

BARDSEY CUM RIGTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE VIRTUAL MEETING HELD ON 16TH SEPTEMBER 2020

POLICE AND RESIDENTS FORUM

The Police reported one incident of criminal damage when a suspect entered property and caused damage to turf by riding bicycles on same.

DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY AND OTHER INTERESTS. None.

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

Cllr Bosomworth attended for the second half of the meeting.

Ward Cllr Matthew Robinson also attended

APOLOGIES. Cllr Stentiford

In the absence of the Chairman, the meeting was chaired by the Vice Chairman, Cllr Sidle.

MINUTES OF VIRTUAL MEETING HELD IN AUGUST 2020 These were approved with a few amendments

MATTERS ARISING

1.Requirement for further virtual meeting Cllr Sidle explained that this was necessitated by the continuation of the coronavirus infection nationally and is likely to continue in this form for the foreseeable future. The password for residents to join in the zoom meeting had been supplied but no residents had actually joined the meeting.

2 Allotments Cllr Bosomworth reported that the webinar he had planned to take part in has been postponed and will now be held on 28th September when he has again registered interest in attending. A resident has emailed the council inquiring about the possibility of renting one of the allotments. It was agreed that the Clerk should explain to her that BPC is not at present in charge of the allotments and she should contact LCC for further information.

(Action JG)

3.Highways Update Cllr Hoyland reported:

- Church Lane – Footpath opposite Bingley Arms – Leeds Country Way signs have been replaced and are now less confusing. Also hedging has been cut back giving a clearer view of the Country Way route.
- Church Lane – Beck alongside footpath opposite Bingley Arms – BH reported concern with regard to trunk/ branches and debris which could compromise the beck. This was subsequently inspected by Leeds Flood Management and although acknowledging there were branches and debris in the beck did not feel it a flood risk. Due to financial situation they would only carry out works where it was considered to be a risk and therefore were taking no further action. They did feedback that the water course at this location is the responsibility of the private landowners on either side (riparian responsibilities) and any general maintenance would lie with them. It was agreed to remind people of their responsibilities on the website. **(Action CS)**

- Woodacre Lane – There is concern that the drains on Woodacre Lane going up from Keswick Lane have sunk even more and are therefore more problematic. BH has pursued this with Ben Cornelly and will follow up as no reply received to date. **(Action BH)**

4 Memorial Bench for Mick Yates' wife - Cllr Bosomworth reported that this is ongoing. Leeds have agreed but amongst other things need a photograph of the proposed bench.

5. Broken Gate in Cornmill Lane Cllr Sidle said that he would send a reminder as there had been no progress. **(Action CS)**

6. Possibility of Footpath/ Bridleway along edge of field bordering A58 Cllr Stentiford reported that we are still awaiting information on the new owners. Cllr Denby confirmed this. He has been in touch with Carter Jonas who have informed him that a sale of the land has been agreed and is currently progressing through solicitors. Once completed, they will be happy to provide details on behalf of the PC so that the purchaser can get in touch directly.

7. Village Pond Cllr Bosomworth said there was nothing to report.

8. Fence repair – Corner of Cornmill Lane/ Church Lane. This has now been replaced by LCC. who have done an excellent job. Cllr Hoyland has sent thanks on behalf of the council to Ben Cornelly

9. Reopening of Village Hall and Upgrade of Broadband for VH. Cllr Ward reported that the Village Hall reopened on 31/9/20 for badminton and dance classes only. The VH Committee have carried out a risk assessment but the individual organisations using the hall have been asked in addition to carry out their own assessments

Cllr Sidle reported that the council has now signed up with Plus Net to supply Unlimited Fibre Broadband (superfast) at £22.99 per month for 18 months. In addition, he has purchased a range extender for £39.99 to extend it to the committee room.

10. Data collected from SIDS Cllr West reported that he has tried this out on the SID device on Keswick Lane facing into the village, for vehicles travelling west, and found that it takes 6/7 minutes to download the data. It will be necessary to check speeds each week. To date he has learnt that some vehicles travel at 70 km/hr but the majority go at 26-30. (He has now learnt how to change this to mph). He will next try it out on Wetherby Road now that he understands it better. He will try to collect more data in time for the next meeting and make a presentation to Cllrs then. Cllr Robinson said that the Police are also collecting data on speeding and it will be useful for them to check figures to work out whether their speed checks make any difference. **(Action AW)**

11. Broken spring on gate to Blacksmith's Field Cllr Bosomworth offered to repair it once again but warned that this will re occur as he has already repaired it 4/5 times. He queries whether it is necessary as parents should be in charge of children crossing there. Cllr Hoyland offered first to make a further request to Highways to do the repair. **(Action BH/MB)**

12. Himalayan Balsam Cllr Flockton reported that some residents had expressed a willingness to form a working party to tackle this in the Park Field area. Cllr Stentiford explained, however, that it was too late in the season for any clearing to be effective as the seed pods are now established and any attempt to remove plants will aid distribution of the seeds, and help with the plant's spread. We will enlist volunteers to carry out clearing in May or June 2021.

13. Overhanging Vegetation on Cornmill Ginnel. Cllr Tatman reported that Mark Hullah has done some work here but the verge is still a mess and the grass is falling over the path itself.

After some discussion it was agreed that as LCC is not prepared to carry out any further work on the verges Cllr Tatman will prepare a specification for the work he considers necessary and the council can then assess the cost. Cllr Robinson offered his support. **(Action GT)**

STANDING AGENDA ITEM .

1. Park Field Cllr Ward reported that Mark Hullah has not yet carried out the work requested; replacing the boarding, cutting back the trees, spraying weeds on the path and installing the benches. These will be purchased when he has a date for installation. He will remind Mark.

(Action MW)

2. Playground Cllr Hoyland reported that on her monthly inspections she had noted the raised and shrunken surfaces and the molehills which have increased substantially in August. Footpaths beyond Adult Equipment had many overhanging briars which she moved from the path. At the start of August there was a lot of litter but less on later visits. For the whole period there had been a stack of concrete slabs by the footpath leading to the playground.

Cllr Ward reported that the main posters re coronavirus are in place but many of the small ones have been removed.

He has received the following quote from DCM Surfaces

• To replace all existing surfaces with new mixed colour Wet pour	£16,818.00
• To install new surface around timber log walk (Mulch)	2,184.00
• To provide additional pathway (Mulch)	<u>3,312.00</u>
Total	22,314.00

There was considerable discussion about the necessity for a pathway with some Cllrs contending that children would not use it, preferring to run from one piece of equipment to another. Cllr Sidle reminded fellow Cllrs that to obtain 106 money it would be necessary to show that the new items constituted improvements. Cllr Robinson said that he thought the proposals would meet the 106 criteria. Cllr Ward intends to approach the Emmerdale Committee also for funding. Cllr West suggested that it would be helpful to have a plan of the playground to show where the new pathway would go and offered to produce a sketch. Cllr Ward however, whilst accepting Cllr West's idea, said that he could produce a plan. It was agreed in principle to accept the whole DCM quote, subject to agreement at the next meeting on the proposed pathway and obtaining suitable funding. Cllr Robinson said that he would do anything he could to help. **(Action MW)**

3. Web Site There was nothing to report.

4. Sports Club Cllr Bosomworth reported that prior to re-opening the Sports Club both the cricket section and the sports club had carried out risk assessments. and installed social distancing measures.

On Saturday 22nd August Bardsey 1st XI played a team at Green Lane. Unknown to anyone else, one of the Bardsey team had been contacted by a friend who he had met for a drink and advised to go for a Covid 19 test. The player had his test on August 21st and was not told to self-isolate. On the Saturday evening he was told that he had tested positive. He immediately informed everyone he had been in close contact with and the cricket club took all the appropriate steps. The clubhouse was closed and fully sanitised before it was considered safe to reopen. However, this initial case of Covid 19 has unfortunately spread and to the best of Cllr Bosomworth's knowledge, to date there have been 15 cases of people testing positive for Covid 19 linked to Bardsey Sports Club.

PLANNING.

1. NEW APPLICATIONS Cllr Denby reported

- (a) 20/04861- 19 Alban's Close – Raise roof to form extra room and single storey side ext. with rooms above in roof space. – *Object*
- (b) 20/05094 – 14 Second Ave – Exts. – *No objection*
- (c) 20/04754 – Hill Top Farm, The Ginnel – change of use farm building to dwelling ; conversion of barn to outbuilding – *Object*
- (d) 20/04727 – Byewaters, Linden Close – Demolition of Garage and Ext.- *Comment*
- (e) 20/05241 – Collingham House, Rigton Gardens – Ext.- *No objection*
- (f) 20/04273 - Hooves on the Hill, Brandon Crescent – *Object*
- (g) 20/04848 – 26 The Drive – Ext. – *Comment*

2. APPROVALS BY LCC Cllr Denby reported

- (a) 20/02826 – Thornwick, Mill Lane.
- (b) 20/02918 – Thorphill, Wood Lane.
- (c) 20/03655 -- Fairlea, Wetherby Road, Scarcroft.
- (d) 20/803442 -3 Congreve Way.
- (e) 20/03942 -- 6 Wayside Crescent
- (f) 20/04285 - The Old Pump House, Wike Lane – External Lighting.

Possible Approval – 20/04183 – Land adj. to the Brow, Rigton Bank – Landscape Team have requested further information

3. Other Items

- (a) 19/01978 – 4 First Ave – No decision on the appeal.
- (b) 19/00378 – Quarry Hill Farm, 38 Church Lane – Backlog on Enforcement.
- (c) 20/00474 – The Ferns, Tithe Barn Lane – No breach of planning regulations regarding moving of a stone boundary wall complained of by a neighbour.

FINANCE

1. Bills for payment:

- (a) Biffa Waste Disposal £ 142.74
- (b) J.Gallant – Reimbursement Plus Net 22.99

It was agreed to pay the bills listed above.

2. Increase in Clerk's Salary. The Clerk reported that YLCA have recommended a 3% increase in salaries for clerks.

This was agreed.

CORRESPONDENCE AND NEW BUSINESS

1. Proposal for path linking First Avenue to village centre. Cllr Bosomworth has offered to raise this issue once again with Bramham Estate following a request from a First Avenue resident. In addition to the necessity for obtaining permission for a path from the Estate, there is the additional problem of getting agreement from the residents of the land on First Avenue along the proposed route. Cllrs agree that it would be extremely unlikely that they could ever

now obtain a path along this route. An alternative along the side of the field parallel to the path was a possibility. It was agreed to advise the residents that there are a number of obstacles in the way of securing such a path.

3. Overgrown grass verges. – Cllr Flockton e mailed Cllr Robinson expressing her concern about the state of the verges generally throughout the area, especially one on Woodacre Lane on the last bend before the school, where the overgrown verge could be hazardous to motorists unable to see round it.

Cllr Robinson replied, explaining that there are some reduced cutting procedures in place to help plants and animals in rural areas, resulting in reduced costs for LCC, but agreed that sight lines and safety are paramount and some areas require a good cut more often. He is due to speak to Parks Officers and has been informed by Environment Officers that street sweeping will commence again soon in our area and attempts made to get weeds out of the gutters.

4. Area opposite Church- Cllr Hoyland said that despite the work done last year by Cllrs and volunteers on this area it now looks neglected and in need of attention. Advice is needed for a more permanent solution. Cllr Robinson offered to be involved in following this up.

5. Bardsey School Cllr Stephenson reported that the school would be a week late in reopening due to problems with teachers, one of whom had contracted the virus and could have infected others with whom she had met. It is still closed. Cllr Robinson informed Cllrs that he has agreed to join the School Governing Body to help them in this difficult time.

6. Overgrown Hedges on footpath on left hand side of Church Lane between Bingley Arms and Blackmoor Lane and overgrown pathways causing people to walk on road in parts- raised by a resident. Cllr Tatman added that hedge cutting was required on the approach to the SID on the east side of the A58. Overhanging branches need cutting back many metres so that drivers can adjust their speed in time. Cllr Flockton has reported the need for hedge cutting in the village to Cllr Robinson.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING Wednesday October 21st. at 7pm.

Addendum to Minutes- 21st September – Sports Club

Cllr Bosomworth later reported that it now appears that there have been 15 positive Covid 19 test results that can be traced back to the index case, making 16 cases in all.

It is now apparent that on 18th August prior to the cricket match on 22nd there was another significant contact between players who had tested positive when they celebrated one of the players' birthdays at a meal in Leeds and then later at a bar. At the bar they were joined by a person who was at the clubhouse on 22nd and who also tested positive. In all 6 of 7 players and one non player who tested positive were in the bar in Leeds that night.

On a balance of probabilities, it would seem, with the exception of one cricketer, all cricketers who tested positive for Covid 19 did so as a result of socialising in a bar in Leeds. So far as Cllr Bosomworth can ascertain none of those involved had symptoms of Covid 19 and neither had they been advised to self-isolate prior to the cricket match on 22nd August.

Signed

Date

BPC Mins for September 20.