

BARDSEYCUM RIGTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON OCTOBER 16TH 2019

POLICE AND RESIDENTS FORUM There were no Police or residents present. A Police report listed 2 unsuccessful attempted burglaries but failed to note 2 successful burglaries known to Cllrs – one on the Cornmill and one on Mill Lane. There was also no mention of Police action re the anti-social behaviour in the graveyard, or of the outcome of the arrest following the gas main incident on The Drive. It was agreed that the Clerk should write to the Police referring to all these points and commenting on the infrequent Police attendance at PC meetings.

(Action JG)

DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY AND OTHER INTERESTS. None.

PRESENT Cllrs Sidle, Bosomworth, Denby, Flockton, Hoyland and Ward.

APOLOGIES. Cllrs Stentiford, Tatman and West. In the absence of the Chairman, the meeting was chaired by the Vice- Chairman, Cllr Sidle.

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 18TH SEPTEMBER 2019 These were approved.

MATTERS ARISING

1. Crime and Anti -Social Problems in Village. (See above) There was nothing further to report.

2 SID devices for Bardsey. Cllr Tatman had again written to Nick Borrás reminding him of his promise a month ago to have the 3 remaining SIDs installed the following week. Cllr Ward has volunteered to pursue this matter during the absence of Cllr Tatman and said that he had tried, without success, to pursue the matter with Cllr Robinson 2 days ago. Cllrs agreed that Cllr Robinson should be asked for advice on the most appropriate higher authority with whom to register our dissatisfaction with the whole SID process in Bardsey. **(Action MW)**

3. Footpath to Cornmill – The steps installed by the Rangers are in need of repairs. Cllr Hoyland is following this up with PROW, along with ownership and responsibilities for the footpath.

4. Highways Update – Cllr Hoyland reported

- A58 /Church Lane – The original reflector posts have now been replaced by more substantial posts. The original ones were prone to damage and vandalism.
- Church Lane/ Cornmill Lane – She is following up a possible disabled ramp connecting the two roads, enabling wheelchair access.
- Holme Farm/ Mill Lane – She is following up a road sign facing in the wrong direction
- Keswick Lane – The road sensor is now facing in the right direction.
- Margaret Avenue – A substantial number of builders' bricks are blocking the footpath by a new build. A local resident informed her that they have been there over 4 weeks. She has reported this.

- Mill Lane – She is following up a report of build up of gravel etc at the bottom of Mill Lane
- Woodacre Lane –The 30 mph speed signs facing the wrong direction/ not visible have now been corrected.

5.Action taken by Council re leaflet 'Save our Verges', reply from resident, and further requests from residents on Congreve Estate for BPC to take action over loss of verges.

The Council has learnt that the verge at No 9 Congreve Way is owned by No 9. Consequently, any action to be taken will be a civil action by those with the benefit of the restrictive covenant, at their own risk. Cllrs agreed that they are not prepared to risk parish money on such legal action but have advised Leeds of the position and requested that they check whether planning permission is required for the action taken. The Council has emphasised on the website the wrongful assumption made by several residents that the leaflet was the work of the Parish Council. Residents subsequently writing to the Council on the subject have been directed to the minutes and website. As there has been no response from Planning regarding planning permission, Cllr Denby will chase this up. **(Action DD)**

6.Allotments The Clerk has written to Hartlaws enclosing copies of the terms of an agreement supplied by Jonathon Morton, LCC. for a possible takeover of the allotments by the parish council and has been given the name of the lawyer assigned to advising on the legal liabilities of such a takeover.

7.Daffodill area on Church Lane Cllr Hoyland considers that the area to be cleared should be extended to include the vegetation at the rear and then assess the area and if necessary seek professional advice .She will consult Cllr Stentiford who is contacting a contractor about the area to be covered. Due to the growing season, Cllrs felt this area should be dealt with ASAP.

8. Village Pond There was nothing to report.

9.Ash Tree on Keswick Lane Cllr Tatman and his wife have kindly spent several hours removing ivy from the tree. Thanks have been expressed by the Council.

10.Disturbance caused to Bardsey residents from Bramham Festival. The Chairman is drafting a letter to the Festival organisers once again requesting inclusion of Bardsey in the distribution of tickets on the grounds of suffering annual nuisance from noise and traffic congestion, both of which had been considerably worse than normal this year.

11. Disused Railway Line There was nothing further to report following the meeting held the previous month.

12. Land Ownership by Bardsey Parish Council. There was nothing to report. **(Action AW)**

13. Suggestion for safe crossing on A58 for traffic entering the village and reply from Assistant Engineer, LCC. Cllr Robinson has reported that LCC Highways will consider the request for improved safety on the approach to the village but point out that there will be difficult issues to address.

14. Potential die back of ash saplings along stream on Keswick Lane. The Council has received advice that no action is required at present, but they will monitor the situation. East Keswick Wildlife Trust, who may have an interest, will be informed of the matter **(Action JG)**

15. Replacement Flagstones – Both those at West Well and those near the village map have now been repaired by Mr Hemingway.

16. Replanting of Trees on Keswick Lane. Cllr Denby had queried the date suggested for re-planting – December 2020 or 2019, but the Forestry Commission have confirmed the need for

it to be 2020 to allow the landowner time to re restock. It was agreed that the Clerk should write on behalf of the Chairman to a resident who complained of the Parish Council's response to the general distress caused by the loss of the trees and delay in Enforcement by the Forestry Commission .The letter, drafted by Cllr Bosomworth, would cite action taken by BPC in the matter and remind the complainant of the voluntary nature of a parish councillor's role. **(Action JG)**

STANDING AGENDA ITEMS

1.Park Field Cllr Ward expressed concern that most of the actions promised by Mark Hullah have not yet been completed. He considers that some need attention before winter and asked the Clerk to question his time scale

He has also taken Andrew Ward round Park Field to discuss the amount of tree work required there. Some have fallen, blocking the path, and some are hanging on other trees. He has now received a quotation from Bardsey Tree Services for the work. It was agreed that 2 further quotations should be sought. **(Action MW)**

2. Playground The Clerk has finally heard from Streetscape that they do not consider replacing the gate mechanism a satisfactory solution to the problem and recommend purchasing 2 new gates at a total cost of £3000 + VAT. Cllrs agreed that this price was quite unacceptable and do not agree that the second gate requires attention or replacement. They still hope to find a cheaper quotation than the £474 from HAGS for removing and replacing one gate closure and agreed to approach the playground inspectors, IPI, for a possible alternative supplier. **(Action JG)**

3. Web Site Cllr Sidle has again been in touch with Jason Cook of Deep Blue Digital about the new compliance regulations. Jason offered to upgrade the website for £500 + VAT. Cllrs agreed to accept this offer.

4. Sports Club

- A new steward has been appointed who seems very keen.
- A good start has been made to the Football season.
- Defibrillator –Cllr Bosomworth raised the issue of whether the Sports Club defibrillator (presently housed inside the building) could be listed in the Village News as being accessible to the general public. If instead it were housed on the outside of the building it would need to be enclosed in a cabinet, likely to cost upwards of £500. The Sports Club would be reluctant to pay for this or for its maintenance. He had consulted the PC Chairman on the matter who takes the view that BPC should pay for both cabinet and maintenance to make it accessible to all residents. No decision was taken at the meeting. Cllr Bosomworth will obtain a price. **(Action MB)**

PLANNING.

New Applications.

(a) 19/05960 – 17 Bingley Bank – Ext.- *Comments*

2. APPROVALS BY LCC

(a) 19/04866 – Hill Barn, Cornmill Lane – 1st Floor Ext.

(b) 19/02693- 20 Grange Close – Alts. & Exts.

- (c) 19/13585 – 1 Congreve Way – Raise roof & create FF + dormers.
- (d) 19/04549 – 27 First Avenue – A 2 storey rear extension.
- (e) 19/04796 – Springwood, Scarsdale Lane – Demolish existing & build 2 new houses.
- (f) 18/06241 – Cuileann, Woodacre Crescent – Appeal allowed with condition attached.
- (g) 19/00948 – Sheepcote Barn, Blackmoor Lane – Access construction allowed in August, but Cllrs not informed.

3. On Going Planning Matters

- (a) 9 Congreve Approach – Incorporating grass verge into garden – LCC and Cllr Robinson have been asked to establish whether there are any provisions in the original planning consent to keep verges undeveloped and whether permission is required for change of use from grass verge to garden. *Response awaited.*
- (b) 18/05566 – Barbondale, Mill Lane – Owner developed garage without consent. Application refused and appeal dismissed. LCC have now served Enforcement notice. Owner may appeal but if no appeal he must reinstate by 27 January.

4. Enforcement Case 19/00817UHD3 – Quarry Hill Farm, 38 Church Lane – We have queried with LCC whether further building work should be taking place on this property and have also referred the matter to Ward Cllr Ryan Stephenson.

FINANCE

1. Bills for payment:

(a) Biffa Waste Disposal -	£ 82.36
(b) Clerk's Salary & Expenses	2,103.32
(c) Bardsey Tree Services – Tree work	180.00
(d) D.J. Hemingway – Replacing Flagstones	900.00

It was agreed to pay the bills listed above.

CORRESPONDENCE AND NEW BUSINESS

1. Highway Issues – Cllr Bosomworth reported on 3 matters which require attention

- A rainwater gully near the boundary between Bardsey and East Keswick near the East Keswick sign.
- Potholes on the left side of Keswick Lane
- Bad condition of the footway between Bardsey and Scarcroft.

DATE OF NEXT MEETINGS Wednesday November 6th and Wednesday December 11th

Signed

Date.

BPC Mins for Oct.2019.