

BARDSEY CUM RIGTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON FEBRUARY 5TH 2020

POLICE AND RESIDENTS FORUM The Police reported 1 burglary residential, 1 burglary business, 1 theft of motor vehicle and 1 theft from motor vehicle.

No residents attended.

DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY AND OTHER INTERESTS. None.

PRESENT Cllrs Stentiford, Sidle, Bosomworth, Tatman, Denby, West, Flockton.

APOLOGIES. Cllrs Ward and Hoyland.

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 15TH JANUARY 2020 These were approved.

MATTERS ARISING

1.Footpath to Cornmills Cllr Tatman, who had not been present at the previous meeting when it had been agreed to thank the Rangers for their work on the path, wrote that on closer inspection the work carried out did not solve the problem. Cllr Sidle then inspected the steps and reported that in his opinion most able-bodied people would be able to manage them, although he conceded that for those disabled or with buggies this would be impossible. He recommended making no public criticism of the Rangers' work at present. Clair Tregembo of Highways, in discussion with Cllr Tatman over a separate concern, was positive that something could be done to make the steps more user friendly. Marc Douglas is to contact him to arrange a meeting. **(Action GT)**

2 SIDs. Cllr Tatman had thanked Andrew Richardson from Highways for meeting him to discuss programming the devices, but pointed out that the SID on the north side of Keswick Lane was not positioned as agreed, being too close to the bus stop sign. Highways had replied that if the Parish Council objected they should pay for the SID to be moved. Cllrs, however, considered that such payment was their responsibility. Cllr Tatman then informed Highways of this. He thanked them for arranging for the overhanging vegetation to be cut back from the SID on the east side of the A58, but pointed out that the work has not yet been carried out.

Cllr West said that he hoped to be able to present to Cllrs by the next meeting the figures obtained on speeding provided by the SIDs. **(Action GT/AW)**

3.Allotments. The Clerk reported that as she had still received no written response from Hartlaws she had rung and asked for a progress report. She had later received a phone call, followed by an e mail, from William Olayiwola explaining that he was still awaiting further information from LCC, but from what he had read on the subject, he could not see anything too onerous in the parish council taking over responsibility for the allotments.

4.Highways Update There was nothing to report.

5 Wall around entrance to beck culvert opposite Bingley Arms. The work has now been carried out.

6. Work by Graham Landscapes around Horse Trough on A58. Cllr Flockton recommended accepting the quotation after inspecting the site and discussing the materials to be used. Noel Graham later lifted a manhole cover under the barrel planter and discovered a 'treasure chest' too heavy to lift out but possible to break open and lift the lid. The box below resembled some sort of junction box., possibly a telephone box. He proposed charging a further £350 to leave it alone and install a new galvanised cover on the upper surface which he could cover with sandstone paving. The work has now been completed and is considered an excellent job. Mr Graham had been asked whether he was able to divert the spring back into the horse trough but is finding this difficult.

7.Land ownership by Bardsey Parish Council. Cllr West is working on this. **(Action AW)**

8. Village Pond Cllr Bosomworth will contact Mark Hullah about assisting with the pond clearance and will ask Cllr Robinson to arrange for a small skip to be provided free of charge.**(Action MB)**

9.Report on Litter Pick on Wike Lane and discussion on Litter Picking in other parts of Bardsey A group of 4 Cllrs have successfully cleared the section of Wike Lane up to the former reservoir. Narinder Matharu, Leader of the Cleaner Neighbourhoods Team, has thanked them for their efforts.

The Chairman suggested that a further litter pick should take place the following Wednesday, February 12th, on Keswick Lane and the section of Wike Lane up to the cottages. Those able to take part should meet in the Sports Club car park at 10am, weather permitting.

Cllr Sidle reported that a resident has informed the Council via the website of letters sent to LCC and Alec Shelbrooke about the amount of litter on the A58 between the Ring Road and Wetherby. Narinder Matharu, replied, explaining that although for the last 2 years they have had the assistance of Continentals in winter work, including littering, financial constraints now prevent this. He is, however, planning to assess the area to decide how much Traffic Management will be required and how much the Team can manage on their own, alongside other priorities.

The resident who brought the complaint suggested that badly closed green bins, particularly in windy conditions, are contributing to the littering on the road, He wondered whether residents could be advised in the next newsletter to make sure green lid bins are securely closed.

10.Repair to Bus shelter on A58. Metro have agreed to have this repaired and the work has now been carried out.

11.Work in progress on Darroch, Margaret Avenue – Possible safety hazard. Carlton McKenzie of Planning Enforcement has replied that his Department has no powers in this matter. Rory McNulty of the Environment Department was then consulted about health and safety aspects of allowing water to run down from the building work. Cllrs were later told that the developer had agreed to build a barrier to hold back the muddy water.

12. State of Footpaths and Verges in Village Cllr Tatman had consulted Highways about the width of footpaths . He had been informed that there is no real regulation but 3' is the norm. He was concerned about uncut hedges encroaching and narrowing footpaths, especially on the north side of Mill Lane and was advised to write to residents asking them to cut their hedges.

Cllr Bosomworth suggested that LCC grass maintenance team should be asked to cut the north side of Keswick Lane, which will probably require strimming. They regularly cut the south side but ignore the north side. **(Action JG)**

Cllr Bosomworth said that he had received a request from a resident to report to LCC the bad state of the footpath near the school. He has promised to do this. **(Action MB)**

STANDING AGENDA ITEMS

1. Park Field- Quotation from GGS Groundcare for cutting down fallen tree. They quoted £150 for this work Cllrs agreed to accept this.

Cllr Ward is continuing to pursue the idea of benches in Park Field. The Chairman has supplied him with 2 feasible options both of which would be adequate and which Mark Hullah could concrete in. Cllr Ward would prefer picnic tables on 3 sites and would be willing to apply to Emmerdale for the money **(Action MW)**

2. Playground – Quotation from GGS Groundcare for Turfing Playground and Pressure Washing Surface. They quoted £285 for turfing all areas in the playground where grass has worn away, and £175 for pressure washing the surface. This work will be required in addition to new surfacing. Cllrs agreed to accept these quotations.

Cllr Ward has asked for 2 quotations for supplying the whole area with the improved surfacing but has received no response to date. He hopes to obtain a grant from either 106 or Emmerdale for this which he expects to be about £20k plus. **(Action MW)**

3. Garden Maintenance – Quotation from GGS Groundcare for Annual Maintenance The total for work throughout the year including some extra items requested by Cllr Ward is £5,400, with quarterly payments of £1,350 .In addition there will be an extra £250 p.a. for emptying dog bins in Park Field and the dog bin at the playground , and £75 per cut for cutting grass on Grange Close. Cllr Ward has agreed this with Mark Hullah but it should be signed officially by the PC. Cllrs agreed to accept this but to add one minor provision concerning the number of times when the path through the Blacksmith's field should be cleared. The constant task of keeping clean the new playground surface, when installed, will replace the item for playground grass cutting on the schedule. **(Action JG)**

3. Web Site Cllr Sidle said that he had a few items to add but basically the website is working very well. **(Action CS)**

4. Sports Club Cllr Bosomworth reported that the football section was having a reasonably successful season but the financial future of the Sports Club was a cause for concern. Bar sales and income from letting the function room are down. The possibility of obtaining a grant from Sport England was mentioned.

PLANNING.

New Applications.

(a).20/00181 – Sandal, Wetherby Road – Exts. – Application for a certificate of Lawfulness – *No comments permitted*

(b)20/00432- Bradgate House, Wetherby Road – Exts. – *Comments*

(c)18/06406 – Revised Plans for Spear Fir Farm, Spear Fir – One Dwelling – *Object*

(d)19/07525 - Revised Plans for smaller stable block at Tythe Barn Lane. *Object again*

2. APPROVALS BY LCC

(a) 19/07226 – Springwood, Scarsdale Lane - Alteration to access by way of joint driveway.

3. OLDER, UNRESOLVED APPLICATIONS

(a) 16/06020 – Carpark off Keswick Lane – *Ryan Stephenson is to meet officers next week.*

(b) 18/05840 – Rowley Grange Farm, Scarcroft - Conversion of redundant farm buildings to large house – *Objected in past*

4.APPEALS

(a) 18/07174 – Heron Bank, 15 Church Lane – One Dwelling – *Council had objected in past*

FINANCE

1. Bills for payment:-

	£
(a) HAGS – Repair to gate closing mechanism in playground	270.00
(N.B. HAGS reduced the cost as they found that they could readjust the closing mechanism without having to replace the gate)	
(b) Graham Landscapes – Work on Horse Trough Project -	4,675.00

It was agreed to pay the bills listed above.

2. Budget for 2020-21 The Clerk had incorporated all the suggestions from Cllrs in the draft budget. This now showed a large deficit. She was asked to add a comment explaining that project spending has been included, in the expectation of additional funding from external sources, and that if grant applications were successful, this apparent deficit would be greatly reduced, if not eliminated altogether. In the absence of such funding, however, it might not be possible to proceed with all the projects planned. **(Action JG)**

CORRESPONDENCE AND NEW BUSINESS

1.Condition of Book Exchange on Church Lane. A resident had written to the Chairman reporting that she had found a strong smell of cannabis in the old telephone box which she feared would have permeated the books. Susan Broadwell, PCSO, agreed to investigate.

2. Letters from Cllr Ryan Stephenson to Cllrs advising on applications for funding from Emmerdale Fund All Cllrs had received letters advising them of the availability of grants from the Fund for suitable new projects.

3. E mail from Chairman to Environmental Health re overflowing public litter bins on car park on Milner Lane. The litter bins were emptied promptly following the Chairman's complaint, and the Cleaner Neighbourhoods Team had been requested by Narinder Matharu to check bins in this area more frequently as rubbish accumulated there very frequently.

4. Request for litter bin (required for dog waste) in area between Church Lane/ Tythe Barn Lane / Blackmoor Lane. Cllr Flockton asked fellow Cllrs to make another attempt to obtain a bin in this area which could be used by dog walkers in an area well used by them Council should cite the recent complaint concerning the amount of dog litter on Church Lane. In response to our earlier request, we had been asked to provide evidence for the need for a bin in this area. **(Action JG)**

5. National Evaluation of Neighbourhood Planning by Reading University – This is a Central Government research project to evaluate the NPs successfully 'made'. Leeds is one of 9 cities being used as a case study. A very detailed questionnaire has been sent to parish

councils to complete. Bardsey Cllrs consider that it is too onerous an undertaking and the Chairman wrote back explaining why they felt unable to participate. In response they have been advised that even a partial response would be helpful. Cllrs, however, were unanimous in agreeing that there was too little indication of the importance of such detailed information gathering to justify the extensive research of NP work carried out in Bardsey during the years of work involved in completing the Plan.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING AND OF APM Wednesday March 18th at 7pm.- date of next meeting.

There was some discussion about the date for the APM Cllr Bosomworth requested that it should be changed from a Thursday to a Wednesday. It was then agreed to hold the meeting on Wednesday April 29th, subject to the approval of the Village Hall Committee. Cllr Sidle volunteered to bring the wine.

MINOR MATTERS FOR DELEGATION TO CLERK/NEXT AGENDA.

1. Jumble Sale – The WI is not holding its annual jumble sale this year.

2. Meeting of Yorkshire Dales River Trust at Scarcroft – Cllr Bosomworth reported that he had attended the meeting held on January 27th at the Milk Churn Scarcroft, and had been very impressed by the support and enthusiasm for the YDRT of Goodalls who hosted the meeting so generously. Much work is being carried out on their land and Hetchell Woods is another location where the Trust is working. In general, they have a number of small projects, like installing drainage schemes and removing Himalayan Balsam. They appear to be operating on a limited budget, with most of the work carried out by volunteers.

Signed:

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BPC Mins for Feb. 2020