

## BARDSEY CUM RIGTON PARISH COUNCIL

### MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON JULY 3RD 2019

**POLICE AND RESIDENTS' FORUM** -The Police reported 1 burglary residential. They also reported littering and spitting by a small gang of youths in the grounds of All Hallows Church. On Friday evening 28/6 6 youths were seen by the Police in the entrance of the church, names and addresses were taken, and the youths advised to clear up the mess and not return. Residents are asked to report any further incidents.

**DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY AND OTHER INTERESTS** None.

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

**APOLOGIES.** Cllr West.

**MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 5<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 2019** These were approved after a few amendments.

### **MATTERS ARISING**

**1. Willan's Wood** Cllr Ward discussed 2 options for the wood suggested by TCV. The first is to create a path through the woods, and the second is to allow the firm to develop the wood as a wildlife reserve and contribute to its general enhancement. They quoted £800 for the first option, including a stile at the Wood Lane exit. Cllrs discussed the options and generally agreed that the path would be of small benefit to the community, partly due to its steepness. They therefore approved the alternative of general enhancement. **(Action MW)**

**2 Hedge on A58 and Japanese Knotweed.** Cllr Ward reported that TCV agreed that the hedge is not in good condition and offered to lay and re-plant in parts over a period of three years, provided it could be part of their training programme. They would share the cost with BPC, who would be required to pay £350 p.a. **(Action MW).**

The Clerk has spoken to the resident in whose garden the knotweed was observed. She had acknowledged the problem. Although her contract with the Knotweed specialists has now expired, they have agreed to clear the weed on this one further occasion.

**3. Highways Update** – Cllr Hoyland reported:

- **A58** – Broken reflector post reported and replaced.  
She is still pursuing refurbishment of Milestone on A58
- **Church Lane/ Keswick Lane- Wike Lane Junction / Woodacre Lane** -Carriageway and potholes reported.
- **Woodacre Lane (above Keswick Lane)** Due to number of vehicles parked, BH followed up the possibility of a layby on Woodacre Lane. Although sympathetic, Traffic Department fed back that a layby could be introduced but traffic volumes and speed do not pose any great safety issues and would not be a priority for funding. This typically goes to areas with long standing issues. The only other way of funding could possibly

be through contributions from developments and local area funding. She will follow up further information re plans and costing with Traffic Department.

- Footpath 21 (Hetchell Wood) – BH reported damaged gate post, which is being followed up by Helen Burrough, PROW.
- Footpath 13 (Church Lane- Wike Lane) – She reported a broken stile which has now been replaced, and an additional stile has been installed on the footpath.
- Allotments – BH followed up BPC taking over allotments and requested the following information:  
Any documentation they could forward  
What would be Our /LCC obligations, legal or otherwise  
Fees-  
(a) Current plot holders  
(b) Future plot holders  
Collection of fees – BPC may not wish to be involved with collecting payments and need to know whether LCC would still be willing to take on managing them

At the meeting it was agreed that the Clerk should follow this up on an official basis  
**(Action JG)**

*Later, however, Cllr Hoyland remembered that she had received an e mail offer from Jonathon Morton offering to have a meeting 9-4 M-F to discuss further. This will mean arranging a meeting prior to the next BPC meeting or following up after the September meeting.*

4.Cornmill Ginnel- Fence at Sub Station- Cllr Sidle has reported the state of the boundary fences to the owners, found to be Northern Power Grid, who have attended and inspected the site. No work has yet been carried out, and Cllr Sidle will monitor the situation **(Action CS)**

5 SIDS for Bardsey Matthew Robinson attended briefly to report his understanding that one SID is to be installed in the coming week. This will be situated on the east side of the A58 opposite the entrance to Grange Close. There is no news about the further 3 promised for Bardsey.

6. Village Pond -Cllr Bosomworth reported that there is intended to be a border of vegetation round the pond which the Council wishes to retain, to help preserve it as a wildlife reserve. It follows that they do not wish to see too close grass cutting. It has been noted that one of the residents has been cutting the grass in between the regular visits from the Council's contractors, GGS Groundcare. After some discussion, Cllrs agreed to send a letter to all the 3 nearby residents, reminding them of Council policy on grass cutting as explained to them in a letter from the Chairman a few years ago. **(Action ES/MB)**

8. Land Ownership by Bardsey Parish Council. The Chairman has obtained further confirmation of PC land ownership round the pond area. The Clerk is to check on all title deeds held by BPC **(Action JG)**

9. West Well. The Chairman reported that the edges are currently in need of attention and he has asked Mark Hullah to trim them. Dan Hemingway has quoted £500 to replace the flagstones. **(Action ES)**

10 Flagstones near village map on Church Lane. Dan Hemingway has quoted £400 for the work suggested here.

The Chairman considers that the quotations for items 9 and 10 are rather high and he is chasing further quotations from Noel Graham. **(Action ES)**

11. Community Ultrafast Broadband – Agreement with Village Hall. Cllr Sidle reported that Openreach are working at installing the ultrafast broadband and hope to complete installation by September this year but warned that it may take until 2020. The Village Hall Committee has accepted responsibility for taking out the agreed contract for the provision of ultrafast broadband to the village hall on the understanding that BPC will increase its annual grant to them to cover these costs.

12. East Keswick Neighbourhood Plan. Cllr Sidle has studied the 88 paged report, paying particular attention to sections affecting Bardsey. He concludes that there is no conflict of interest and many aspirations in common. He proposes that BPC should commend the document but make one suggestion regarding cherished views. He is willing to discuss the Plan with the East Keswick Steering Committee and asked the Clerk to arrange a meeting with them. **(Action JG)**

13. Report on Parish Walks. Cllr Flockton reported:

- East side –The path was walked by 5 people and 2 others who joined them for part of the way. Everything had been in good condition
- West side- To take place on Saturday July 6.

14. Crime in Area – The Council, helped by Matthew Robinson, is continuing to seek further information from the Police following the problems associated with The Drive, but has to date learnt nothing further.

15. Leeds Country Way- The Chairman reported that he is still discussing the best route for a footpath. A new idea is to approach the Gilpin family (believed to be the owners of the field between Wike Lane and Gateon House Lane) about taking the footpath across their land, in order to cut out the bends.

## **STANDING AGENDA ITEMS**

1.Park Field - Work has now been completed on sections 2 and 3. Cllr Ward is pleased with the result and people are now able to complete a round walk of the field.

2. Playground - There was nothing to report.

3. Web Site Cllr Sidle reported that the Bardsey website is working well but the Council will need to comply with new accessibility regulations recently published. We will first need to produce an accessibility statement and then upgrade this to meet with all the new regulations or explain why we cannot do so. As no one on BPC has the expertise to complete this we will need to enlist the help of Jason Cook at Deep Blue Digital. The Council agreed in principle to pay for this professional help. Councils have until September 2020 to comply with the new regulations provided their websites were online prior to 2018.

4. Sports Club - Cllr Bosomworth reported that vandals, identified on CCTV, have caused some minor damage to the cricket covers and further discussion needs to take place with the

PCSO. Both cricket teams are doing well. Football will commence again soon. The Steward and his wife wish to reduce their hours. A charity fund raising event in memory of Jenny Bowes, who gave many years of service to the club, was very successful and raised approximately £2000. The entrance to the club has been named Jenny's Way in her memory.

## **PLANNING**

### **New and Existing Applications.**

- (a). 19/03270- 6 Wayside Crescent – Exts, Annex, and Garage – *Comments*
- (b) 19/03154 – Land adj. to The Brow, Rigton Bank – *Object*.
- (c) 19/03842 – 33 Congreve Way – Conversion of Garage to habitable room, with ext. over, and new garage to side; ext. at first floor rear. – *Comments*
- (d) 18/03071 – Highfield, Mill Lane – Ext. – *Comments*
- (e) 19/03585 – 1 Congreve Way – Raise roof and dormers – *Awaiting comment*
- (f) 19/03145 – Land adjacent to 12 The Dell – 1 Detached House – *Object*

### **2. APPROVALS BY LCC:**

- (b) 19/00761 – Fleet House, Keswick Lane – Ext.
- (c) 19/01429 – 15 The Drive – Ext.
- (d) 19/02345 – 1 Wayside Crescent – Ext.
- (e) 19/02406 – 2 Meadow Close – Ext.

### **3. Need for Enforcement**

- (a) 19/00600 – East Rigton Farm, Mill Lane – Queried erection of new buildings.
- (b) 19/00578 – Quarry Hill Farm, 38 Church Lane – All works were suspended on outbuildings and planning permission was refused in 2016. Therefore LCC see no reason to pursue enforcement provided no further works are undertaken and they consider this case is now closed.

**5. Letter from James Clink re Surface Water Reservoir and general approach by BPC to applications on brownfield sites.** Mr Clink (PLH) welcomed the decision by BPC to make no objection in principle to this application as it stands but queried the inconsistency over their attitude to another brownfield site in the parish – the old Pump House- which they had opposed. It was agreed to write back pointing out that BPC considers each application on its merits. The objection to the Pump House had been primarily on the grounds of impact on the openness of the green belt. The reservoir site is different as the building work will primarily be inside the reservoir structure and will have little impact on the openness of the green belt provided there are no changes to the application and provided permitted development rights subsequent to the initial development are disallowed.

### **6. APPEALS**

- (a) 18/06241 – Cuileann, Woodacre Crescent – Applicant has appealed against a condition requiring obscure glass in window overlooking Cherry Trees.

**7. Site Allocations Plan (the Adopted Version)** Cllr Sidle has studied the latest document and considers that the amends made by the inspectorate should be welcomed – in particular:

- Protection of green belt.
- Priority for brownfield over greenfield sites.
- Commitment to reduce housing volume target for Leeds.
- Provisions for specific and significant developments to be conditional upon specific infrastructure improvements where required, and in some cases in advance of the development
- Environmental and ecological protections both generally and specifically.
- Rejection of unnecessary and premature removal of SHLAA sites from the green belt for re designation as PAS sites for future development beyond the plan period.

The only Bardsey SHLAA sites included are those already developed (Castle Fields and Keswick View). The Catholic Church site was removed from the proposed SAP when the housing numbers were reduced and has not been reinstated. There should therefore be no further concerns about Leeds releasing SHLAA sites in Bardsey for the duration of the plan period.

### **FINANCE**

#### **1. Bills for payment:**

(a) Biffa Waste Disposal -	£	187.02
(b) Clerk's Salary & Expenses.		£2041.97
(c) H.M. Customs & Revenue – PAYE		73.00
(d) TCV – Footpath Work, Park Field		12,579.12
(e) GGS Groundcare - Maintenance		1,737.50
(f) Bardsey Sports Club -Clean up car park		150.00

It was agreed to pay all the bills listed above.

### **CORRESPONDENCE AND NEW BUSINESS**

**1.Trees on Keswick Lane** – Cllr Flockton had been approached by a resident who wanted to ask LCC legal department to serve an enforcement notice on the owner of the field over his failure to date to undertake any re-planting. Cllrs, however, argued that BPC has already written to the Forestry Commission on the matter and there is no point in serving an enforcement notice until the autumn (in the tree planting season).It is likely that Forestry will not inspect until then , whereupon they will probably serve an enforcement notice to give the owner time to take action during the planting season. Cllr Denby offered to send a reminder to Forestry.

**DATE OF NEXT MEETING** It was agreed to change this to September 18, at the request of the Clerk.

**MINOR MATTERS FOR DELEGATION TO CLERK/NEXT AGENDA.** None.

Signed:

Date:

BPC Mins. of July 19 Meeting

