

BARDSEY CUM RIGTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON MARCH 20TH 2019

POLICE AND RESIDENTS FORUM The Police had e mailed the crime figures for February. There had been 1 criminal damage, 1 theft from a motor vehicle and 1 serious incident of arson.

Three residents from The Drive attended to discuss the latest incident of arson. (M/A 1). Another resident interested in various topics on the agenda attended and stayed for the whole meeting.

DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY AND OTHER INTERESTS. None.

PRESENT Cllrs Stentiford, Sidle, Bosomworth, Tatman, Ward, Denby, West, Flockton and Hoyland.

APOLOGIES. None.

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 6TH FEBRUARY 2019 . These were approved.

MATTERS ARISING

1.Increasing Levels of Crime in Bardsey-Cllrs discussed the arson incident on The Drive, where suspect/s had set fire to a hedge in a front garden above a gas main which caught fire, causing a major fire resulting in the evacuation of several residents. Four arrests are on going. After discussion with the residents who attended, it was agreed that the Chairman would set up a meeting for residents from the Drive with Ryan Stephenson, the Police Inspector from Wetherby(and someone from the Youth Offenders Panel if possible).Cllrs had explained to the residents that only limited information may be obtained from the Police whose hands are tied due to the age of the offenders. **(Action ES/JG)**

2 SID devices for Bardsey. Cllr Tatman reported that he has finally received a reply from Nick Borrás who apologised profusely after admitting that the 4 devices intended for Bardsey are no longer in the store. It was agreed that the Chairman would write to the Head of Highways asking for some explanation for this failure in his department. **(Action GT/ES)**

3.Improved Broadband Provision for Bardsey School and Surrounding Area. Cllr Sidle has discussed this with Cllr Ward, who is also on the Village Hall Committee. He believed that the VHC would need to contract to take the ultra fast broadband service for a year, whereas the current service is provided by Plusnet under a contract established by the Parish Council. Cllr Sidle asked whether the VHC would agree. Cllr Ward replied that he felt sure the VHC would find this acceptable. In correspondence with Kieran Osborne Cllr Sidle later established that in fact the Parish Council could continue to contract the ultra fast service as soon as it becomes available, and still qualify for the Gigabit Scheme voucher. Cllr Sidle then officially proposed to the Council that they should take on the contract which is likely to cost approximately £150 p.a. in additional subscription. Cllr Bosomworth seconded the proposal, and it was agreed unanimously. **(Action CS)**

4.Highways Update –Cllr Hoyland reported:-

- A 58 Reflector Posts- previously indicated they would be installed in the near future but still unable to progress as she cannot get a response from Nick Borrás to e mails and phone calls.
- Zebra crossing – A58 – Although BPC involved Matthew Robinson, his feedback was to contact Nick Borrás. *Cllrs agreed that there were difficulties over the location and no action should be taken at present although the situation will be reviewed after the SIDs have been installed.*
- Zebra crossing near Keswick Lane Since the last meeting there had been a request for a crossing by Blacksmith's field. As with the A58, there are difficulties with the location *Cllrs agreed to take no action over this, although the situation will be reviewed after the SIDs have been installed.*
- Rigton Bank/ A58 – Water is still issuing from Rigton Bank on to A58. Yorkshire Water reported no broken pipes etc found. BH considers it could be a spring and therefore an insoluble problem as appears to be the case on Keswick Lane.
- Keswick Lane – Dog Fouling – BH has been advised that there are sufficient warning signs in the area. PSOs for the area have been contacted and hope to deter individuals not picking up but the feedback is that the PCOs cover an extensive area and the chance of patrols witnessing individuals not picking up is slight.
- Keswick Lane allotments – These are still with housing but managed by City Development Dept who collect the rents, but due to annual leave availability etc won't be confirmed until April. The PC is to look to take over ownership from LCC.

.(Action BH)

5.Cornmill Ginnel. Cllr Tatman reported that work has now been completed on the ginnel. Chippings have been laid and the path tarmaced. The manholes near the A58 end which were buried, have been raised slightly, so that they can be accessed in future. The existing grating near the Cornmill Lane end has been lowered slightly to allow water to drain into it. Cllr Tatman has suggested that the French drain running into the existing gully is liable to become clogged and asked whether they could rod or jet it in future ,to optimise its effectiveness.

Cllr Tatman was thanked by all Cllrs for his perseverance in this matter, resulting in a great improvement to an important pathway..

6.Leeds Country Way – re-routing at Wike Lane. The Chairman reported that Derek Hills has agreed to a compromise route using less land but stopping short of the service reservoir. It will be a permissive bridleway to be drawn up by Roger Brookes. Funding will be sought from the Emmerdale Committee. **.(Action ES)**

7.Hedges in need of attention. Some residents in Mill Lane have cut their hedges. Cllr Tatman will write to others but will now leave it until the end of the bird nesting season.

(Action GT)

8. Village Pond This is in a satisfactory condition.

9.Additional Photos for Website – A request will be posted on the website. **(Action CS)**

10. Disused Railway Line Cllr Bosomworth has e mailed fellow Cllrs following his latest discussion with Cllr Matthew Robinson, Vicki Nunns (Parks & Countryside) and Vicki Franks, (Transport Planner, Highways). They had agreed that Mike should meet the landowners and establish a 'Friends of Group' consisting of Parish Cllr(s) from Bardsey and Scarcroft, a

representative from each of the landowners and from the Yorkshire Wildlife Trust, and others to be decided. The 'Group' to be independent and apolitical. Cllr Bosomworth should stress that whilst he has sufficient evidence to apply for a DMMO, the Group would prefer to work with landowners to formalise what is already happening i.e. people walking, cycling and horse riding along the dismantled railway line and creating a permissive bridleway. All had agreed that disabled access would unfortunately be unachievable due to the physical terrain involved. Cllr Bosomworth will try to work with Scarcroft PC. Cllrs agreed with his proposal that, although this work is an aspiration in the Neighbourhood Plan, it will not be a Parish Council project. **(Action MB)**

11. Land Ownership by Bardsey Parish Council. The Chairman has marked all the sites on a google map for Cllr West. **(Action AW)**

12. Parish Council Election Arrangements and Date for May Meeting The Clerk said that it would not be lawful to hold the May meeting on the first Wednesday in the month as this is May 1st, before the PC elections take place. The date will need to be changed to the third Wednesday, May 15th.

13. Arrangements for APM At the request of the Village Hall Committee, the Council agreed that this should be held in the Village Hall. Cllr Flockton agreed to obtain the drinks. Cllr Denby will speak on Planning and Cllr Hoyland on Highways. The 3 Ward Cllrs will be invited and asked whether there is any topic on which they wish to speak. **(Action JG)**

STANDING AGENDA ITEMS

1. Park Field Cllr Ward reported that the first phase of the work has now been completed. The remainder should be carried out in May.

2. Playground – IPI Report. It was noted that several items, flagged as low or medium risk, are repeated in each report. Cllr West is to get a quote for installing superior surfacing and the Council hopes to use 106 money for the purpose. **(Action AW)**

3. Web Site Cllr Sidle said that this is being well used. He is receiving plenty of posts.

4. Sports Club – Positioning of Waste Bins Since the lease precludes placing these on sports club ground, a solution needs to be found. It was agreed that Cllr Bosomworth would again seek a site meeting with Biffa to discuss a solution.

PLANNING.

New Applications:-

(a) 19/00364 - .1 Tithe Barn Lane - Exts – *Comments*

(b) 19/ 00275 – 9 Meadow Close – Exts. – *Comments*

(c) 19/ 00742 – Springwood, Scarsdale Lane – Demolition of One Dwelling and Replacement with Three New Dwellings – *Object.*

(d) 19/00761 – Fleet House, Keswick Lane – Ext- *No Objection .*

(e) 19/00248 – Harwood, Scarsdale Lane – Ext. – *No Objection*

(f) 19/01001 – Gateon House Farm – Change of use involving conversion of 2 agricultural buildings to 2 detached houses - *Object*

(g) 19/01113 - 27 The Drive – Ext.- *Comments*

(h) 19/ 01169 – Tree Tops, 39 Church Lane – Access to first floor level to rear garden.

(i) 19/ 01429 – 15 The Drive – Exts.

2. APPROVALS BY LCC:-

(a) 18/07190 - Old Pump House, Wike Lane.- Demolition of former Pump House; construction of one residential dwelling. Cllr Sidle and Cllr Batty from East Keswick had attended the Panel meeting and used the allocated 4 minutes to argue against the application which was lost by one vote. Some fairly stringent conditions have, however, been imposed, including the removal of permissive development rights for the main dwelling, outbuildings, and hard standing. Further details are required in relation to the surfacing of the access drive.

(b) 18/07565- 4 First Ave.

(c) 19/00761 – Fleet House, Keswick Lane

(d) 19/00290 – Grasmere

(e) 19/00248 – Harwood, Keswick Lane .

4. APPEALS

(a) APP/N4720/D/19/3321285 – Barbondale, Mill Lane – Retro App. to form self contained dependent annexe.

(b) 18/ 00185 – Sheepcote Barn, Blackmoor Lane – Roy Lunn is concerned about the access on to Blackmoor Lane as to whether it encroaches on ours or other people’s land. Cllr Denby studied some plans produced by the Clerk at the meeting and considered that there was no encroachment on PC land.

FINANCE

1. Bills for payment:

(a) Biffa Waste Disposal -	£ 127.30
(b) Bardsey Tree Services – Carrying out Tree Work	1,380.00
(c) J. Gallant – Salary & Expenses	1,996.61
(d) GGS Groundcare – Garden Maintenance	1,362.50
(e) H.M. Customs & Revenue – PAYE	105.40
(f) Deepblue Digital - Domain Name Renewal	44.40
(g) Mr J. Priestley – Refurbish Telephone Box	303.00
(h) Cllr Tatman – Reimbursement – Primrose Landscapes	220.00
(i) TCV – Work on Park Field	768.00

It was agreed to pay the bills listed above.

2. Increase in Clerks’ Salaries The Clerk had e mailed Cllrs with the YLCA salary recommendations in advance of the meeting.

On the present salary scale 21, the recommended salary is £11 per hour. This would mean 11 x 15 (hours worked in the week) x 52 (weeks in the year = £8,580 + £40 (use of computer) = £8,620 = £2155 per quarter. PAYE will be deducted from this.

Council agreed to pay the increase.

3. Letter from Biffa re Increased Charges. The letter explains that Biffa feels obliged to pass on increased charges it is experiencing to its customers.

CORRESPONDENCE AND NEW BUSINESS

1.Planning Conference for Town & Parish Councils and Neighbourhood Forums – Merrion House, Leeds – 26th March. Cllr Tatman plans to attend.

2. Removal of Trees obstructing path – The Chairman has obtained a quotation of £300 + VAT from Bardsey Tree Services to cut up and remove the trees to the side of the path. Cllr Tatman had then obtained a cheaper quote of £220 + VAT from Primrose Landscapes and with the agreement of Cllrs, has had the work carried out

MINOR MATTERS FOR DELEGATION TO CLERK/ NEXT AGENDA

1.Daffodill area – Cllr Hoyland said that she considered that no further work should now be carried out here until November when Cllrs could check what more they felt needing doing.in the future. She thinks more work will be required at the boundary.

2. Gas Board notices at junction of Woodacre/ Keswick Lanes – Cllr Flockton said that these have not yet been removed and are spoiling the appearance of the purple crocus patch recently planted at this corner.

3. Telephone Box on Church Lane John Priestley has completed work on the telephone box which now looks very attractive and has already been filled with books. Cllr Flockton reminded Cllrs that the telephone box is the property of the Parish Council but managed by the WI.

4. Quotation for replacement flagstones for West Well – The Chairman is obtaining a quote for replacing the York stone flags stolen from this location with cheaper ones. **(Action ES)**

DATES OF NEXT MEETINGS

APM- Thursday April 25TH at 8pm, following VHC AGM at 7.30.

May Meeting – Wednesday May 15th. At 7pm.

Signed:

Date:

BPC March 2019 Mins.