

## **BARDSEY CUM RIGTON PARISH COUNCIL**

### **MINUTES OF THE VIRTUAL MEETING HELD ON JUNE 17<sup>TH</sup> 2020**

**POLICE AND RESIDENTS' FORUM** The Police reported 1x burglary residential and 2 x-attempted burglaries.

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

**APOLOGIES.** Cllrs Hoyland and West.

**PRESENT** Cllrs Stentiford, Sidle, Bosomworth, Denby, Tatman, Flockton and Ward. Cllrs Matthew Robinson and Ryan Stephenson also joined the meeting.

**MINUTES OF VIRTUAL MEETING HELD IN MAY 2020** These were approved

#### **MATTERS ARISING**

**1.Decision to hold virtual meeting** The Chairman explained that holding a face to face meeting at present, in addition to being contrary to advice from NALC, would cause problems for finding a suitable venue. The Village Hall is currently closed and would require cleaning and sanitising before and after use at a time when the cleaners are furloughed.

#### **2.Highways Update**

Cllr Bosomworth reported that he had contacted Matthew Robinson regarding the raised kerbstone in one section of dropped kerb at the school in February and state of the footpath from village hall to school. The reply from Leeds was not encouraging but the kerbstone and footpath have now been repaired /re-surfaced. He has thanked Matthew Robinson and asked him to thank the appropriate people at LCC.

Cllr Hoyland reported

- A58 – Sinking grate by bus shelter lay by followed up with Ben Cornelly but no response and she has sent a follow up e mail
- N.B. Whether footpaths or carriageways, she has been unable to find a programme of work which includes our area.
- Foliage Growth – A58 – East side – Mill Lane – Rigton Bank – BH has followed up foliage growth affecting footpath with Martin Beaumont who initially claimed that due to coronavirus they were not dealing with vegetation. However, due to safety concerns in the location she continued to pursue this and was then informed that they will look at and fed back some minor cutback has been done.
- Foliage Growth - Keswick Lane – Eastward beyond bridge. Reported growth overhanging footpath and received feedback that this is the responsibility of Parks & Countryside and if growth is from private property at the present time it will not be looked at due to service limitations.
- Hedges -BH suggests that as there is currently no Village News and as some hedges are surprisingly bad in some areas we should ask on our website that residents keep hedges from overhanging footpaths.

3. Village Pond – Damage to Verge and Problem of Grass Cutting Cllr Bosomworth has sent a reminder, including a photograph, to Bob Buckenham (PROW) about the need to repair the damage to the edge of the pond.

He also reported that one of the residents, having read the May minutes, was concerned that s/he may have been implicated in the cutting of the grass by the pond. S/he wanted the minutes changing to make clear that s/he was not implicated. Cllr Bosomworth has since been in email correspondence with that resident who expressed support for the way we are trying to manage the pond. With the PC's agreement, he then wrote to all 3 residential properties adjacent to the pond asking them not to cut the grass.

There is currently one moorhen with three chicks on the pond.

4. Defibrillator The Chairman reported that he had placed an order for replacement pads on May 11<sup>th</sup> but has heard nothing further about them and is continuing to chase the matter up.

5. Disused Railway line Cllr Bosomworth has followed a link on the website suggesting that the disused railway line would be a good link between Bardsey and Thorner. The scheme was not really looking for off-road routes, but he thought it worth raising nevertheless.

### **STANDING AGENDA ITEMS**

1. Park Field Cllr Ward reported that the path is badly worn in a couple of places and he is concerned that this is more than he would have expected in the short period since it was laid. He intends to contact TCV and ask them to look at it and report back. He also needs Mark Hullah to put down some weed killer to deal with the weeds growing along some of the edges. The hedge growing near the exercise equipment looks very healthy and should be clipped to a height of 6/7ft later this year as part of the contract. He will trim some branches that are hanging low down along the path.

Cllr Ward is looking into obtaining wooden picnic tables at a cost of £169 each. He had intended seeking a grant from Emmerdale for 2 tables but the Chairman of Emmerdale, Cllr Ryan Stephenson, offered to provide one from MICE money. The offer has been gratefully accepted and the money already placed in the BPC account. The Council will therefore need to pay for one bench only, plus installation costs. He will ask Mark Hullah for a quotation for installation.

2. Playground Cllr Ward reported that he has now met up with Steven Roby from DCM about obtaining quotations. Stephen's opinion is that the surface is not too bad and not in need of urgent attention, but may need something done about it in a few years. He suggested a number of options for the present – covering the whole area in wet pour, or a mixture of wet pour and 'mulch' (a cheaper alternative), simply dealing with the edges, leaving some grass and having a footpath between pieces of equipment. Cllr Bosomworth thought that children are not likely to follow footpaths. Cllr Tatman considered that the more types of surfacing there were the more difficult it would be to maintain them and asked about grant sources – 106 money / Emmerdale Fund. Cllr Stephenson said that there was still some Emmerdale money available, although the amount was running down. He would check on the amount left. The Chairman raised the issue of re-opening the playground, not permitted yet, and accompanying risk assessment. It was suggested that we should adopt that produced by LCC when they re-open their playgrounds. Similar assessments would be required for the reopening of the Sports Club and the Village Hall. The school might wish to make use of the Village Hall, in which case they would be responsible for carrying out the risk assessment.

3. Web Site Cllr Sidle said that regular updates are conducted but there is nothing further to add.

4. Sports Club Cllr Bosomworth said that it was a difficult time for the club. The steward is furloughed and the grounds are being maintained by volunteers who are doing a brilliant job. They had considered re-opening the club, but under the current 2m social distancing rule do not feel that this is a viable option.

The PC bins in the car park have not been emptied and where they should be sited remains unresolved.

The security camera has been replaced. The Sports Club has paid for this but asked the PC to reimburse it as agreed.

The burglar alarm went off recently but the Police arrived promptly and no damage was done.

## **PLANNING.**

### **1. NEW APPLICATIONS**

- (a) 20/02826 – Thornwick, Mill Lane – Conversion of garage into habitable room and further exts. – *Comment*
- (b) 20/02918 – Thorp Hill, Wood Lane, - New fencing and gate to rear..- *Object*
- (c) 20/02464 – The Ferns, Tithe Barn Lane – Replacement porch. – *Neutral*
- (d) 20/03172 – Winchcombe, Woodacre Crescent - Ext. – *Neutral*

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

- (a) 20/01181 – 26 Congreve Way – Exts.
- (b) 20/01405 – 22 Congreve Way Ext.

### **3. APPEALS**

- (a) 4 First Avenue

### **4. ENFORCEMENT PROCEEDINGS**

- (a) 19/00378 – Quarry Hill Farm, 38 Church Lane – Possible Ext.- *Compliance Officer advised and to be taken up with Cllr Stephenson.*
- (b) 18/05566 – Barbondale, Mill Lane- Retro. App. For alts. & Ext. to garage – *Object Appeal No N4720/c/19/3239966*
- (c) 20.00474. UDH3 The Ferns, Tithe Barn Lane – Moving of stone boundary wall – Reported by Rachel Procter.
- (d) The Old Pump House, Wike Lane – Entrance Gate – Erected without permission, *reported to LCC and believe enforcement proceedings underway.* Cllr Stephenson is dealing with the issues of the unauthorised gate and lighting.

Cllr Bosomworth pointed out that we have learnt from this case that although planning consent may be given for a building that stipulates that there can be no more permitted developments, this does not mean that the site cannot be developed further. It just means that planning permission must be applied for. With respect to the building we refer to as the

Pump House, we understand it is now known by another name. Whatever its correct name is, it is this name that should be displayed at the gateway on Wike Lane.

## **FINANCE**

<u>1. Bills for payment:</u>	£
(a) Biffa Waste Disposal -	184.74
(b) Deepblue Digital – Web Hosting	264.00
(c) Bardsey Sports Club –	
Grant towards replacement camera for playground	172.00

Cllrs agreed to pay bills (b) and (c). We should pay(a) the current Biffa bill only when the 2 bins are emptied. Biffa are refusing to empty the bins until they receive payment for last month's bill. This has now been paid and should have been received by them some time ago.

2. Cancellation of Plus Net in Village Hall The Chairman reported that he has cancelled this contract and is in discussion with the Vice Chairman over the provision of another supplier, of whom there are a great many

3. Approval of Statement of Accounts for submission to the External Auditor. The Clerk reported that this forms part of the work, approved by the Internal Auditor, for submission to Littlejohns, the External Auditors. It was approved by Cllrs and signed by the Chairman and Clerk.

## **CORRESPONDENCE AND NEW BUSINESS**

1 Fly Tipping The Chairman reported that there have been 2 cases reported this month – one on Bramham Lane and one on Wike Lane. Both have been cleared.

2. Memorial Benches. Cllr Bosomworth reported that it is now believed that LCC own the land at the junction of Spear Fir and Blackmoor Lane and so it is they who must give permission for the bench to be installed there .He has told Mick Yates that apparently there will be a licence fee, although neither of them know the cost as yet. He has arranged to meet an LCC representative on site at 11am on Thursday June 18<sup>th</sup>. Cllr Ward repeated his belief in the need for a properly drawn up policy on memorial benches.

3. Problem of gate and overgrown hedge on land owned by G. Foster ( deceased ) Following e mail correspondence from residents , Cllr Denby was able to determine the identity of Geoffrey Foster's executors, these being Ware and King, solicitors in Wetherby. Cllr Sidle had offered to pursue the matter and contacted them about the hedges and dilapidated and unsafe gate. The solicitors confirmed that the estate is complex. The process has been hampered by the Covid 19 pandemic and they are some considerable way off gaining grant of probate. They are due to come back to us this week with confirmation of whom we should approach in the meantime concerning immediate maintenance issues but it is likely to be themselves. He has already sent them details of the issues and photos of the gate. He is less confident that G. Foster's estate will be responsible for cutting hedges to preserve a resident's view, as opposed to remedy encroachment on to public rights of way or the like, and in any event the hedges probably cannot be cut back until later this year when the bird nesting season is over. He will nevertheless continue to pursue the issue of the gate unless and until it is obvious that it cannot be pursued further.

4. State of Scarsdale Lane/ Congreve Way Cllr Denby contacted Cllr Matthew Robinson about the lack of cleaning up by the builder/ developer. Cllr Hoyland then raised the matter with Martin Beaumont, Environmental Health who replied that social distancing measures permitting, he will authorise a site visit ASAP, in view of the public health issues.

5. Wildflower Verges Cllr Bosomworth reported that the grass bordering the pavement on the section of Woodacre Lane leading up from Keswick Lane to the school has been cut, as has the verge on the north side of Keswick Lane.

5. Allotments Cllrs Hoyland and Bosomworth both reported that 2 of these are in a very dilapidated state and clearly not being cultivated Cllr Bosomworth reiterated his view that the PC should take them over and manage them. He would be prepared to take on day to day management but is frustrated at our lack of progress. He thinks they should be seen as an important village asset. As there is no Village News to keep residents informed, Cllr Hoyland suggested informing residents via the website that the PC intends to follow this up with LCC at the earliest opportunity.

6. Cornforth Land The Chairman said that he had heard that the Cornforth's land is up for sale as the Cornforth family are giving up farming. One parcel of this land is behind the Church and stretches up to the A58. In the Neighbourhood Plan one of the aspirations was for a path /bridleway along the edge of this field following the beck. This would link to the path coming past the Church and enable users to get to the A58 opposite the entrance to Hetchell Woods. Cllr Denby offered to look into the options and suggests first approaching the landowners, and then, if necessary, contacting Carter Jonas.

7. Parish Walks – Cllr Flockton reported that she and her husband have carried out the West side walk and will do the East side walk in the near future.

8. Grant to Sports Club. – Cllr Robinson said that this should shortly be available

9. Break in at Tennis Club – Cllr Robinson reported that there has been a recent break in. Any antisocial behaviour observed there should be reported to the Police.

10. Complaint from resident of Blackmoor Lane re Dog Fouling and Parking Cllr Sidle had received this e mail via the website and with council agreement responded to it. He agreed about the need for a dog waste bin in this area of the village and explained that the PC has been liaising with LCC about this. It had been promised some time ago but the pandemic had intervened. However, as LCC services have now been reinstated, we should get a bin soon. Re inconsiderate parking by residents, he informed the complainant that this is not PC responsibility, but a matter for the Police. He provided contact details for PCSO Susan Broadwell who was always able to offer helpful advice.

11. Thanks were expressed to Cllrs Stephenson and Robinson for their participation in the meeting and all the help they give to the council.

**DATE OF NEXT MEETING** Wednesday July 15<sup>th</sup> at 7pm.

Signed

Date

Mins for June 20