

BARDSEY PARISH COUNCIL

NOTES ON VIRTUAL MEETING OF COUNCIL ON 19TH MARCH 2020

N.B. As a result of the coronavirus, a decision was taken by Cllrs to suspend the normal meeting and to discuss via e mail Council business and decisions taken.

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 5TH FEBRUARY 2020 These were approved with a few amendments.

CRIME REPORT FROM POLICE

There was no recorded crime in Bardsey during February.

MATTERS ARISING

1.Footpath to Cornmill- Work by Rangers Marc Douglas (PROW) has informed Cllr Tatman that Leeds Voluntary Footpath Rangers intend to install some intermediate steps where possible to reduce the height of existing ones, and also reduce some identified steps in height. Also, all steps are to be replenished with stone to reduce height and where timbers have been found to be rotting to replace. The work is programmed for April. **(Action GT)**
2 SIDs. Cllr Tatman has e mailed Andrew Richardson (Highways) reminding him of his offer (30/1/20) to realign the SID on the north side of Keswick Lane and to cut back further the overhanging vegetation leading to the SID on the east side of the A58. Neither appear to have been done. **(Action GT)**

3.Allotments. There was nothing further to report.

4.Highways Update There was nothing to report.

5 Litter Picks and correspondence with resident re state of A58. Two successful litter picks have taken place in Bardsey, but although Cllrs have been asked by Matthew Robinson to consider litter picking on the A58, due to safety concerns, this has not been progressed. Two village residents have raised the issue of litter on the A58 with LCC who have informed them of their intention to clear this road in the near future, but no date given. They have also been advised by Cllr Sidle of the litter picking already carried out by BPC on other roads in the village and of the health and safety risks involved in tackling this busy road.

6.Allocation of tickets for Leeds Fest. – Further Request from resident of Woodacre Crescent. The Chairman reported that despite Cllr Robinson's discussions with the Festival organisers, they were not willing to change or increase ticket allocation to surrounding villages. The Bardsey Chairman had contacted Lucy Kinsella from Festival Republic in November prior to her meeting with Cllr Robinson and her response was essentially not to shift from where they are, which was confirmed by Cllr Robinson. The Chairman had offered to contact Festival Republic again.

7.Land ownership by Bardsey Parish Council. There was nothing to report.

8 Village Pond Clearance on March 2nd. Cllr Bosomworth wished to thank Matthew Robinson for organising a skip. He and Mark Hullah, with some extra help from Cllrs Stentiford, and Ward, cleared weed from the pond. There is substantial damage to the grass verge which may have been caused by the refuse lorry. He will contact PROW about it.

9.Condition of Book Exchange on Church Lane Cllr Flockton had checked during the month and reported that it was clean. There has been some evidence of cannabis smoking in the tennis hut which has been passed to the Police.

10.Request for Litter Bin in Church Lane/ Tythe Barn Lane area Cllr Robinson has promised to commit some ward members' money to paying for a litter bin in this area but the site suggested by a resident is not that preferred by BPC. Most Cllrs agreed to ask Matthew Robinson if he would ask for the bin to be installed on the site chosen by Cllrs but if he has already committed Well Being funds to the alternative site then we should reluctantly accept this site and not commit PC funds to the provision of a further bin at the Tythe Lane/ Church Lane junction. **(Action JG)**

11.Reinstatement of trees with planting of new saplings on Keswick Lane .Cllr Robinson has written to the Forestry Commission asking them to remind the owner of the field of the need to re-plant, but the time limit given him for compliance has not yet been reached. Cllr Denby reminded fellow Cllrs that the deadline is December 2020 as per the Forestry Commission Order. BPC should send a reminder at the year end as there is nothing we can do until then

12. Horse Trough – Query from resident of First Avenue re water from trough streaming across A58. Cllrs are divided in their opinion on whether the recent work on the horse trough has contributed to the problem of water gushing down via the trough on to the footpath and the A58. The general consensus was that the problem would have occurred in any case due to the excessive amount of rain in February and no action is required at present, especially as the water has now dried up..

STANDING AGENDA ITEMS

1.Park Field- Gate Closing Mechanism Cllrs agree that the work carried out by HAGS has failed to solve the problem completely but the purchase of a new gate closing mechanism would not be justified.

Cllr Ward explained that it had been agreed to ask GGS Groundcare to cut down the trees which had become a danger to the public.

He reported that two contractors have re-visited the site to provide costs to resurface the whole of the playground. One will provide 2 options along with samples of materials being used. Neither has been received to date. One of the options sounded promising, using a different material that reduced the costs significantly. **(Action MW)**

2. Playground Mark Hullah has pressure washed the playground and laid new turf in areas where it has worn away. Cllr Ward explained that there had been a misunderstanding. He had intended asking only for a quotation for both items but added that the work would need doing at some point.

The 6 monthly inspection report from IPI has been received. Most problems mentioned are either low or medium risk. Cllrs agreed to replace the links on chains at the basket on the cantilever swing, as recommended in the report. **(Action JG)**

Cllr Sidle, who inspected the playground this month, noted that the lock on the waste bin lid by the table tennis table has fractured (this was also noted in the IPI report). The bins are in a bad state generally and he asked whether BPC should purchase 2 new bins rather than repair the one with the broken lock. Cllrs agreed that 2 new bins should be purchased. **(Action JG)**

Cllr Sidle had also inspected the cameras from the ground. One lens is completely obscured by internal condensation in the casing and the other is very dirty. We are not likely to see much. He will follow up .

3.Hedge Laying and Tree Work on A58 Cllr Ward explained that the Conservation Volunteers had originally planned to carry out the work over 3 years but had completed it this year. The costs are for 3 days work at £350 per day, plus saplings. We expected to pay the same in years 2 and 3. The work took 9 days but the other 2 courses were financed through Leeds. He is willing to discuss other sites for next year.

4. Web Site Cllr Sidle reported that Jason Cook has completed the upgrades necessary to render us compliant with the new access regulations, and has e mailed him with the information. He has checked out the access tools added, all of which work, but needs to contact Jason again about one function he has not yet been able to activate. We are still not technically fully compliant but only because we do not have certain facilities on the website like interactive documents, which we do not need and we can't provide the tools relating to functions we do not have. Our compliance position will be explained in a compliance document to be provided on the site, and our status should be fully acceptable. **(Action CS)**

5. Sports Club Cllr Bosomworth commented that the cancellation of all sporting fixtures and advice for people not to socialise can only exacerbate an already difficult financial position at the club.

He has once again cleared the rainwater gully in the corner of the car park, and he, Derek Hills, and his son and grandson have cleared the debris round the boundary of the car park using their mechanical brush. The gully is getting blocked with debris from the path leading to the playground and from leaves from the trees. This will continue whilst the path is in its current condition. He offered to obtain quotes for getting the path tarmacked. This was agreed.

There is also a problem with water collecting on the opposite side of the car park. At one point this is about 200 yards from an existing gully. There was some uncertainty about whose responsibility this is but again a quote could be obtained. Agreed.

The best site for the Biffa bins and their enclosure seems to be in the grass banking in the car park to the right of where they currently stand. This would involve removing the kerb, digging out the banking, installing hard standing, erecting the enclosure and reinstating the kerb. Again, quotes could be obtained. Agreed.

PLANNING.

New Applications.

(a).20/00986 – Hooves on the Hill, Brandon Crescent, Scarcroft – Retro consent for construction of stables and menage. – *Comment*

(b) 20/00992 – 11 Second Avenue – Demolition of rear conservatory and construction of 2 storey ext.

(c) 20/01405 - 22 Congreve Way – Ext.

(d) 20/01181 – 26 Congreve Way – Exts- *Comment*

(e) 20/01387 – Hillrise, Margaret Avenue – Exts.- *Comment*

2. APPROVALS BY LCC

(a) Spear Fir Farm, Spear Fir – Demolition of 2 barns and construction of one house.

(b) 19/05650 – 32 Wayside Mount.

(c) 19/07525 – The Ferns, Tythe Barn Lane – 4 stables to rear.

- (d) 19/07568 – 14 Meadow Close – Ext.
- (e) 20/00181 – Sandal, Wetherby Road – Certificate of lawful usefulness.

3. REFUSALS BY LCC:

- (a) 19/07836 – Swallows Barn, Wike Lane – Ext.
- (b) 20/00192 – 21 Keswick Lane – Certificate of lawful usefulness for ext.

4. WITHDRAWALS BY LCC

- (a) 19/05882 – Hooves on the Hill, Brandon Crescent

FINANCE

1. Bills for payment:

(a) Biffa Waste Disposal -	£ 202.46
(b) J. Gallant -Salary/ Expenses	2,248.78
(c) GGS Groundcare – Garden Maintenance	1,362.50
(d) GGS Groundcare – Pressure Washing Playground	175.00
(e) GGS Groundcare – Cut down tree in Park Field	150.00
(f) GGS Groundcare –Laying turf in Playground	285.00
(g) TCV Hedge laying and tree planting along A58	1,260.00
(h) I.P.I. – Six Month Playground Inspection	90.00

It was agreed to pay the bills listed above.

2. Letter from Biffa announcing increased charges for General Waste from 1st April 2020. This was noted.

3. Rent for Sports Club, Tennis and Bowling Clubs It was proposed by the Chairman, and agreed by other Cllrs, that in view of the difficult situation in the country resulting from the coronavirus, none of the above clubs should pay the council any rent for the next 12 months.

CORRESPONDENCE AND NEW BUSINESS

1. Clearance of debris on our/ Bowls Club side of Woodacre Crescent and blocked rainwater gully outside village hall A complaint about these had been received by Cllr Bosomworth who had checked and found that the gully was definitely blocked. He has offered to report the blocked gully and the Council will ask the Bowling Club to maintain their frontage on Woodacre Crescent. Cllr Ward has passed this message to Andrew Dodsworth, Chairman of the Bowling Club,

2. Possibility of CCTV installation in village. Cllr Robinson had advised all councils of this possibility. There are 2 options - £288 installation fee with £200 rental per month, or fixed cameras for 315k plus per camera. Cllrs agreed that this expense would not be justified and considered that we already have sufficient CCTV in the village with the Sports Club, Playground, and Police scheme drawing on residents' private CCTV.

3. Repair to kerb and footway between Village Hall and School on Woodacre Lane.

After receiving a complaint from a resident, Cllr Bosomworth contacted Matthew Robinson, who passed the message to Tony Penniston, Senior Engineer Highways Planning Services

with LCC, who informed him that the areas have been identified for refurbishment but are not considered to be as bad as other locations in Leeds They are therefore not scheduled for remedial work in either 2019 or 2020, but will be reassessed to see if they have deteriorated more quickly than expected.

4. Report from Cllr Sidle on BAG meeting on 26th February. The meeting was organised primarily to make sure BAG remains active and to deal with certain administrative issues. Tim Gittins has now retired completely from the organisation and is greatly missed. Phil Dickson is acting as co-ordinator for the time being and Nigel Wainwright continues as treasurer. Three other members were present. They expressed concern that the SHLAA process may commence again shortly as LCC has invited landowners to put forward potential sites. Cllr Sidle had reassured them that the core strategy and site allocations plan are in place until 2032. Other concerns are about back land development and some recent planning applications. Asked for the view of BPC on back land development, Cllr Sidle informed them that the Council would be likely to object to inappropriate back land development.

5. Advertising on BPC Website. Brian Clink of Park Lane Homes had asked whether his wife could advertise her business (Sports Massage and Holistic Therapies) on the BPC website. The current policy of BPC is not to accept commercial advertising, and since Council could not convene and discuss the matter fully due to present restrictions, it was agreed by e mail to defer a decision pending a review of policy.

6. Suggestion in White Rose Update for a Business Continuity Plan. It was agreed to defer discussion on this.

7. White Fence alongside beck on Cornmill Lane requiring repair. There is some uncertainty over who is responsible for this repair. Some part of the verge will belong to LCC who may be forced to repair it on safety grounds. The Chairman considered that we should first check with LCC before approaching the resident who is thought to be responsible (**Action JG**)

8. Village Gala/ Fest at Sports Club – Sunday August Bank Holiday. Noted.

9. Parish Charter Working Group – Meeting to launch Charter between LCC and Parish Councils Tuesday 17th March. Cllr Denby had planned to attend but the meeting was cancelled at the last minute due to the coronavirus.

10. Work on Keswick Lane by Northern Gasworks – Cllr Bosomworth reported that the grass verge opposite his house was in poor condition after remedial work carried out by NG (but could not prove they had been responsible). He had done his best to remedy it, throwing mud etc on the verge and generally tidying up. The result is that the footpath is now slightly wider, which may be an improvement.

DATE OF NEXT MEETINGS Wednesday April 15th.

There is currently some uncertainty about a date for the APM. All councils are compelled by law to hold an annual meeting but advice is still awaited from NALC as to whether in these unprecedented times the meeting can be cancelled or held at a later date. The meeting was due to take place on Wednesday April 29th.

Signed.

BPC March 2020.

Date.