

BARDSEY CUM RIGTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON SEPTEMBER 18TH 2019

POLICE AND RESIDENTS FORUM There was no Police crime report.

Several residents attended.

The first residents were from Bardsey PCC and reported on the issue raised by Tim Gittins (M/A10) concerning problems occurring in the Churchyard. They have spoken to the Police and shown them photos from which 5 of the youths involved can be identified. They have asked residents to report any incidents they witness to the Police on 101.

The second resident wished to enlarge on the issue he had raised between meetings with the Clerk (Correspondence 1) concerning the steps and immediate surrounds on the footpath to the Cornmill. He was grateful to the Clerk for passing on his concerns about the overgrowth to Mark Hullah who had then strimmed the area. He thought that the steps were not well used and could be dispensed with. The Chairman, however, said that the steps were required as the path became very slippery with mud in winter. Cllr Tatman said that the Leeds Voluntary Footpath Rangers had installed the steps and could be asked to make them good.

The resident also repeated his concern about the Ash tree covered in ivy, but the Chairman told him that East Keswick Wildlife Trust consider ivy to be good for a tree.

Two further residents came to discuss the loss of the verge at 9 Congreve Way and brought Council a copy of a leaflet being circulated entitled 'Save Our Verges' urging residents to write to the Council. This document appeared to have been produced by the Parish Council. The Chairman assured all that this was not the case but had been produced by a resident. He informed them of the actions taken by the Council in the matter (Planning 6b).

DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY AND OTHER INTERESTS. None.

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

APOLOGIES Cllrs Flockton and Ward.

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON JULY 3RD 2019 These were approved.

MATTERS ARISING

1. Willan's Wood. Cllr Ward has reported that TCV are prepared to carry out the hedge work required on the A58 on 18, 19 and 20 February 2020 (and, if necessary 24, 31 January and 7 February). The daily rate is £350 x 3, plus the number of hedge cuttings purchased each year. This to be repeated over 3 years. This was approved.

Cllr Tatman reported that he has recently received an anonymous e mail naming a resident of Wood Lane who constantly throws all her garden rubbish on to Willan's Wood, after refusing to have a brown bin from the Council. He was asked to draft a short message for the Newsletter asking residents not to put garden rubbish in Willan's Wood.

2 SID devices for Bardsey. Both Cllr Tatman and Matthew Robinson have repeatedly asked Nick Borrás for an update on when the 3 remaining SIDs are to be installed. They have now

been informed that the 3 further devices have been obtained but there have been problems with the street lighting department It has now been agreed to order 3 solar powered devices. The total cost will now be £15,993, making a saving of £797. They have been promised for next week.

3. Allotments Cllr Hoyland reported on a meeting held with Jonathon Morton and Assistant from LCC and some Parish Cllrs to discuss the option of Bardsey PC taking control of the allotments. The Chairman has taken a photo of the unkempt condition of the allotment previously kept in immaculate condition by the last tenant. He asked the Clerk to send this to Jonathon Morton, LCC, and to ask about the latest position over allotment take over. She is also to make inquiries with Hartlaws about the legal liabilities involved for the Parish Council if it decides to take over the allotments. **(Action JG)**

4. Highways Update Cllr Hoyland reported

- A58 – After BH reported to James Balmforth the dangerous situation due to lack of road markings, he arranged for the work to be carried out.
- A58/ Church Lane – Reflector Posts – BH has several times had to report damaged or disappearing posts. Some of the posts have now been replaced but Ben Cornelly is trying to source more substantial ones.
- A58 Milestone – John Priestley of East Keswick offered to paint this and has now done a splendid job of re-painting.
- Church Lane – After BH reported many times the state of the area of carriageway up from the Bingley Arms, substantial areas have now been re-surfaced.
Disabled ramp – She has contacted Nick Fletcher, Access Officer, after a resident had difficulties with the ramp by the Church entrance.
- Keswick Lane – She reported several blocked drains (Church Lane/ Keswick Lane/Woodacre Lane). She made inquiries about a possible crossing by the Sports Club after a request from a resident but was told that this is problematic, like that suggested by Blacksmith's Field footpath. They will be reviewed after SIDs have been installed. She also reported a sensor not facing Keswick Lane traffic, not yet attended to.
- Rigton Bank – Traffic signal at bottom of road reported as having been turned, but now addressed.
- Woocacre Lane – Two 30 mph signs near school needed attention. One faced West away from road and another post was lost leaning in and lost in the hedge where it could not be seen. She has noticed that a minimal amount of asphaltting has been done on places like the footpath on Woodacre Lane.
- A58 Pooling – Reported many times that bus lay by area usually floods every time it rains. *The Chairman said that this was not coming from West Well and Cllr Robinson said it was thought to be coming from a spring*

5. Flagstones at West Well The quotation from Mr Hemingway has been accepted.

6. Replacement of Flagstones near Village Map Mr Hemingway's quotation for these has also been accepted.

7. Leeds Country Way – Re-routing at Wike Lane. Nothing to report.

8. Broadband - Grant to Village Hall to cover cost of improved broadband service and latest news from Kieran Osborne. Kieran informed Council that it was expected that the network

would be introduced by Christmas but he considers that Openreach have made a mistake in that the on going build has nothing to do with the Bardsey Fibre Project they set up The PC will no longer be required to take out a contract to fund the school, as ultrafast broadband will be available to the whole village.

8. Village Pond There was nothing to report.

9.Report on West Side Parish Walk This had been walked by 4 people. No broken fences or stiles had been observed.

10.Crime in Area and Anti Social Behaviour. Tim Gittins has e mailed the Council about numerous recent incidents of anti social behaviour where groups of young people have been congregating regularly in the lower churchyard below the graveyard and adjacent to his property, and also in the lychgate. It has been clear that drugs, at least cannabis, have been involved.

Cllrs reported that 2 residences have recently been burgled whilst the owners were on the premises.

11. Land Ownership by Bardsey Parish Council. There was nothing to report.

12.20 mph speed limit and consultation with residents. The decision of LCC on this matter should be known by the end of the month.

13. Church Lane – Daffodill Area Cllr Hoyland reported that there had been no feedback from PROW who had been asked to look at this. She considers that professional help is required for the next steps.

14. Forestry Commission Letter Cllr Denby reported that the Commission has now responded to his letter. They have issued an Enforcement Notice on the landowner requiring him to plant 45 conifers, on pain of a substantial fine, by 17th December 2020, on his land at Linden Close.

STANDING AGENDA ITEMS

1.Park Field – Quotation from GGS Groundcare (following meeting between Cllr Ward and Mark Hullah) covering reduction of trees and hedges and repair to steps and fencing. The Council agreed to accept quotations of-

- £250 – to reduce height and sides of newly laid hedge bordering sports equipment
- £325 – to cut back bushes bordering Keswick Lane passageway
- £265 – to repair the steps and fencing at the old railway line and replace fence alongside beck, also to replace handrail and post at playground at end of dog walk
- £50- to cut down tree branches overhanging car park.

He has dealt with the vegetation. The remainder of the work will be carried out over time. Cllr Ward considers that all the above items should be included on the annual maintenance contract.

2. Playground – Quotations for replacing gate closing mechanism, and playground inspection. HAGS have quoted £474. Streetscape claim to have visited the site but have failed to follow up with an actual quotation, despite several reminders.

Cllr West reported that he had obtained a quotation for new improved safety surfacing costing £50 per square metre. This is a soft springy surface but would be very expensive if used

throughout the area. Cllr Sidle thought it might be possible to get funding for it as it could be considered an improvement.

3. Web Site Cllr Sidle reported

- He is trying to put a Metro timetable on the website but may have to simply post a link to their website.
- He has informed Jason Cook of the new accessibility regulations required before September 2020. If this is not possible the Council will need to provide a good explanation of why they cannot do so.
- He receives e mails fairly regularly and currently passes on to Cllrs those he considers deserving of their attention, while dealing with the remainder himself. He asked whether Cllrs are content with this arrangement and was assured that they are.

4. Sports Club Cllr Bosomworth reported

- The steward and his wife have both resigned and the club is going through a difficult patch as they now have 3 vacancies to fill – steward, groundsman and cleaner.
- Income is falling so they are in a challenging state financially.
- The Cricket Club is doing well, with the second team getting promotion from 6th to 5th division in the Aire and Wharfedale League, whilst the 1st team finished in the same league.
- The Football Season has just started.

PLANNING

New Applications.

- (a).19/04549- 27 First Avenue – Ext. – *Object*
- (b) 19/04561- Hilltop, 36 Blackmoor Lane – Ext. – *No objection*
- (c) 18/06406 – Spear Fir Farm, Spear Fir – One Dwelling (Revised drawings) – *Object*
- (d)19/03983 – Highfield, Mill Lane – Retro App. for Ext to 18/03071.-*Object*.
- (e)19/03585 – 1 Congreve Way – Raise Roof and Dormers – *Object*
- (f)19/03270 - 6 Wayside Crescent – Exts. – *Object after comment received from resident*
- (g)19/04865 and 19/04866 – Hill Barn, Cornmill Lane – Ext. – *Object to 19/04866*
- (h)19/02693 – 20 Grange Close – New Plans – Remodelling of Bungalow- *Object*
- (i) 19/04796- Springwood, Scarsdale Lane – (2nd application) –Erection of 2 residential dwellings. – *No Objection*
- (j) 19/05341- 1 Wayside Crescent – Ext.- *No objection unless one received from neighbour*
- (k) 19/01978 – 4 First Avenue – Revised Plans to reduce size of second house – *Object*
- (l) 19/00378 – Quarry Hill, 38 Church Lane – Ext. – *Object*
- (m)19/00948- Sheepcote Barn, Blackmoor Lane – Access works without consent – *Object*

2. APPROVALS BY LCC:

- (a) 19/01001 – Gateon House Farm – Conversion of 2 houses.
- (b) 19/02652 – Rigton Carr Farm, Wike Lane- 2 storey ext.
- (c) 19/02562 – 22 Bankfield – Alts. & Exts.
- (d) 19/03242 – Land adj. 12 The Dell – 1 Detached House.

3. REFUSALS BY LCC:

- (a) 18/07174 – Heron Bank, Church Lane – New house in garden.
- (b) 19/00742 – Springwood, Scarsdale Lane – Demolition & 3 new houses.

4. WITHDRAWALS

- (a) Highfield, Mill Lane – Unauthorised Ext.
- (b) 19/03154 – Land adj. The Brow, Rigton Bank – Change of use from Paddock to Garden.

5. APPEALS

- (a) 19/01289 - The Orchards, Keswick Lane

6. ENFORCEMENT

- (a) 19/03842 - 33 Congreve Way – Conversion of Garage to Habitable Room - Work commenced prior to determination of application.
- (b) Incorporation of verge into garden – 9 Congreve Way – Substantial neighbour complaints. have been received. Matthew Robinson has consulted Carlton McKenzie, who has promised to investigate the planning aspect, but basically this appears to be a legal matter relating to covenants on the use of the land in question. He has also asked Helen Farrer and 2 other members of LCC to offer guidance to Cllr Denby on this matter.

7. Approval from Secretary of State for Leeds Core Strategy Noted.

FINANCE

1. Bills for payment:

(a) Biffa Waste Disposal -	£119.44
(b) B.K. Growers Ltd – Plants for Tubs.	50.28
(c) I.P.I.- Playground Inspection	84.00
(d) PKF Littlejohn – Audit of Accounts	360.00
(e) GGS Groundcare – Maintenance	1,812.50
(f) Mr J. Priestley – Painting Milestone	30.00

It was agreed to pay all the bills listed above.

2. External Audit. Littlejohns had approved the accounts with no adverse comments. They will now be published on the noticeboard and website.

CORRESPONDENCE AND NEW BUSINESS

1. E mails from resident re Footpath to Cornmill, and Condition of Ash Tree on Keswick Lane near junction with Woodacre Lane, currently coated in ivy. (See above)

2. Disturbance caused by Bramham Festival. Both noise and traffic had been particularly problematic at this year’s festival. The Chairman offered to draft a letter of complaint.

3. Overgrown Hedge – Keswick Lane. The landowner has agreed to have this trimmed after harvest.

4. Consultation on Proposed Reform to Permitted Rights to support deployment of 5G and external mobile coverage. Noted.

5. E mail from Cllr Robinson re Accident Rate at Tarn Lane/ Coal Road Junction and suggestion for a STOP sign to replace the Give Way sign. Cllr Robinson has checked on the

accident statistics at this junction and concluded that people leaving Tarn Lane are frequently missing the Give Way sign. Cllrs welcomed his suggestion.

6. Offer of old village school photos taken in 1950's. Cllr Sidle had received this offer on the website from someone who used to live in the village. The 3 photos were appreciated and will be put on the website.

7. E mail from Cllr Robinson reporting request from resident of Hetchell View for Highway improvement on A58 entering village, particularly at crossing to bus stop. Cllr Robinson wondered whether a traffic island would be helpful in slowing down traffic entering the village.

8. Potential die back of ash saplings along stream on Keswick Lane. A neighbour of Cllr Denby had notified him of this problem. She was concerned that it could have an issue with the established trees on the embankment.

9. Old Railway Line – Cllr Bosomworth reported that he had attended another meeting of the Greenway Group which is now campaigning for a cycle route.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING Wednesday October 16th

Signed

Date

BPC Mins for September 2019