

## **BARDSEY PARISH COUNCIL**

### **MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING HELD ON APRIL 26<sup>th</sup> 2018**

**Chairman's Welcome** Cllr Stentiford welcomed residents and Ward Cllrs to the meeting, and thanked all members of the Council and the Clerk for their hard work during the year.

**Present** Cllrs Stentiford, Sidle, Bosomworth, Flockton, Denby, Tatman, Ward, the Clerk, Ward Cllrs Matthew Robinson and Ryan Stephenson, PCSO Susan Broadwell, and 7 residents.

**Apologies for absence:** Cllr Hoyland, Jack Cairns, Brenda Sanderson.

**Minutes of 2017 APM.** These had been circulated to all present. It was proposed Ian Frankland, seconded Pauline Tatman, and agreed unanimously, that these should be accepted as a true record.

**Police Report :-**The Police reported crime figures for the year, indicating a comparison with the previous year (the figures in brackets) –

Burglary residential 21 (9)

Burglary Commercial/Business 1(4)

Robbery 0(0)

Theft of Motor Vehicle 0(1)

Theft from Motor Vehicle 4 (6)

Theft Other 7 (7)

Criminal Damage 5 (3)

The PCSO then outlined other news. There have been a few incidents in nearby villages of a postal scam involving suspects stealing post from properties with external post boxes. The suspect is a black African male around 30 years old. There have been a few incidents of distraction type burglaries targeting the elderly who fail to request identification. Land rover thefts are more common in the Leeds area now that parts are more difficult to get hold of. There is a huge amount of fly tipping, much of it from cannabis farms cultivated in nearby areas.

### **Report from the Chairman on the Work carried out by the Parish Council during 2017-18 and Outline of Future Plans.**

The Chairman gave a quick review of the year.

The Bramham Park Application had been determined that afternoon, and he wished to offer thanks to BAG, supported by the excellent professional work of Ethical Partnership, in so successfully opposing it.

He considered that one of the main achievements of the year had been the completion and 'making' of the Neighbourhood Plan, following 6 years hard work. Thanks were due to the Steering Committee, particularly Cllrs Frankland

and Sidle. The Bramham Planning Application had also consumed a great deal of Council time.

We were looking forward once again to welcoming the Tour de Yorks to the village on May 4<sup>th</sup>, this time taking the steep route down Rigton Bank.

The Council had been negotiating with Metro about the type of shelter we preferred to replace the dilapidated wooden ones along the A58, and were very annoyed when these were changed by Metro with no reference to the PC. The result was a mish mash of shelter types, one of them compared unfavourably to a B & Q garden shed.

Thanks to the effective diplomacy of Cllr Bosomworth, we now had a management agreement concerning the village pond, which had its annual weed clearance in December. It was pleasing to note the return of the moorhens.

There had been no serious incidents of flooding this year., although the matter had come up for discussion in relation to the Bramham Park Application.

The Village Hall had recently installed a state of the art projection system to enhance existing activities and give opportunities for new types of activity. Thanks should go to the VHC, and particularly the fund raisers. Burns Night and the Beer Festival had been particularly successful this year

Cllr Martin had taken charge of matters relating to Park Field and the Playground. The most interesting addition was the adult exercise equipment, already well used. We were entitled to some 106 money which would be used on these 2 areas.

The new web site was working well, with thanks due to Cllrs Frankland, and now Cllr Sidle.

Cllr Hoyland had continued to do an excellent job in pursuing Highway problems.

For Planning, Cllr Denby had now taken over from Cllr Tatman who had been chairman of its sub-committee for many years.

A decision had been taken to put together a village archive, which included photos and other items of interest. Much of this had been uploaded on to the website, but we were still looking for further material. Thanks should go to Brian Horner, who had lent us many photos.

LCC had recently introduced charges for the disposal of inert waste, despite the overwhelming majority of those responding to the consultation being against. .BPC had written a strong letter of complaint, as we considered it increased the amount of fly tipping in our area.

The snow clearance agreement had been invoked for the first time this winter. The future work of the Council would largely be more of the same, but we would need to consider implementing the aspirations of the Neighbourhood Plan, and Rights of Way issues, and paying attention to the management of our assets – Park Field, the Pond and the Playground.

**Financial Report from the Clerk** Copies of the unaudited accounts had been circulated to those present. The Clerk reported that the Council at the end of the year was holding more funds than normal and then explained the reasons. £10,000 was earmarked for work on the Bingley ginnel.

There were also a number of projects planned for 2018. One was for up to 4 SIDs (flashing speed indicating devices) 2 on the A58 and 2 on Keswick Lane. The total cost could be around £14,000. Some grant money would probably be provided from MICE money but BPC would need to find the remainder. The Council also planned to spend money (probably £1,000) on improvements to the Cornmill Ginnel. Estimates for up to £18,000, had been received for the proposed path around Park Field. If Bramham Estate lodged an appeal against refusal of its planning application, BPC might wish to assist financially in opposing it. Finally, there was the GDPR (General Data Protection Regulations) legislation for which YLCA had recently suggested the provision of a Data Protection Officer for all Member Councils, the cost of which was not yet known. The Clerk said that we had been fortunate this year in securing large grants for the NP, Adult Fitness Equipment, and the Bingley Ginnel. The two main items of expenditure had been the Adult Fitness Equipment and the Neighbourhood Plan. She thanked the Internal Auditor, Philip Oddy, for all his help and hard work and said that the accounts were now available for inspection.

### **Planning Report on the Neighbourhood Plan and the Bramham Park**

**Application from Cllr Sidle** Cllr Sidle reported details of the final stages in completing the document which finally went to Referendum on 12<sup>th</sup> October. A total of 794 votes had been cast, representing 40% of the population, a very high figure giving weight to the final document. 745 of these (98.3%) had voted in favour. The Plan was now “made” and was included in planning regulations and already cited in several applications, including the one from Bramham Estate. Cllr Sidle had attended the Plans Panel meeting that afternoon, together with BAG representatives and Ethical Partnership, which had presented the opposition case on our joint behalf. There had been a demonstration outside by BAG beforehand. The NP had featured several times in the debate. The outcome had been a unanimous vote against the application by the Plans Panel.

**Planning Report from Cllr Denby** Cllr Denby thanked the other members of the Planning Sub-Committee - Cllrs Tatman and Flockton, for all their help and support. There had been 42 applications this year. BPC had objected to 16, of which 4 were refused, 6 approved, and 7 still pending. Of the total number of

applications 6 had been refused, 6 approved, 1 withdrawn, and 12 were still pending. Up until today 2 from 2016-7 had still been outstanding.

The sub- committee inspected all the sites and properties and then sent their comments to LCC. Most applications were fairly straight forward, but a few, usually those like the Bramham Application, the site off Keswick Lane for 5 houses, and the proposal for 5 flats at the traffic lights on the Wetherby Road, ones to which we objected, had required more work.

Cllr Tatman added that Cllr Denby was also quick to notify Enforcement of any works started without planning permission.

**Highway Report from Cllr Hoyland, delivered by Cllr Ward.** The main concerns had been flooding and drainage issues on various parts of the A58 and Church Lane. Reporting bad carriageway conditions on Church Lane had led to the promise of reassessment in 18/19. Surface problems on Woodacre Lane were still a problem. The milestone on the A58 had finally been reinstated. Other issues covered had been potholes/ blocked/ covered drains/ road signs/ problematic parking/ grit bins/ public rights of way/new spring on Blacksmith's Field gate/ F/P 20, off Bingley Ginnel/ and Gateon House Farm gate.

### **Any Other Business and Question and Answer Session with the 2 Ward Councillors**

Pauline Tatman reported that the door to the Callister Hall required attention.

Cllr Stephenson , who had attended the Planning Meeting earlier, thanked residents for all their support, and considered the joint approach over the Bramham Application had shown good community spirit. A village society might take over from BAG. There could be a new application or an appeal from Bramham. In the event of the latter, an Inspector would be appointed and would act as a judge, but it would be primarily LCC which would have to justify its decision. A good community response would, however, also be helpful..

Cllr Robinson complimented BPC on its referendum with the very high percent response in its favour. He was now advising other PCs to copy Bardsey. He intends to pursue with Police the outcome of crimes in the area, as residents were entitled to such information.. He also intended to continue the fight against fly tipping in the area. A meeting of LCC was scheduled for May 17<sup>th</sup>, concerned with road safety and speeding. The latter had declined in Collingham since the erection of the SID. The Ward Cllrs would not have sufficient funds to finance the total cost of installing SIDs in all the villages requesting them ,but hoped to give each a small grant. He was critical of the general approach to transport issues taken by LCC compared with some other cities. One scheme he was discussing with Metro was for adequate provision to be made for people to cycle to Leeds station and take public transport from there onwards..

Finally, thanks were expressed from Sue Moscrop to BPC for their planning work, and Cllr Bosomworth called for improved communication between BPC and the village.

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