

## BARDSEY CUM RIGTON PARISH COUNCIL

### MINUTES OF THE VIRTUAL MEETING OF THE COUNCIL ON JULY 15<sup>TH</sup> 2020

POLICE AND RESIDENTS FORUM No Police or residents attended

DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY AND OTHER INTERESTS. None.

PRESENT Cllrs Stentiford, Sidle ,Bosomworth, Tatman, Denby, West, Ward, Hoyland and Flockton.

APOLOGIES. None

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

These were approved.

### MATTERS ARISING

1.Decision to hold virtual meeting The Chairman said that bearing in mind that there is as yet no protocol for holding face to face meetings in the Village Hall or elsewhere , it had been decided that the July meeting of the PC will be held on line.

2 Allotments Cllr Bosomworth reported that YLCA were running a webinar on allotment management earlier this month, but this was fully subscribed. As it was so popular they are running another later this month for which he has registered. Cllr Hoyland has followed up two neglected allotments with Jonathon Morton, LCC Asset Management, who confirmed that two allotments are vacant and the PC can either take them on completely or leave to be administered by LCC. It was agreed that no further action should be taken until after Cllr Bosomworth has reported back from the webinar, but that , in view of the neglected state of 2 of the allotments ,BPC should take further steps to own and manage them as quickly as possible.

3.Highways Update Cllr Hoyland reported.

- A58 bus lay by – She had reported problems around carriageway grate which have now been dealt with.
- A58 –Long term problem of water flowing from Rigton Bank on to Wetherby Road causing substantial pooling – Finally agreed with Ben Cornelly to report to him directly each time problem occurred.
- Bingley Arms ginnel – Overgrowth obstructing path now cut back by Mark Hullah.
- Church Lane/ Cornmill Lane – Previously reported issues with carriageway now dealt with after extensive patching by Highways. A mess on Cornmill cleared up in a day.
- Highways in general – BH unable to find comprehensive details of Highways work carried out in our area. Advised by Ben Cornelly that **one.network** is best place to find both local and national details of roadworks.
- Footpath opposite Bingley Arms (reported under Parish Walks) She followed up confusion over re-routed area of footpath and Country Way signage. There is an issue due to strong growth which obscures the route and faded confusing signage which

indicates the track leading up to the adjacent field. Taken up with Bob Buckenham (PROW)

- Footpaths – BH is following up with Enforcement many problems where growth is overhanging. At present time Enforcement are not pursuing this issue with residents but did a minimal amount of cutback on A58 between Rigton Bank and Mill Lane. A notice asking residents to cut back hedges was put on the website, there being no Village News at present.

4. Defibrillator The Chairman said that after problems with the warning light showing on the machine and some considerable time spent chasing the suppliers, the second set of replacement pads has sorted out the problem

5. Memorial Benches Cllr Bosomworth and the Chairman met 2 LCC representatives who were happy with the proposed location but could not approve installation until all relevant council departments have been consulted. A decision is expected this week.

Cllr Ward produced outline guidelines to consider when looking at memorial benches or similar. The Chairman had circulated these prior to the meeting but it will probably be sensible to wait until the outcome of the Mick Yates request is known before progressing the scheme further. Although in broad agreement with the proposed guidelines, there is some disagreement amongst Cllrs about the degree of bureaucracy required and some further aspects need to be considered.

6. Unightly broken gate in Cornmill Lane

Cllr Sidle said that there was nothing further to report on this since the previous meeting. Further developments not expected until early August. The matter therefore remains a watching brief at present. The Council has been approached by 2 residents with further complaints, however, and he has informed them that we are pursuing the matter with the executors of Geoffrey Foster's estate.

7. Cornforth land and possibility of footpath/ bridleway along edge of field bordering A58 The Chairman reminded Cllrs that the footpath/bridleway identified in the Neighbourhood Plan (Path No 4) from behind the Church and following the beck down to the A58 is currently being worked on by several PC members, but we are now awaiting further information on details of the purchaser, following the sale of what was once owned by the Cornforth family. It was agreed that if our request is granted Cllr Tatman should approach the Rangers to find out whether they would be able to undertake the construction of the footpath/ bridleway. Some steps would probably be required for the very steep part. The Council would be seeking a permissive path only, not ownership.

8. Report on Parish Walks Cllr Flockton reported that since carrying out the west side walk with her husband in June she has become aware that anyone walking from opposite the Bingley Arms towards Wike Lane (part of the Country Way) could easily take the wrong turn. Cllr Hoyland agreed to ask Bob Buckenham (PROW) to provide clear yellow arrow signing.

9. Village Pond

Damage to verges Cllr Bosomworth reported that Bob Buckenham (PROW) is unable to take any action as there is no damage to the bridleway. Acting on his advice, Cllr Bosomworth wonders whether the PC could embed stones into the damaged verge, (well away from the public bridleway to avoid a trip hazard), put soil in the crevices and seed? Then dig out and lay hard core in between the existing bridleway surface and the repaired verge. It would then

be sensible to check with the Council's Waste Management Service to learn whether lorries could be manoeuvred more carefully.

He and the Chairman met Mark Hullah on July 13<sup>th</sup> and agreed to leave a border of approximately 2.5 m around the pond itself that would not be mown, and then to mow the rest in a graduated way to a more closely cut area about 1m wide adjacent to the road/bridleway surfaces. Approximately 1/3<sup>rd</sup> of the area of the pond would be cleared of weed in the autumn. Both of the above are in accord with advice received from a LCC Conservation officer and Ponds for People.(Conservation Trust). A local resident joined them and expressed approval, meaning that 2 of the local property owners have now expressed support for the way in which the PC is trying to manage the pond and surrounding area. The moorhens have raised 3 chicks from their first brood and they are now helping the adults feed 4 chicks from a second brood.

10 . Disused Railway Line – Nothing to report.

11. Building Work on Scarsdale Lane Cllr Denby reported that there is no problem at present. The builders are not currently working on site

### **STANDING AGENDA ITEMS**

1. Park Field Cllr Ward reported that he still needs to contact TCV, ( now under new management ) regarding the path .He also needs to contact Mark Hullah about putting weed killer down , especially on the original path at the start of park field, and also to find out the cost of installation of picnic tables once these have been purchased . He would also like Mark to repair the steps to the table tennis area towards park field. He is uncertain about the type of litter bin required. In addition, some trees need cutting back on the path down to park field and along the first section down to the beck.

#### 2. Playground

(a) Risk Assessment prior to reopening -Cllr Ward reported that he is working with Cllr Sidle on the production of a risk assessment form and suitable signage. This information will then need to be approved by other Cllrs, and then displayed on the website and in the newsletter.

(b) Risk Assessment for Adult Play Equipment Cllr Ward said that he would use the risk assessment document to provide suitable signage.

(c) Choice of options for re-surfacing There was considerable discussion on this and it was finally agreed that the PC would replace the present surface with wet pour. In addition, they will extend the surface using mulch to form a path linking the gates and providing a surface area under the wooden climbing frame. He will meet the contractor for a final quote. He will also communicate with the Ward Cllrs to discuss funding, and subject to their agreement, will prepare the final paperwork. Cllrs will be kept informed by e mail as there is no further PC meeting until mid-September.

Cllr Ward also reported that there is currently a mole problem which he hopes Mark will be able to deal with.

He also stressed that Cllrs should continue with their weekly inspections according to the monthly rota which should, if possible, be conducted when the playground is relatively empty.

#### 3. Web Site

Cllr Sidle reported that posts have been added recently covering the sighting of a rare rose coloured starling on Compton Lane, the PC's intentions to assume responsibility for the allotments as soon as possible, residents responsibility to control hedge growth encroaching

onto footways, and the current state of the playground. A fairly extensive update was added to the new Covid 19 page on 6<sup>th</sup> July (the 12<sup>th</sup> update since 19<sup>th</sup> March)

4. Sports Club Cllr Bosomworth reported that the PC bins have been emptied. It has still not been possible to find a solution to the problem of finding a suitable alternative location for the PC bins, despite a generous offer from a trustee to supply paving flags for hard standing at the top of the footpath ( too difficult for Biffa to manipulate).

The clubhouse has been opened on a weekend with social distancing etc in place

## **PLANNING.**

### **1. NEW APPLICATIONS**

(a) 20/03655 – Fairlea, Wetherby Road – Garden Room – *No objection*

(b) 20/03442 – 3 Congreve Way – Exts.- *Object*

(c) 20/03942 – 6 Wayside Crescent – Variation of condition 2 (approved plans) 19/03270 to allow design changes. *No objection*

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

(a) 20/00986 – Hoves on the Hill – Application to regularise what is already on site. Approved conditional upon no commercial activity.

(b) 20/02264 – 13 Grange Close – Conversion of 2 bed bungalow to 4 bed house

(c) 20/01387 – Hillrise, Margaret Avenue - Exts.

(d) 20/02464 – The Ferns, Tithe Barn Lane – A new application for a porch to front ,approved within a month -*passed to Cllr Ryan Stephenson by Cllr Denby for an update, as plan suggests possible shared ownership of the property for which there is no planning permission*

### **3. REFUSALS BY LCC:**

(a) 18/07174 – Heron Bank, 15 Church Lane – Appeal against refusal for a house in rear garden dismissed.

(b) 18/05568 – Barbondale, Mill Lane – Conversion of garage to granny flat without permission – refused by LCC and Enforcement notice to reinstate garage issued. Owner appealed and appeal dismissed Given until December 24<sup>th</sup> to reinstate

### **4. ENFORCEMENT MATTERS**

(a) The Old Pump House, Wike Lane – Objections have been made regarding large front gate now being investigated by LCC.

Further objections made regarding excessive external lighting and owner asked to remove it. Cllr Stephenson believes enforcement proceedings re lighting have commenced.

(b) Quarry Hill Farm and The Ferns – both part of a backlog at Enforcement caused by Covid 19.

(c) 17/03770 – Land off Keswick Lane – Complaint made to Forestry Commission- Enforcement to reinstate 45 trees by 17 December 2020.

### **5. Further outstanding matters**

(a) 16/06260 – House on car park off Keswick Lane – Ryan Stephenson reported that Officers have a duty to work with the applicant who has requested time to submit further plans and these are awaited.

(b) 18/05840- Rowley Grange Farm – Cllr Stephenson reported that revised plans are expected soon but have not yet been submitted.

### **FINANCE**

1. Bills for payment:

(a) Biffa Waste Disposal (next bill due shortly)

(b) Clerk's Salary & Expenditure

£2,124.68

(c) B.K. Growers Ltd – Flowers for Tubs.

81.36

(d) Cardiac Science – Defibrillator Pads

34.74

(e) Zoom Video Communications Inc.

14.39

N.B. (d) Previous cheque authorised for payment to Yorkshire Ambulance Services cancelled

### **CORRESPONDENCE AND NEW BUSINESS**

1.Fence Repair Cllr Sidle reminded fellow Cllrs that a few months ago the PC had pursued repairs to the low white fence on the east side of Cornmill Lane at the junction with Church Lane and believed repairs had been carried out. It now looks as though the rotten timber had simply been propped up again. Recently one complete length has disappeared altogether, and another has fallen off the post onto the ground at one end. There is thus a section now with nothing standing between the pavement and the steep drop into the beck, and a second section deeply compromised. If the PC considers that responsibility for the fence rests with the resident who owns the lane then the matter needs following up urgently. He will take some photos. It was agreed to accept an offer from Cllr Flockton to approach the person believed to be the owner about getting it properly repaired.

2. Tubs and Signs Cllr Flockton reported that with help from Pauline and Derek Hills, she has again planted all the tubs and signs in the village. She suggests that as a thank you gesture to Sue Jubb and Pam Snowden who for many years have looked after the tubs on Tithe Barn Lane, the Council should send them a thank you letter. This was agreed.

**DATE OF NEXT MEETING** Wednesday September 16<sup>th</sup> at 7pm.

### **MINOR MATTERS FOR DELEGATION TO CLERK/NEXT AGENDA.**

1.Litter in Hetchell Woods Cllr Flockton had been informed that a party appeared to have been held in the wood and broken glass and other litter had been left.

2. Location of blue plaque in Bardsey Following an inquiry from someone outside the village trying to identify all the blue plaques in Leeds, Cllrs wanted to check the exact location of theirs. Cllr Tatman informed them that the plaque was located at the top of Cornmill Lane near Congreve Cottage. .

3. Reopening of Village Hall Cllr Ward reported that there were no immediate plans to reopen as there were various problems to be addressed first, relating to current Government regulations in connection with Covid 19. Cllr Sidle reminded Cllrs that before the hall re opens it will be necessary to re establish a broadband connection.

Signed

Date

BPC Mins for July 20

