

BARDSEY CUM RIGTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE VIRTUAL MEETING HELD ON AUGUST 12TH 2020

POLICE AND RESIDENTS FORUM On 1 July the Police reported a vehicle taken without owner's consent . Two people had been arrested and the matter was still under investigation.

On 31 July there were 2 cases of criminal damage. One was on Woodacre Green – cat shot in leg with air rifle. The other was on Woodacre Crescent – suspects cause damage by deliberately performing skids using bicycles over bowling green.

DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY AND OTHER INTERESTS Cllr Sidle wished to register his interest in purchasing some land in the village.

PRESENT Cllrs Stentiford, Sidle, Bosomworth, Tatman, Denby, Ward, West, Hoyland and Flockton. Cllr Ryan Stephenson also attended.

APOLOGIES. None.

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

MATTERS ARISING

1.**Decision to hold additional virtual meeting in August** The Chairman explained that he had called an August meeting to enable the Council to consider any new material which might arise because of Covid 19.

2 **Allotments** Cllr Bosomworth is booked to attend webinar on Friday 21.

3.**Highways Update** Cllr Hoyland reported

- Cornmill Lane – She had reported collapsed fence by beck on entrance to Cornmill Lane. Initially Highways thought it was the responsibility of Parks & Countryside but now accept that it is their responsibility and have requested a quote for repair. They will endeavour to complete as soon as possible although backlog and reduced resources could affect when done. BPC will monitor and follow up if necessary.
- Keswick Lane – Overhanging foliage in a problematic area was reported and feedback has now been addressed.
- N.B Contacting appropriate LCC departments can still be problematic.

Hedge on Keswick Lane – Cllr Bosomworth reported that this has now been cut by LCC

4 **Memorial Benches** Cllr Bosomworth reported that LCC have finally granted permission for the erection of a memorial bench for Mick Yate's wife at the junction of Spear Fir and Blackmoor Lane .The license fee is £225.20 but this can only be granted to an organisation so we will have to make the application. He will complete the paperwork and tell Mick that he needs to pay the fee. We will have to give Leeds a copy of our Public Liability Insurance and enter into a written agreement with Mick that he will maintain the bench and that a named person will continue to maintain it after Mick is unable to, otherwise it will be removed. The

help of Hartlaws will be required. Although this is a lot of work for one bench it could be the template for any other memorials we agree to. He will check with YLCA whether they have a specimen agreement which we could adopt. The Clerk had contacted Zurich Insurance and been informed that provided we undertake the necessary inspection/ maintenance risk control measures, we will be covered automatically by our Public Liability Policy. If, however, we want the bench insured against damage, Zurich will need to know its replacement value.

5. Broken Gate in Cornmill Lane .Cllr Sidle reported hearing from the Executors of the Estate that they needed a genealogist's report confirming they have identified all parties who might have claims on Geoffrey Foster's estate before they can sell any of the assets. They expect to have this within a week and will then be able to take the property to market. They intend to sell the bungalow and land separately and may also agree to sell parts of the land separately in multiple packages. Anyone interested can register potential interest by contacting Stuart Hudson at Ware & Kay Solicitors in Wetherby.

6. Possibility of Footpath/ Bridleway along edge of field bordering A58 The Chairman said that there had been no further progress as we have no details yet of the purchaser.

7. Village Pond Cllr Bosomworth reported that the resident grass cutting seems to have stopped . He has contacted Waste Services about damage to the grass verge. He thinks that all the moorhen chicks have fledged but has not counted them recently.

8. Reopening of Village Hall Cllr Ward reported that the VHC hope to reopen the Hall from 31/8/20. They are considering a draft risk assessment but users will be expected to produce their own supporting risk assessment before using the hall. The committee room, normally used by the Parish Council for its meetings, has had to be taken out of possible use for the present as it is impossible to apply social distancing guidelines in there. Cllr Ward will send Cllr Bosomworth a copy of the risk assessment for possible adoption by BSC.

STANDING AGENDA ITEMS

1. Park Field Cllr Ward reported that Mark Hullah has done some repair work on the steps from the corner of the playground to the path leading to Park Field which were in a dangerous condition and has charged £45 for the work.

He has quoted for the additional work requested by Cllr Ward.

- Cut back shrubs/ tree branches on path leading to Park Field- £95.
- Replace wooden boards on pathway leading to Park Field (approx. 20 metres)- £430
- Install 2 picnic tables in Park Field - £185

Cllr Ward will order the picnic tables if Cllrs agree the installation cost quoted above.

All 3 quotations were agreed by Cllrs.

2. Playground Cllr Ward reported that the playground has been reopened. He has purchased a number of signs and posters but some of the signs have already been removed. Cllr Hoyland noted that on 2nd August there was a lot of litter, particularly on the proposed picnic area. Some people had acted responsibly and collected their rubbish leaving it bagged by the bins but there was even a pizza box left behind. The exit only sign was not being adhered to. Cllr Bosomworth agreed that some signs have disappeared and that they generally appear to be ignored.

3. Web Site There was nothing to report except that Cllr Sidle has noted that September 22nd is the date for ensuring that a Statement of Compliance (with the new accessibility

regulations) is posted on the web site. Upgrades to the web site were completed some months ago and he will ensure the relevant document is up on the web site in time.

4. Sports Club Cllr Bosomworth reported that the cricket has restarted and on the whole social distancing in the clubhouse is reasonable, although the one way system is difficult to manage. The Committee need to establish a policy over the use of their facilities by visiting teams from outside the area.

PLANNING.

1. NEW APPLICATIONS

Cllr Denby reported

(a) 20/04183 – Land adjacent to The Brow, Rigton Bank - Replacement detached stable block
Object

(b) 20/04314 – One Fir, 7 Wike – New decking and retaining wall to form car parking spaces.

(c) 20/04213 – 2 Congreve Way – Exts. -*No comment*

(d) 20/04285 – The Old Pump House, Wike Lane – Alterations to condition 24 of consent 18/07190 for external lighting – revised and scaled down version – *No comment*

2. APPROVALS BY LCC

(a) 20/01382 – Tanwood, Margaret Avenue

(b) 20/03172 – Winchcombe, Woodacre Crescent

(c) 20/02464 – The Ferns, Tithe Barn Lane – Porch to front.

3. REFUSALS BY LCC:

(a) Spear Fir Farm, Spear Fir – Application for a smaller house and garage with office was refused in July (the earlier consent for a similar large house but no garage still stands)

4. ENFORCEMENT

(a) Tithe House, Tithe Barn Lane - Cllr Stephenson advises that no action will be taken by Enforcement as the works were implemented prior to 2010 and are therefore lawful

(b) The Old Pump House, Wike Lane – Complaints were received from EK and Bardsey residents regarding the road gate, which were passed to Cllr Stephenson and LCC. LCC have advised that a planning application must be submitted for the gate or the gate removed.

5. Government Planning White Paper. Cllr Denby is in process of reading this and will outline his views on it later.

6. Thanks – Cllr Bosomworth expressed thanks to the Planning Sub- Committee for all the work they undertake in connection with the planning applications. He considers it important that where we note planning conditions being breached we should voice our objections. This was agreed. Cllr Denby thanked Cllr Ryan Stephenson for all the support he provides.

FINANCE

1. Bills for payment:

	£
(a) Biffa Waste Disposal	76.80
(b) GGS Groundcare – Maintenance	1,887 .50
(c) Bardsey Sports Club – Rent remission	225.00

It was agreed to pay the bills listed above.

CORRESPONDENCE AND NEW BUSINESS

1. West Well The Chairman reported that he has cleared most of the weed from the well. Most of it was caused by overhanging vegetation from the garden adjacent.

2. Safer roads in Harewood Ward. Cllr Robinson had e mailed Cllrs reporting that Ward Cllrs have paid for some targeted speed checks and patrols and more will follow. They are working in conjunction with the Police.

3. Tithe Barn Lane Cllr Tatman reported on new information learnt about land ownership issues in this road. In response to questions from a resident he had consulted Trishna Rycroft (LCC Assets Management Ltd) who explained that:

- All the land between the walls either side of Tithe Barn Lane is unowned and unregistered. It is Adopted Highway and therefore the responsibility of LCC. It was therefore legitimate for LCC to fell and remove 3 large trees in poor health.
- Adjacent owners may maintain their verges but do not own them. One resident who carried out access work across the verge outside his house should therefore have applied for consent to carry it out, but no action will be taken retrospectively by Leeds.
- Rocks placed on the outside of verges, are merely for verge protection and do not infer ownership.

4. SID Data Cllr Tatman asked Cllr West whether he had made any progress with processing this. Cllr West replied that he had not done anything yet but would work on it when he returned from holiday in 2 weeks.

5. Broken spring on gate to Blacksmith's Field -Cllr Bosomworth reported that this was broken once again. He has repaired it in the past and it is likely to re-occur. It would be possible to ask the Rangers to change the mechanism

6. Himalayan Balsam – Cllr Sidle reported that there appears to be a fresh outbreak of this in different parts of the village, particularly on Church Lane and Cornmill Lane and on the opposite side of the beck from his property. It was agreed that asking residents to dig it up would not help. The Chairman said that it had taken him 5 years working with a scythe to eliminate it on his land at Spear Fir.

7. Cornmill Ginnel – Cllr Tatman reported that Mark Hullah has been asked to cut back overhanging vegetation on Cornmill Ginnel.

8. Golden Wedding – Cllr Sidle, on behalf of the whole council, offered the Chairman and his wife congratulations on their forthcoming 50th wedding anniversary. He showed the Chairman a bottle of champagne to which everyone had contributed, which he will deliver personally nearer the date.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING Wednesday September 16th at 7pm

Signed:

Date:

.BPC Mins. for August 2020