick Ashforth, Ann Blenkinsopp, Ken Clayton, Graham Elliott (Chair), Dee Frith, Leah Goodwin, Sue Hallam, Nicola Humphreys and Andrew McCloy

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

### 3336 Apologies for Absence

Council accepted apologies from Cllr Richard Roper

### 3337 Variation of order of business and Clerk's request for time constrained items

No variations required.

### 3338 Declaration of Members Interests

No interests required declaration.

### 3339 Public Speaking

a) Public – none

b) County Councillor Simon Spencer, and PCSO Boswell sent apologies. Bakewell SNT sent a report noting no incidents & the latest issuing of tickets on Alport hill for parking offences. District Councillor Laura Mellstrom discussed Platform Housing poor service to its elderly residents for providing grit for its bin on Chapel Close. She noted the focus of DDDC on the southern half of the district but that a group had been set up to monitor and chase DCC due to the very poor bus service in the northern villages.

### 3340 To confirm the Non-exempt minutes of the previous council

RESOLVED to confirm as a correct record the minutes of the meeting held on 28<sup>th</sup> November

### 3341 To determine which if any from Part 1 of the Agenda should be taken with the public excluded – maintenance contracts

### 3342 Planning decisions/applications received since last meeting. Planning related matters

**Decisions received:** none

#### **Planning Applications for discussion:**

NP/DDD/1223/1534 Turret House, Church Street – Listed building Consent for general alterations

Council supports this application which will improve the fabric of the building and bring about some welcome restoration.

NP/DDD/1223/1442 Site address -Pathways, Brassington Close - Alterations and extension to dwelling and new garage

Council objects to this application as overbearing and creating a disproportionate look to half of a semi-detached property. It has concerns that the garage appears to create difficult access for the neighbouring property and may even cover over the existing right of access. In this visible location the large alterations to properties are changing the character of the village worrying council that a modern townscape is being introduced on a hillside in front of the conservation area's main church tower feature and it would rather not see further developments that detract from it.

Other: NP/DDD/1223/1467 External Alterations, Removal of ATMs and Night Safe - Nat West Bakewell

Council objects to the removal of the ATMs. As the nearest ATM town to our village we have received representation on behalf of several of our community members who deplore the closure of the only bank in the Peak Park and who for various reasons still rely on cash for transactions and want to help local shops by spending cash and them not incurring fees for card use. If the bank has to close then as a minimum the ATMs must be retained for at least several years to give choice to those who are not able to or do not willingly accept the use of electronic payment.

### 3343 Footpaths and Highways

No news on resurfacing. Clerk to query Quiet Lane sign refurbishment and clearing of river channels under Bradford Road bridge. An update on Bradford Dale is to be requested from the River Keeper.

### 3344 Report from Village organisation representatives:

Village Hall –Panto first night this coming Friday. Roof repairs or replacement are being costed alone with damage to the back door.

CLT- nothing to report. WEF – no news. Community Speed Watch – needs members Reading Room – with their treasurer no longer resident this was down to one committee member but fortunately two have joined – more are requested.

Waterworks – is bringing in a final demand fee due to too many not paying their 2<sup>nd</sup> instalment until reminded wasting postage costs and is awaiting insurance renewal quotes. The balancing tank project awaits the tank plinth for installation. Consumption is still high and all are requested to listen and look out for potential leaks.

Scout and Community Youth Hall – DofE flourishing, guides and brownies still recovering from the missed covid closures year groups. The primary school no longer uses the hall due to space needs (now at VH) and are looking at re-turfing the exterior.

Bowls Club – new members have joined and sponsorship is being investigated as a £10k aerator, new mowers and a shelter are needed.

### 3345 Report of the Clerk / update on: -

- a) Charity 520537 assets: the legal transfer awaits the blessing of the Charity Commission.

Playing Fields – ALPF – play equipment was installed on 11<sup>th</sup> December. Toilet Block is shut with water turned off until spring. The missing slates are being repaired shortly.

HLTB – the electric upgrade with auto locks -we have already purchased the equipment – will be carried out in February.

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

Allotments – renewals going out at new rate. CE Car Park – thanks to councillors and the bark provider for maintenance works. CE Toilet Block – ok. Defibrillators – all ok, CCTV operational – end of grant forms being submitted to Derbyshire Police with thanks. All grit bins have been refilled and stocks replenished in CE Store.

- (c) Footpath alterations evidence – we have now received enough statements to warrant a submission to PROW. Council would like to see resolution of this amicably and authorised the clerk to contact the landowners' representative with an offer to meet with the Footpaths Officer as costs can be avoided if they register the paths directly.

- (d) Traffic Meeting update

20s Plenty Stickers are still available at our Post Office and will be advertised again.

A letter of support from one house opposite was received for the conversion of 3 spaces outside the school gates to a non-parking zone and no dissenting comment. It was agreed that a survey would be prepared and sent out in March to provide further evidence.

- (e) Sports Pavilion replacement

The sub-committee is approaching several architects to find the cost of outline plans.

### 3346 Farmyard proposals for Camper Van overnight stays

Council received comment from the tenants that this is intended as a booked service in January up to Easter but no other time. Council noted it's concern that large numbers spilling over onto the streets is a potential issue as there is no alternative parking once their car park is full so would ask this is made clear in the advertising to the Camper Van group that has received so many comments as none of this was made clear in the ad widely circulated.

### 3347 S137 Grant awards

No requests have been received. Councillors therefore agreed to revisit this at the next meeting as the Horticultural Show is being advertised for interest in restarting and may ask for a small donation once a committee is formed.

### 3348 Items for Information

DALC – news and training, circulated but no matters arising

### 3349 Finance

#### a) Resolved to approve the following:

Cheque No	Payee		vat
Ubd	Premier Play Solutions	£10072.67	2014.53
Ubd	Long Rake Spar grit	£160.00	32.00
Ubd	J Aston 6m website	£194.00	
Ubd	E Lowe alpfl	£20.00	
Ubd	Bank charge	£18.00	
ubd	HM Lovell (Jan)	£741.55	
ddr	NEST (Jan)	£66.94	
ubd	E Lowe (Jan5wm)	£200.00	
ubd	EDF 2 block monthly ddr	£40.95	2.05
ubd	BG CE electric	£45.07	2.25
ubd	HM Lovell (expenses Jan)	£24.88+5.62	
ubd	Churchyard grant	£1500.00	
ubd	CPRE Subscription	£48.00	
Ubd	W Wigley alpfl ground	£200.00	
Ubd	J Aston domain	£20.00	
Ubd	Shape Posture Ltd	£400.00	80.00
Ubd	T Scoggins CE mowing	£1165.00	

#### Income

Interest Unity £71.31 Coop £0.74 HB: CE 172.55 HLTB 49.24 ALPF 53.51

#### (b) Budget Appraisal/Risk Assessment

Balance @ 22nd January CoOp £1439.98

CoOp Dep £5105.19

Unity current account £5694.42

Unity savings account £10359.24

Transfer £4500 from CoOp to Unity to cover Reimb/VAT until ye reclaim

3350 Date of next meeting – 27<sup>th</sup> February 2024 Village Hall Community Room at 7:15pm

#### Exempt Items –

3351 Maintenance Tenders

Resolved to place ALPF with Youlgrave Lodge CC and CE with DRB Services

Bench and Board tender a third price is to be sought.

The meeting closed at 8:30 pm