

BARDSEY CUM RIGTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE VIRTUAL MEETING HELD ON MAY 20TH 2020

POLICE AND RESIDENTS FORUM

The Police reported one theft non specific.

DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY AND OTHER INTERESTS. None.

APOLOGIES. None.

MINUTES OF VIRTUAL MEETING HELD IN APRIL 2020 These were approved and are published on the website.

ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN AND VICE CHAIRMAN It was proposed Cllr Denby, seconded Cllr Hoyland, and agreed unanimously, that the current Chairman, Ed Stentiford, and Vice-Chairman, Cllr Sidle, should remain in their posts for a further year. Both agreed.

COVID 19 UPDATE Cllr Sidle reported that developments since the last month's report have been national and very well communicated nationally by the Government and locally by LCC

Residents should note regular updates on the website.

They should also be aware that children's playgrounds have not yet reopened as part of the lockdown relaxation, due to the risk of contamination from the virus arising from the unavoidable contact with surfaces in such facilities. Bardsey playground therefore also remains closed for now.

MATTERS ARISING

1. SID on east side of Keswick Lane Nothing to report.

2. Highways Update

Cllr Hoyland reported

- A58 – Informed that between 27 and 29 May, by First Avenue junction, BT will be replacing a chamber cover which will require temporary traffic lights 9.30 – 15.30
- Church Lane – Surface dressing carried out on Church Lane from Bingley Bank to Blackmoor Lane
- Woodacre Lane – She had reported the VH blocked drain to Eleanor Robinson, Highways Operational Supervisor for drainage. The gullies have now been cleared alongside other blocked drains that were identified. Debris in gutters has also been reported to her as this could undermine drains, and she is awaiting feedback.
- The raised kerbstone on the footpath near the entrance to the school has also been reported and dealt with.

3. Village Pond Cllr Bosomworth said that it appeared that someone other than Mark Hullah is cutting the grass. In view of the current restrictions, he suggests that the Council should ignore this for a year. In the spring we should put up a simple temporary fence around the pond with signs stating that Parish Council requests not to mow the grass close to the pond have been repeatedly ignored, hence the erection of the temporary fence.

There is a notice saying that a moorhen and her chicks are on the pond but he has not seen them.

4. Disused Railway Line Cllr Bosomworth said there was nothing further to report.

5. Hedge on A58 – Cllr Ward reported that this is growing well but will need to be cut at some point to encourage it to thicken.

6. Trough on A58 – Cllr Ward said that there have been no further problems but it has been very dry recently.

STANDING AGENDA ITEMS

1. Park Field

Cllr Ward reported that he had looked into providing picnic tables and benches for Park Field and has submitted a request for funding from the Emmerdale Fund. Their next meeting has been delayed until June.

Norman Overfield has sent e mails from himself and Ray Lunn indicating that that there had been restrictions to the area which was intended to be kept as a nature reserve. Cllr Ward personally has no knowledge of such restrictions.

There had been a complaint re the path in Park Field from a resident in poor health who, whilst walking her dog, had tripped in a 'pothole'. The path was damaged but not in Cllr Ward's opinion by weather. It was part of the new path and he considered the damage had been gouged by a bike or machinery. Although not extensive, it needs to be repaired. He has placed 2 cones over the damage. The path is made from crushed stone and is uneven. Some edges have weathered due to the heavy rain early in the year. Cllr Ward will contact TCV and get a quote for repair as soon as possible and will also reply to the lady's husband.

2. Playground Cllr Ward reported that he had held 2 meetings with contractors before the lockdown at the site. Both had visited before and were asked to quote for covering the whole site as requested. Both companies, however, closed down as the lockdown started. He will contact them again when their businesses are again up and running.

He has not yet looked into purchasing new bins.

3. Web Site Cllr Sidle said that there are regular updates.

4. Sports Club Cllr Bosomworth reminded Cllrs that the club is closed due to Covid 19 restraints. The Management Committee are extremely grateful to the Parish Council for the loan of £5000.

He is doubtful about the chances of the proposed gala proceeding unless there is a significant relaxation of the current social distancing guidelines.

PLANNING.

1. NEW APPLICATIONS

- (a) 20/02264 – 13 Grange Close – Raising roof to achieve additional floor, with dormer windows - *Comments*
- (b) 20/01382 – Tanwood, Margaret Avenue – One new dwelling – *Comment*
- (c) 20/02268 – The Ferns, Tithe Barn Lane – Erection of agricultural building for storage – *Object*
- (d) 20/01953 – Spear Fir Farm, Spear Fir – Erection of one dwelling and detached double garage – *Object, but not to garage*

2. APPROVALS BY LCC

- (a) 20/00992 – 11 Second Avenue – 2 storey rear ext.
- (b) 19/02272 – Moor Lodge Caravan Park-Conversion of Agricultural Building to Rural Worker's Dwelling.

Cllr Denby was disappointed by decision (b) following so many refusals and considered that it must have been an 'on balance' recommendation. Cllrs Sidle and Hoyland agreed that this is a worrying development and considered that planning standards, especially in terms of green belt exceptions, appear to be falling.

3. REFUSAL BY LCC

(a) 20/02092 - Condition 24 of Planning Application 18/07190- Lighting Scheme for Pump House. The applicant has been requested to remove the lights which he had installed without permission. Cllr Ward, however, has been informed by a resident living directly opposite the Pump House that the lights are kept on all night despite the refusal of permission.

4. On Going Planning Concerns

- (a) 18/05840 – Rowley Grange Farm, Wetherby Road –DD Requested Cllr Stephenson to bring this up at next meeting with officers.
- (b) 19/03124 – Reservoir, Wike Lane – Detached House in reservoir walls – No entries since December
- (c) 19/00378 – Quarry Hill Farm, 38 Church Lane - A possible ext. without consent – Cllr Stephenson to take this up with Enforcement Officers.

Pump House (1) – Cllr Bosomworth suggested that , in conjunction with East Keswick PC and Ward Cllrs ,BPC might ask LCC Planners why they have allowed the site to be developed in breach of their own planning constraints , and why they impose restraints without being able to enforce them. The Planners should not be allowed to cite present exceptional times as an excuse, especially since permission for the erection of the new structure not approved in the original consent ,was granted in December 2019 long before the onset of the Coronavirus outbreak.

Pump House (2) Cllr Sidle reported that a former resident of East Keswick and frequent visitor to the village, had written to the council saying that he was disappointed at the modern style composite panel gate , together with the industrial style signage installed at the access point above this property. He considers that it is totally out of keeping with the surrounding area and significantly detracts from the countryside views and rural nature of the approach into

East Keswick. He intends to write to Planning Enforcement asking for it to be removed. There was general agreement from Cllrs. Cllr Denby thinks that Enforcement need to carry out a detailed inspection of what is on the ground and what has/ has not been approved regarding discharge of the conditions. Cllr Ryan Stephenson has written to Planning Enforcement along the same lines, pointing out inconsistencies in meeting conditions including the height, construction, and actual position of the gate. Rory McNulty, Compliance Officer, replying to this, said that he has passed the complaint to Carlton McKenzie, but the latter is not allowed to visit during lockdown. They are, however, now allowed to print off letters once a week, so Carlton will write to the owner and will keep Ryan informed.

5. Safety Concerns re Darroch, Margaret Avenue The Chairman said that he had concerns about the ground stability on the bank opening on to the A58 where development is taking place, due to the very steep slope. The large concrete sections left right at the edge of the garden where it drops down to the footpath could be hazardous if the ground is potentially unstable.

FINANCE

<u>1. Bills for payment:</u>	£
(a) Biffa Waste Disposal -	59.72
(b) Zurich Municipal Insurance – Premium	1,211.07
(c) NALC – Local Council Review (Subs	17.00
(d) Defibrillator Pads – Replacement	27.80

It was agreed to pay all the bills listed above.

2. Approval of Annual Governance Statement

All Cllrs were given sight of the items covered in the document. It was then proposed Cllr Denby, seconded Cllr Hoyland, and agreed unanimously, that the Council has complied with all the requirements listed on the statement. This was then signed as correct by the Chairman.

3. Bowling Club Finances – Andrew Dodsworth. had e mailed the Council seeking advice about possible funding sources for the club in the present difficult circumstances. The Chairman suggested that the council might consider offering a small grant if requested and found to be essential.

Cllr Bosomworth said that the club could apply for a small business grant, but it was unlikely that they would get one, as they do not pay rates, and therefore fail to satisfy the criteria. Cllrs appreciated that the Club must be struggling financially with near normal expenditure but significantly less income but were not in full agreement about the Chairman's proposal for a grant at the present time.

When the government later announced an easing in lockdown restrictions, Andrew again wrote to BPC explaining that the Bowling Club committee has decided to reopen the ground, though without access to the village hall facilities, provided the parish council had no objection. Cllrs did not object and welcomed the proposal.

CORRESPONDENCE AND NEW BUSINESS

1. Gigabit Voucher Scheme Cllr Sidle reported that as an applicant for a gigabit voucher for the Village Hall (value £2000), the Department for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport had notified us of the imminent expiry of our application and asked us to respond if we considered it should be renewed.

He explained that we no longer qualify for one, however, because Kieran Osborne's scheme to bring ultrafast broadband to the school and surrounding areas, to which our contribution would have been directed, was superseded by a deal with Openreach to bring ultrafast broadband to the whole village on their own initiative.

Kieran was contacted for an update and confirmed this to be the case. No action was therefore taken and the VH gigabit voucher application was allowed to lapse. There is no longer a commitment for the VH to take the ultrafast service when it becomes available (now several months overdue).

2. Request from Mick Yates to install memorial bench at Spear Fir. Cllr Sidle said that he thought the council was opposed to allowing any new memorial benches, and Cllr Ward put forward a strong case for having a policy or a guidance note covering the installation of memorial benches.

The location of a seat at Spear Fir was, however, considered a suitable exception by most Cllrs, provided Mick accepted responsibility for maintenance, and subject to agreement from the landowner (thought to be LCC).

It was agreed that each proposal should be considered on its merits. There should be no blanket ban but it would be useful to adopt a policy to which we could refer in the future and this could be agreed at a future 'real' meeting.

3. Request from resident to purchase triangle of land on Keswick Lane A resident had approached the council about the identity of the owner of the land which he wished to purchase and keep as a green open space. Cllrs wondered whether a disclosure of the name constituted a breach of GDPR but decided that it was almost certainly in the public domain already.

4. Defibrillator The Chairman reported that on his weekly visit to the defibrillator outside the Village Hall it was showing red on the last inspection. This was due to the use by date on the pads having passed. The unit is still functional and new pads have been ordered.

5. Wildflower Verges – A Woodacre resident who lives near the school has e mailed expressing her disappointment at the recent cutting of the verges in the area which had previously been filled with wildflowers admired by many. Cllr Flockton confirmed that these verges are cut by Continental Landscapes, sub – contractors for LCC, but said that she had not been aware of an abundance of wild flowers and had in the past, supported by the Head Teacher, urged CL to cut the verges and tidy up the area. Cllr Bosomworth said that the grass that borders the footpath that leads up from Keswick Lane to the school did need cutting as it was now overhanging the footpath.

Cllr Bosomworth said that another area where grass cutting was required was the grass that borders the footpath that leads up from Keswick Lane to the school narrow verge on the north side of Keswick Lane leading up to Wike Lane which is not being cut, possibly because it needs strimming rather than mowing and is therefore more time consuming. He strims

from his gateway part way up the road but is not prepared to go any further, Cllr Flockton offered to get in touch with her contact in Continental Landscapes about including this in their regular maintenance.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING June 17th 2020

Signed

Date.

BPC Mins. for May 20

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