

BARDSEY CUM RIGTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE VIRTUAL MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 21ST

POLICE AND RESIDENTS FORUM The Police reported no crime during the whole of September..

DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY AND OTHER INTERESTS Cllr Flockton declared an interest in Planning 1(a) 69 The Drive.

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

APOLOGIES. . None.

MINUTES OF VIRTUAL MEETING HELD IN SEPTEMBER 2020

These were approved with a few minor amendments

MATTERS ARISING

1.Overgrown Grass Verges and Hedges. Cllr Flockton reported that following on from her requests to Cllr Robinson to press for action over the unsightly appearance of verges in the village, LCC had cleared the pathway from Church Lane to Blackmoor Lane. This had been seen, as she had suggested, as a safety hazard. She had also supported Cllr Hoyland in suggesting further work on the daffodil area opposite the Church.

Cllr Robinson said that grass cutting next year should be carried out on a more regular basis. He intends to raise the matter of verges at the Town and Parish Council Forum Meeting next evening.

Cllr Tatman reported that it is impossible to see one of the SIDs on the Wetherby Road until almost upon it. He considers that the vegetation surrounding it needs cutting back drastically. Cllr Sidle said that another safety hazard faces drivers when turning right at the exit from Cornmill Lane on to Church Lane , as the hedge to the left there is so overgrown that it is impossible to see traffic travelling west down Church Lane from the A58 until almost upon it. Cllr Robinson promised to raise both issues with LCC.

Cllr Bosomworth reported that the grass verge on the southern side of Keswick Lane had been cut back but not that on the northern side. He did not consider it worth getting the team back but wondered how we could ensure that it is cut regularly in future? It is more difficult to cut but if the contractors are not going to do anything they should be paid less.

2 Allotments A second resident has inquired about allotment availability and has offered to help with clearing up the overgrown plots.

Cllr Bosomworth had attended the webinar seminar on allotments and was surprised to learn that there were 3 categories – statutory, private and temporary. He had emailed Jonathon Morton, LCC, to inquire about which category our allotments are in. If statutory, he believes we can just say that we want to manage them because effectively we would own them. However, if we took a more aggressive stance then LCC would almost certainly walk away

from any maintenance that they do at present like cutting the external faces of the perimeter hedges.

Cllrs had heard recently that there is an existing occupier for one of the plots and that one of the vacant plots has now been allocated. It was agreed to check both reports with Jonathon Morton .Cllrs agreed that they could not proceed further until there was a response from Leeds.. **(Action BH/MB)**

3.Highways Update Cllr Hoyland reported: -

- Church Lane (beyond Bingley Arms to Tithe Barn Lane). She had followed up concerns about narrowing of footpath with Ward Cllr. Mathew Robinson. He has added to the work programme the widening of the footpath which will be carried out as soon as possible.
- Church Lane (Banking opposite Church) In order to discuss restoring and improving the appearance of the banking opposite the Church, a meeting was held with Matthew Robinson. The area now has rambling growth both in depth and height and an ever-increasing loss of daffodils. It was decided that all parties would investigate the removal of overgrowth and height reduction of trees where possible and look to set up a 3year rolling programme to address the verge works. No objection to this was raised at a chance encounter with a resident affected, who considered it would in fact improve his outlook. Additional planting, such as more daffodils, would not be covered by the funding and would have to be funded elsewhere.

Cllr Tatman said that there was water flooding on the roadway on a section of Mill Lane. The Chairman replied that he understands that YW have plans to deal with it. Another area with flooding problems is the part of the A58 near the bus stop. Cllr Hoyland asked Cllrs to contact her when this occurs as Highways are collecting data on this.

Cllr Bosomworth mentioned a section of Keswick Lane near to the A58 where spring water often bubbles up.

- Keswick Lane – Bramble growth overhanging footpath opposite entrance to Sports ground by small area of land before Woodacre Green. This was reported to Environment, along with item 4 Correspondence and New Business.
- Keswick Lane – Footpath 12 – BH has asked PROW to investigate the gate mechanism on the Blacksmith's Field where Cllr Bosomworth has recently replaced the broken spring with a stronger one. They have referred this to their maintenance officer who will look into finding a better solution.

4 Memorial Bench for Mick Yates Wife. Cllr Bosomworth cannot complete the paperwork with LCC on behalf of Mick until he supplies a photo of the proposed seat.

5.Broken Gate to G. Foster field off Cornmill Close Cllr Sidle reported that Ware & Co in resolving the Estate have hit unexpected problems .They have instructed a professional valuer to appraise the land , including the condition of the boundaries. Cllr Denby mentioned that the broken gate could be a Health & Safety risk and suggested pointing out that any injury sustained would be the responsibility of them and the executors. Cllr Sidle believes he has already covered this point in his letter to Ware & co.

6 Possibility of Footpath/ Bridleway along edge of field bordering A58 Cllr Denby said that there was no further news about a footpath/ bridleway. We are unlikely to hear anything until contracts are exchanged. However, if anyone has news of the purchaser it would be helpful

7 Village Pond Cllr Bosomworth said that a parishioner had reported fly tipping at the pond. In fact, a tree trunk had been placed across another parishioner's drive. That has been moved on to the grass verge adjacent to the drive and there is now what looks like a mound of garden rubbish in the same location. Cllr Stephenson said that LCC are investigating the fly tipping.

Cllr Bosomworth thinks we might consider clearing the pond of weed in November but will require only a small skip which Cllr Robinson will organise for us. **(Action MB)**

There are still 2 moorhens on the pond.

8. Data collected from SIDs and Problem with Grange Close SID. Cllr Robinson and several Cllrs have noticed that the SID opposite Grange Close is extremely erratic and in need of overhaul. Cllr Robinson has reported this to Andrew Richardson, Assistant Traffic Engineer. Cllr West has now visited all 4 SIDS with his laptop but has found problems. The data shows, however, that in all cases 40% of vehicles were breaking the speed limit and some of the maximum speeds shown are horrifying like 70mph on Keswick Lane and 80mph on the A58 in the early hours. He is unsure about whether it is possible to identify names of offenders and will have another attempt to understand the data. Cllr Denby suggested that we should contact the Police with our findings and ask them to find a suitable location on Keswick Lane where a speed check can be carried out. **(Action AW)**

9, WI FI in Village Hall Cllr Sidle said that this is now working satisfactorily.

10 Gate to Blacksmith's Field Cllr Bosomworth has again repaired the gate using a heavier duty spring and he has replaced one of the uprights. This is the third time the gate spring has been repaired. In future we will either have to keep repairing it or find a better closure mechanism/

11. 17 Steps – Marc Douglas, PROW, has e mailed to report that the volunteers have recently re-started work and work on the steps is scheduled for attention in the next month or so.

12. Disused Railway Line and Further Bridleway Issues Cllr Bosomworth said that he had not had time recently to pursue this matter but the Elmet Greenway Group have been active in East Leeds over the Outer Leeds Ring Road (ELOR). He receives regular updates on this and its possible impact on cycling which he passes on to BP where relevant.

It is possible that the owner of stables at Compton will prevent cycle access to a public footpath from Compton to the bridleway across Collingham Moor. This is shown as a footpath on OS maps but actually is a cart track used by horse riders and cyclists for many years Collingham PC may submit an application for a Definitive MAP Modification Order (DMMC) to have the route registered as a bridleway , and are currently collecting evidence of use.

STANDING AGENDA ITEMS

1.Park Field Cllr Ward reported that Mark Hullah has mended the steps near the playground and cut the trees down the passageway. He has repaired the wooden edging and sprayed the path with weed killer.

He will have to let him know that the steps near the bridge (a continuous problem) need mending once again.

The new hedge near the Adult Play Equipment needs cutting as part of his contract.

The new picnic tables have not yet been ordered.

2. Playground Cllr Ward had circulated the latest proposal for Mulch & Wetpour from DCM Surfaces prior to the meeting.

Looking back over previous comments from Cllrs he had formed certain conclusions.

There was no majority for covering the whole site, many preferring the present grass. There was also no support for linking areas with pathways which would be unlikely to be used.

The most support seemed to be for Option 3- Remove the old surface and install new surfacing in colour (more hard wearing than black and bearing a 5 year guarantee). There was also support for surfacing the area under the Timber Log walk in black mulch (coloured would be more expensive).

Installing surfacing at the 2 entrances was also supported. If Mulch was used the cost would be approximately 40% of the cost for the Timber Log walk.

Therefore the total cost for the Pads, Timber Log Walk (Mulch) and both Gates would be around £20k – subject to confirmation from the company.

Cllrs agreed to accept Cllr Ward's suggestions subject to obtaining an exact price and obtaining some funding from 106/ Emmerdale. Cllr Ward said he would circulate the price when obtained to all Cllrs and to Cllrs Stephenson and Robinson before the next meeting.

3. Web Site Cllr Sidle said there was nothing to report.

4. Sports Club Cllr Bosomworth said the situation was still very difficult. The Cricket season had ended and Football begun. Matches had, however, twice been cancelled because one of the players had tested positive for Covid 19. The clubhouse remains open and every effort is made to ensure social distancing.

PLANNING.

1. NEW APPLICATIONS AND REVISIONS

Cllr Denby reported :

- (a) 20/05905 – 69 The Drive – Exts. – *Object*
- (b) 20/05473 – Scarcroft House, Rigton Gardens – Cons. – *No comment*
- (c) 20/06229 – Ivy Cottage and Lilac Cottage , Rigton Green – Two Exts.- *Object*
- (d) 20/06333- 12 Woodacre Lane – Ext, Loft Conversion, Over Rendering of Walls and Dropped Kerb.- *Object*
- (e) 20/06413 – 1 Keswick View, Exts and Pitched Garage Roof.- *Object*
- (f) 20/06449 – Hillside, Rigton Hill, Wetherby Road – Exts – *Comment*
- (g) 20/06544 – Hooves on the Hill, Brandon Crescent, Scarcroft – Variation of condition 4 to remove temporary buildings required under Approval 20/00986 – to extend removal date.
- (h) 20/04861 – 19 Alban's Close – Revised Plans – Ext. & alterations to fenestration – *Object*
- (i) 16/06260 - Car Park off Keswick Lane – Revised Plans for smaller house - **REFUSED**
- (j) 20/06579 – Bankside, Keswick Lane – Ext.
- (k) 20/05510 – Swallows Barn, Wike Lane – Ext.- *Object*

2. APPROVALS BY LCC

- (a) 19/03124 – Reservoir, Wike Lane
- (b) 20/02268 – Land to rear of The Ferns, Tithe Barn Lane – Additional Storage Barn.
- (c) 20/04314 – One Fir, 7 Wike Lane – Rear balcony and front parking area
- (d) 20/04213 – 2 Congreve Way – Ext
- (e) 20/04727 – Byeways, Linden Close – Ext.
- (f) 20/05094 – 14 Second Avenue – Ext.
- (g) 20/05241 – Collingham House, Rigton Gardens – Ext.

3. REFUSALS BY LCC:- I(J)

4. APPEALS LODGED

- (a) 19/01978 – 4 First Avenue – Alts. & New Dwelling
- (b) 19/00378 – Quarry Hill Farm, 38 Church Lane – Permitted Development – No further action to be taken
- (c) 18/05566 – Barbondale, Mill Lane
- (d) 17/03770 – Land off Keswick Lane – Complaint to Forestry re removal of all trees.
- (e) The Old Pump House, Wike Lane – Entrance Gate. – Application awaited.

Cllr Tatman asked about the possibility of obtaining a lay -by on Woodacre Lane similar to the well used one on Keswick Lane. Cllr Hoyland replied that this had already been pursued but turned down on grounds of cost. Ward Cllr Stephenson confirmed the high costs involved in getting a lay-by, but would look further into this.

FINANCE

1. Bills for payment:

(a) Biffa Waste Disposal	69.60
(b) J. Gallant – Salary and Expenses	2,194.20
(c) YLCA – Webinar Allotment Fee	15.00
(d) Cllr Sidle – Reimbursement – Broadband Extender	39.99
(e) Mr P.Oddy – Reimbursement HMRC Cheque	161.60
(f) GGS Quarterly Maintenance	1,787.50
(g) GGS Extra work in Park Field	570.00
(h) Cllr E. Stentiford – Reimbursement – Zoom Meeting	14.39

It was agreed to pay all the bills listed above.

Cllr Flockton said that the Clerk had failed to claim for a back-salary payment although it was her understanding that all the Cllrs had been in favour of her doing so. Other Cllrs agreed that she should claim for all to which she was entitled. The Clerk expressed thanks and will add it to next quarter's bill. She will also add reimbursement to Cllr Bosomworth for the cost of the new gate spring.

CORRESPONDENCE AND NEW BUSINESS

1. Defibrillator Problems The Chairman, Vice Chairman and Cllr Denby are due to attend a zoom meeting on Friday October 23rd 6.30-7 pm with Joanne Watson of Yorkshire Ambulance Service and her line manager. This has arisen following a series of e mails between YAS and the Chairman of BPC after a recent incident when a friend of an elderly gentleman suffering from a heart attack and advised by YAS to get hold of a defibrillator in case the ambulance was delayed, was informed when ringing 999 from the defibrillator outside the village hall, that there was no record of its existence. Joanne Watson then explained that every community public access defibrillator is given a 600.metre radius and as the caller was outside this range

it was not shown as available for activation. Cllrs felt that further information would be helpful and the meeting was arranged.

Cllr Bosomworth was reminded during the course of discussions that the Parish Council has agreed to fund the transfer of the Sports Club defibrillator, currently within the building, to an outside wall, to make it accessible to residents in the area at times when the Sports Club is not open.

2. QR Posters The Chairman reported that he has downloaded a poster for the Village Hall for people using the new NHS track and trace app .but after discussions with Cllrs about assigning a poster to the playground, it was decided that at this point in time the code of practice for users (based on risk assessment) was sufficient.

3. West Well The Chairman reported that he will write to the owners of land adjacent to West Well to request that leylandii planted on their land which are overhanging, are cut back.

4. Overgrown Hedge blocking footpath – Keswick View The Clerk had received an e mail from 2 residents on Keswick View inquiring whether the Council would be willing to write to a nearby resident asking him to cut his hedge. This was important because the hedge blocked access to the grit bin which it was important to get filled by LCC before the onset of winter. Cllr Hoyland had followed this up with the Environment Dept. who agreed to investigate.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING Wednesday November 18th at 7pm

Signed:

Date:

BPC October 20 Mins.