

YOULGRAVE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 27th February 2024

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

3352 Apologies for Absence

Council accepted apologies from Cllr Dee Frith

3353 Variation of order of business and Clerk's request for time constrained items

No variations required.

3354 Declaration of Members Interests

No interests required declaration.

3355 Public Speaking

- a) Public – several residents of New Road attended to voice opposition to a Public Footpath down their Private Road noting that some properties claim the land to the middle of the highway. There are fears that public footpath signs will lead to public parking. Council noted that the footpath evidence reflects the wider village request and the legal requirement for a footpath to connect to a public access endpoint. As the owners are discussing options with professional footpath officers currently Council is not being asked to formalise a PROW claim at this time.
- b) County Councillor Simon Spencer, and PCSO Boswell sent apologies. District Councillor Laura Mellstrom apologised for late arrival and noted that DDDC will be putting up their element of Council tax by the maximum 2.99%, the increase in green bin fees by £6 and frustrations with Platform Housing who own the private road at Westcroft but are ignoring their duty to maintain as well as deal with other issues and the merits of a formal complaint.

3356 To confirm the Non-exempt minutes of the previous council

RESOLVED to confirm as a correct record the minutes of the meeting held on 23rd January 2024

3357 To determine which if any from Part 1 of the Agenda should be taken with the public excluded – maintenance contracts

3358 Planning decisions/applications received since last meeting. Planning related matters

Decisions received: none

Planning Applications for discussion:

NP/DDD/0224/0179 – 24 New Road – Proposed Extension to Dwelling

Council supports this application as being in keeping with the original structure and surrounding properties and subservient to the main building.

Other: guidance to be sought from planners on 28 day rule for regular events at Sidenooks Plantation and in general on campervan/motorhome parking.

3359 Footpaths and Highways

No news on resurfacing. Clerk has reported Quiet Lane sign refurbishment and clearing of river channels under Bradford road bridge – no response to date. Bradford Dale River Keeper has responded to note their concentration will be on the river wildlife this coming season. It was noted that the high water levels are threatening the paths further up the dale. Only one 30mph sign has been installed on Moor Lane and Conksbury Lane village entrances.

3360 Report from Village organisation representatives:

Village Hall –Panto was generally a success. The roof is too costly to replace and sealant is proposed. Solar is being investigated again and the H&SE paperwork is being updated.
CLT- nothing to report. WEF – no news. Community Speed Watch – needs members
Reading Room – rental usage is increasing and a new committee formed.
Waterworks – is repairing a leak on Bradford and apologised for the restricted traffic flow during works and awaits outcome of revised EA licences. The tank project is being implemented shortly.
Scout and Community Youth Hall – no report
Bowls Club – maintenance in preparation for a Derbyshire Bowls Competition on 28th April.
Horticultural Show – is to be added for regular updates

3361 Report of the Clerk / update on: -

- a) Charity 520537 assets: the legal transfer awaits the blessing of the Charity Commission.
Playing Fields – ALPF – The missing slates have been refixed and the steps to the bank slide have been replaced. Toilets will reopen prior to Easter holidays. Clerk to clarify with DDDC what our Annual Premises Licence covers us for. The cricket club have won a £1000 grant to provide new tables chairs and fridge for the pavilion and require the Youth Club to remove all its equipment as they wish to refurbish the main room.
HLTB – the electric upgrade with auto locks is complete and the Police Grant completion paperwork sent once the final invoice is received. Light sensor needs replacing.
- (b) CE Car park/field, Allotments, grit and other assets
Allotments – renewals coming in. Vacancy to be advertised. CE Car Park- ok. CE Toilet Block – ok. Defibrillators – all ok – pads replaced at Garage due to expiry, CCTV operational
- (c) Footpath alterations evidence –the landowners' representatives have had a meeting with the PDNPA Footpaths Officer who is inviting the PROW officer to meet him on site to see whether there is a solution. Council agreed to await his report.
- (d) Traffic Meeting update
A survey is going out with a future Bugle.
- (e) Sports Pavilion replacement
The sub-committee presented an ambitious spec of needs and likes to form the basis of a spec to give architects. It is understood that an initial site meeting is foc and contacts have been approached to start exploring ideas and costs before the next pc meeting.

3362 S137 Grant awards

Horticultural Show has received an enthusiastic response from its Bugle article and a committee has formed and is setting up a bank account. Council agreed to provide £100 start up fund to support the rebirth.

3363 Items for Information

DALC – news and training, circulated but no matters arising
Support for Pommie Pilgrimage – Council is happy to promote this on its website and awaits any requests, MP's Bakewell Branch closure petition link
<https://www.sarahdines.org.uk/petition-keep-bakewell-natwest-open>
PDNPA Planning training was welcomed and councillors will look out for dates.

3364 Finance

- a) Resolved to approve the following:

Cheque No	Payee		vat
ubd	HM Lovell (Feb)	£741.55	
ddr	NEST (Feb)	£66.94	

ubd	E Lowe (Feb)	£160.00	
ubd	EDF 2 block monthly ddr	£40.95	2.05
ubd	BG CE electric	£35.02	1.75
ubd	HM Lovell (expenses Feb)	£18.94	
ubd	Eley Agri Services (slide steps)	£700.50	140.10
ubd	B Tabbenor (play tower removal)	£250.00	50.00
ubd	DR Bacon (alpft slates)	£52.50	
ubd	PO Stamps (allotment renew)	£30.00	
ubd	Am stationary	£18.83	3.76
ubd	reading Room rent 23/24	£15.00	

Income

Reimbursables £5284.00 Allotments £538.35 CE 537.29 HLTB 63.49 ALPF 115.77

(b)

Budget Appraisal/Risk Assessment

Balance @ 27 th February	CoOp	£1439.98
	CoOp Dep	£5105.19
	Unity current account	£7545.11
	Unity savings account	£10359.24

3365 Date of next meeting – 19th March 2024 Village Hall Community Room at 7:15pm

Exempt Items –

3366 Maintenance Tenders

Resolved to place ALPF ridge and revised Bench and Board works with DRB Services

The meeting closed at 8:44 pm