

BARDSEY CUM RIGTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF VIRTUAL MEETING OF COUNCIL ON 15TH APRIL 2020

N.B. This again took the form of a virtual meeting due to the lockdown caused by Covid 19. Residents were invited to submit matters of concern before April 15th, and Cllr reports and items for discussion were circulated to all members before being carefully considered and decisions taken by Members of the Council..

REPORTS FROM POLICE AND ISSUES RAISED BY RESIDENTS None

DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY AND OTHER INTERESTS. None.

APOLOGIES. None.

MINUTES OF VIRTUAL MEETING HELD IN MARCH 2020 These were approved.

COVID 19 UPDATE

The Chairman reported that the Parish Council continues to support the National Government and Leeds City Council in combating the Covid 19 pandemic. The response in terms of people volunteering and good neighbours helping out vulnerable residents and those isolating and shielding has been amazing and reflects the strength of our community in Bardsey.,.

In accordance with the social distancing rules introduced to impede the spread of the virus, village facilities have unfortunately needed to be closed until further notice, including the Sports Club, the Village Hall and the Playground. The same is true for village clubs and societies, and also the Parish magazine 'Village News' .Residents are encouraged to make regular use of the village website (www.bardseyvillage.org.uk) which is being constantly updated with essential information both general and local. For example, the new ' Covid 19 Latest' page carries a complete list of contacts for those needing help, support and Council services.

The overwhelming majority of residents are abiding by the social distancing measures, and the Parish Council would like to profoundly thank everyone for their understanding and co-operation under such difficult and demanding circumstances. It is vital to protect all of us, and our NHS, that we continue to do so until the virus is in retreat and social distancing can start - to be relaxed.

Unfortunately although the Covid 19 crisis has brought out the very best in most of us, it has also brought out the worst in an unscrupulous and callous few. West Yorkshire Trading Standards has warned of an upsurge in scams aimed at anyone, but primarily the most vulnerable. These range from selling completely useless products door to door or online at exorbitant prices (sanitising gel and masks for example), to 'phishing for personal data and passwords while purporting to be various Government departments or well known financial institutions such as banks. A detailed flyer is posted on the website. Everyone needs to beware and avoid getting taken in.

MATTERS ARISING

1. Decision to cancel Annual Parish Meeting and to hold Virtual Meetings. This decision was taken by Cllrs following advice from both YLCA and NALC

2. SIDs Cllr Sidle said that it looked as though the SID on the eastbound side of Keswick Lane has been cleared of vegetation but not yet straightened up

3. Highways Update

Cllr Hoyland reported that Bardsey Parish Council has been advised by LCC that under current circumstances any referrals will be restricted to priority and emergency. Any Highway issues which arise will therefore be pursued accordingly and other issues will be followed up ASAP. She considered, however, that there are a few matters of concern which she will follow up with Ward Cllrs.

- Woodacre Lane – Very proud kerbing on footpath near entrance to school. Could be dangerous as more people out walking and especially at night. Cllr Bosomworth reminded Cllrs that he had reported both Woodacre Lane problems to Matthew Robinson the previous month but had been informed that they were considered low priority and unlikely to receive treatment this year or next. However, as they had promised to look again he agreed that it could be useful to remind them.
- Drains – Woodacre Lane by the exit from Woodacre Crescent by the Village Hall – Need to ensure that this is effective as in heavy rainfall it could affect Church Lane properties.
- A58 – West side just below 50mph sign – less urgent but could affect water crossing over causeway

4. Village Pond – Damage to Verge

Cllr Bosomworth reported that this has been reported to PROW but no progress has been made. Cllr Hoyland suggested that the Council consider using large stones strategically placed as in other parts of the village.

5 Location of new Litter Bin. The Clerk had reported to Matthew Robinson the preference expressed by the Council for the location of the new litter bin at the junction of Tythe Barn Lane and Blackmoor Lane. Cllr Robinson had replied that it might be possible to arrange this. Cllrs agreed that they should not pursue the matter further at the present time.

6 Footpath to Cornmills There was nothing to report.

STANDING AGENDA ITEMS

1. Park Field Cllr Ward reported that he had submitted an application to the Emmerdale Fund for monies to install benches and picnic tables in Park Field. April's meeting had, however, been postponed until June.

2. Playground The playground was last inspected by Cllr Sidle at the end of March It is now closed due to Covid 19

3. Web Site Cllr Sidle reported that updates to conform with the new website access regulations have been completed as far as it is possible to do so in respect of our website (there are some functions we do not offer , so it is not possible to add tools to improve accessibility to non- existent functions). We still need to add an Accessibility Statement which is in hand . Otherwise regular updates are continuing apace – especially Covid 19 information Council agendas will in future be posted in advance of meetings, and the relevant page on

our website has accordingly been re-titled “Council Proceedings” rather than “Council Minutes ‘ Whilst updating some out of date information on the Useful Information page, Cllr Sidle has noticed a lot more information, much of which he believes needs updating and would welcome any offers of help.

4. Sports Club Cllr Bosomworth reported that the club was closed and the steward furloughed but essential grounds maintenance has to continue.

The Trustees still prefer the Keswick Road entrance for the waste bins and have expressed concern that their letter caused offence to members of the parish council. This had not been their intention but they felt frustrated at the time taken to resolve the issue which has festered for over 5 years. Cllr Bosomworth has asked them for suggestions for contractors to carry out the work for both options but has received no response to date.

He will ask some contractors to quote for tarmacking the path.in the corner of the car park where the rainwater gully is constantly blocked with debris from the trees.

PLANNING.

1.New Applications Cllr Denby reported that there have been no new applications since his last report and only two alterations to the schedule as follows:

(a)16/0260 – Car Park off Keswick Lane – A revised plan has been submitted to show a 3 bed. house rather than 4. – *Object on similar grounds to earlier one*

2. APPROVALS

a)_20/00432 – Bradgate House, Wetherby Road – Ground floor and first floor exts. both approved.

3. Comments on approval given for the Pump House. Cllr Denby said that this was very unfortunate. BPC had been left confused by the use of a different name in the address. instead of “The Pump House” on the sign at the entrance. He apologised for overlooking the significance of the application, believing it simply to be an application for a garage.

Recently, Cllr Denby has received a complaint from an East Keswick resident concerning external security lighting. The original consent contained a condition that no external lighting should be installed except for small scale motion sensor lighting. It appears, however, that the lighting is on all night and whenever it is dark. This is having an adverse effect on properties in Moor Lane, East Keswick. He has sent the complaint to Carlton McKenzie and will submit a further objection on behalf of BPC. Cllr Ryan Stephenson has also taken the matter up with LCC on behalf of the Moor Lane residents affected

4. Queries to be raised by Cllr Denby concerning enforcement issues in Bardsey

Following the latest publication of the state of enforcement in the Harewood Ward, Cllr Denby is raising the following issues with Carlton McKenzie and Adam Ward

- Application No 20/01382 – Tanwood, Margaret Avenue – New House – He asked Adam Ward why BPC had not received this and was informed that it is currently an invalid application and as such not registered as valid. When invalidated PCs will be notified but Planners are currently unable to access their office or undertake site visits

or notify neighbours. This applies to all applications since the office closed on March 23rd.

- Application No 20/11/19 – Hooves on the Hill – Applicant has claimed this is not for commercial use. Cllr Denby has seen a sign on the gate indicating the opposite and their website also indicates commercial use. – Query with Carlton McKenzie
- Application No 23/01/18 -Land adj. to Low Field House, 5 Keswick Court – Planning consent required removal of unauthorised stable block and concrete base. Stable block removed but not concrete base. – Query with Carlton McKenzie.

FINANCE

<u>1. Bills for payment:</u>	£
(a) Biffa Waste Disposal -	59.72
(b) YLCA – Subs	578.00
(c) Deepblue Digital – Website Regulations	600.00(Retro)

It was agreed to pay the bills listed above.

2. Loan to Bardsey Sports Club

Cllr Bosomworth, speaking as chairman of BSE, formally asked the Parish Council for a loan of £5,000 to help the club financially over the next few months. Adding to his earlier report on the dire straights in which the club currently finds itself, he explained that it receives no income at all at present. Bar takings for the wet autumn and winter season had been low and with the club now closed there was no income from the normally profitable cricket season and no Government money will be available until June. They will apply for a loan through the small business Covid 19 loan but a loan for the short to medium term would be most helpful.

Cllr West queried the ability of the Council to make unsecured loans for general purposes rather than for a specific project. Cllr Bosomworth explained that the loan was intended to cover on going club costs until loan monies could hopefully be obtained. He was agreeable to accepting a two year loan repayment period but hoped the money could be paid back sooner. Loans had been offered in the past by the Parish Council so this was not setting a precedent. All other Cllrs were in favour of making the loan, not wishing to see the demise of the Sports Club. It was therefore agreed to fund a £5,000 loan from the Council to the Sports Club over a two year period with the option of extending it for longer if Covid 19 restrictions are further prolonged.

CORRESPONDENCE AND NEW BUSINESS

1.Options for the remittance from LCC towards Covid 19 in Bardsey

All councils in the Leeds area have been awarded grants from LCC to meet costs they may encounter relating to communication with residents over Covid 19. Bardsey has been given £277.20. Cllrs discussed a variety of options for use of the money but in the absence of any consensus it was agreed to keep the money in the accounts at present and review the matter as the Covid 19 situation develops.

2.Village Gala for August Bank Holiday Cllr Bosomworth proposed that a gala run on simple lines should be held at the Sports Club, but also promoted by the Parish Council to become a

real village event. There need be no major outlay at present and the event could be a simple hog roast or similar with the Sports Club open. The possibility of stalls could be considered later. All Cllrs agreed and considered that with good luck over timing, this could be a very appropriate way of restoring normality to the village. Cllr Sidle suggested a small and select classic car display on the side.

3. Reopening of Recycling Centres Cllr Flockton suggested that the Council should write to the Ward Cllrs and Alec Shelbrooke suggesting that recycling centres be reopened across the country. There is certain to be dumping of unwanted items in the countryside and unemptied litter bins will quickly become insanitary. Cllrs agreed in principle but doubted whether reopening of the centres would be permitted at present. It is understood that the staff have been redeployed to cover absentees in other departments. The Chairman added that he had witnessed no evidence of fly tipping in the Bardsey area since the start of the coronavirus crisis and therefore considered that there was no justification at present for any action. Cllr Tatman recommended following his example and composting all garden and kitchen waste

Burning on bonfires was also discussed and recent advice noted. There is no law against having a bonfire but there are laws about causing a nuisance. It is acceptable to burn garden waste and not illegal to burn domestic waste so long as it does not cause toxic and noxious pollution or harm to people's health. Residents who cause a nuisance can be subject to abatement orders from LCC and it is possible to be fined up to £5000 for breaching an abatement order. LCC do not recommend having bonfires at present when everyone is at home during lockdown.

4. Local Food Providers offering home delivery service – Cllr Flockton supplied a list of local providers which she had recently received. Several Cllrs, however, reported that some of those listed no longer offered their services and considered that the list was already out of date. Cllr Sidle recommended that it would therefore be better not to put the list on the website to avoid the risk of residents being frustrated to find a significant proportion of the products and services offered were not in fact available..

DATE OF NEXT MEETING Wednesday May 20th.at 7pm. This will again be a virtual meeting

Signed

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Notes for April 2020

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