

BARDSEY CUM RIGTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE VIRTUAL MEETING HELD ON 18TH NOVEMBER 2020

POLICE AND RESIDENTS FORUM

The Police reported one Burglary Residential

There has been an increase in theft from motor vehicles and a large number of unlocked vehicles entered and searched. The Police urge everyone to lock their cars.

There have been a few incidents of postal scams in surrounding villages reported to the Police involving a suspect (black African male) removing post from houses with external post boxes and applying for credit cards in the name of the owners.

There have been a couple of incidents of distraction type burglaries targeting elderly people. Identification should always be asked for if the visitor is not a regular.

Land rover thefts stolen for parts are also becoming more common in the Leeds area

There is a huge amount of fly tipping in the rural areas of the Harewood Ward, much of it coming from cannabis farms.

There has been an increase in the theft of Yorkshire stone and lead.

Cllr Flockton had reported to Cllrs prior to the meeting that about 20 coping stones have been stolen from the wall at the back of the Village Hall and the side of the Tennis Courts and have been reported to the Police. She queried whether replacement would be the responsibility of the Village Hall or the Parish Council. Martin Smith, Chairman of the VHC, has asked Noel Graham, who built the wall in the front of the village hall, to quote for repair.

Cllr Bosomworth has e mailed the Police about evidence of drug dealing in the Sports Club grounds and car park but has to date received no reply.

A Church Lane resident attended to inquire about progress on the possibility of getting a bridleway, in addition to a footpath, along the edge of the field bordering the A58. (M.A10). He is not in favour of this and believes that many people living round him consider it would pose a safety risk due to the narrowness of a path here. He asked Cllrs to request a footpath only. Cllr Bosomworth disagreed. The Chairman explained that a bridleway had featured as an aspiration in the Neighbourhood Plan, with the aim of to reducing numbers of people having to use the A58. Cllr Denby said that it was too early to consider the type of path We should wait until we have a clearer idea as to whether any sort of path will be allowed by the new owners of the field.

DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY AND OTHER INTERESTS. None.

PRESENT Cllrs Stentiford, Sidle, Bosomworth, Hoyland, Denby, Tatman, Ward. Ward Cllr Matthew Robinson also attended and one resident.

APOLOGIES. Cllrs West and Flockton.

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

MATTERS ARISING

1.Safety hazards for drivers caused by overgrown vegetation Cllr Matthew Robinson had been informed by Martin Beaumont, Environmental Health, that vegetation from the curtilage of 2 Cornmill Lane has now at last been cut back, after a letter was sent to the home owner. Cllr Sidle said that this was a big improvement. There is still work required elsewhere however.

2 Allotments –Cllr Bosomworth reported that the allotments in Bardsey are classified as ‘temporary’. The Council has obtained a specimen tenancy agreement from YLCA and advice from Hartlaws. He considers that the next step for BPC should be the formation of a small working party to come up with a firm proposal to put to the full PC. This was agreed and Cllrs Denby and Ward offered to join him on the working party. **(Action MB/MW DD)**

3.Highways Update Cllr Hoyland reported

- Church Lane banking – No further update.
- Church Lane – No update re issue of narrowing footpath acknowledged by Cllr Robinson and added to Highway maintenance.
- Keswick Lane – Footpath 12-. She has now emailed Mark Douglas, Maintenance, concerning the spring on the gate recently replaced by Cllr Bosomworth with a stronger one. Marc has visited the site and considers that there is no reason why this one should not last. There is little room for any other options. There may be a metal self closing gate on the market but for the time being we should monitor the new spring.
- Woodacre Lane- Awaiting outcome of request from Cllr Stephenson who had promised to pursue despite costs and other problems .(M.A 9).

She thanked those responsible for patching the roads.

Cllrs have noted a great amount of dirt on the footpath between the Congreves and the Collingham boundary. Cllr Robinson suggested that BPC should make a joint approach with Collingham PC and Cllrs also agreed to approach Scarcroft PC similarly over the stretch of the A58 between the 2 councils **(Action JG)**

The safety hazard posed by slippery fallen leaves on various footpaths in the village was also discussed and Cllrs asked whether road sweeping still took place regularly. Cllr Robinson said that it was not possible to sweep all minor roads.He had himself complained to Highways about the leaf problem on Church Lane. **Action BH)**

4. Defibrillator Issues The Chairman reported that a zoom meeting had taken place between Cllrs (CS, DD, and ES) and Neil Marsay and Joanne Watson from the Yorkshire Ambulance Service (YAS) on Friday 23rd October. The background of the case was explained to Neil, who apologised because the first contact on 999 did not give complete advice to the caller regarding the effectiveness of using the defibrillator when it had to be collected from a site more than 600m from the incident. Given that despite being outside the 600m radius , the call

was specifically asking the caller to fetch the defibrillator as a contingency in the event of the ambulance being delayed and/or the patient's condition worsening, he should also have provided the code for the cabinet there and then. This would have avoided any risk of a second call on arrival, most likely to a different responder, falling foul of the distance procedures. Joanne is following up on the call to make sure this does not occur again. In terms of making the defibrillator more easily available by not having a locked cabinet (there are about 40 from a total of over 1000 in the YAS area) the YAS recommendation is to stick with the locked cabinet and continue with weekly checks on the machine. Later, Joanne wrote to the Chairman informing him that she has now received confirmation of both phone calls made re the incident and appropriate action has been taken about not giving correct advice. A similar thing should therefore not occur again in the future.

5. Broken Gate in Cornmill Lane Nothing to report.

6. West Well The Chairman has written to the adjacent landowner explaining that the leylandii recently planted on his property are as BPC had anticipated reducing the light reaching the well and are dropping spikes into the water with possible effects on the water quality. He asked the owner to cut them back to the boundary wall. Reducing the height of the hedge would also be beneficial for increasing light.

7. Village Pond Cllr Bosomworth said that he recommended accepting an offer from Mark Hullah to use his trailer to take debris/weeds from the pond away.

Two moorhens are still in residence and a pair of mallards have been seen recently.

The tree trunk and some of the garden debris have been removed from the grass verge opposite the northern perimeter of the pond.

Cllr Flockton has sent photos of damage to the grass banking and bridle path apparently caused by a heavy vehicle. Cllr Bosomworth had raised the issue of damage to the perimeter earlier in the year with Bob Buckenham (PROW). The latter had replied that as the bridleway itself was unaffected there was no action he could take. It was maintained to a standard suitable for use by walkers/ cyclists, horse riders, but not motor vehicles. He had suggested placing boulders on the verge but away from the edge to avoid trip hazard. It would be advisable to check with Waste Management Services etc to learn whether lorries can be manoeuvred more carefully. This suggestion had been followed but no progress has been made and the damage noted by Cllr Flockton has now occurred. On this occasion it appears that a vehicle may have reversed on to the verge, though there is evidence of damage on the other side of the track also. Cllr Robinson warned against use of boulders as he is aware of numerous complaints about them. Cllr Bosomworth wonders whether we should approach Highways or Leeds Landscaping Dept. as PROW cannot help. Cllr Hoyland has now reported the damage to Ben Cornelly (Highways), Leeds Landscaping, and Bob Buckenham (PROW), and also asked for assistance and advice to resolve a recurring issue, recently exacerbated. Cllr Robinson offered to provide suitable contacts for advice. **(Action MB)** Cllrs Flockton and Hoyland have noted 'inappropriate' planting (at least 2 plants) at the south side of the pond opposite Stonecote/ The Ferns.

8. Condition of SIDS and data collected from SIDs It has become apparent that the SID on Keswick Lane is not working properly. Cllr Robinson said that he would ask Andrew Richardson to look at it. There was nothing further to report on data collected. **(Action GT/AW)**

9. Possibility of lay bye on Woodacre Lane towards junction with Keswick Lane/ one way system Cllr Stephenson had looked into costs of a lay bye- about £85,000, and reported that

there was no current budget for this. Highways had also informed him that planning approval to remove the grass verges and change of use to parking would also be required and unlikely to be supported. YW would also need to give permission over drainage and this too was unlikely to be given as only 3 council tenants would benefit.

Cllr Ward considered that a lay bye would not solve the problem of parking associated with the school. A one way system would help traffic flow and would cost considerably less. Many Cllrs, however, were opposed to this and considered the problem occurred only at school opening/ closing times. It was agreed to take both ideas no further.

10. Possibility of Footpath /Bridleway along edge of field bordering A58. Carter Jonas have informed Cllr Denby that contracts have not yet been exchanged but they will pass on our interest when they are. Cllr Hoyland has heard a rumour that the Lady Elizabeth Hastings Trust are the buyers and confirmation of this would be useful.

STANDING AGENDA ITEMS

1. Park Field Cllr Flockton had been told by a neighbour that an electric bike appears to have been ridden over the grass and round and round a tree, churning up grass and turning it into a muddy mess. This was confirmed by a dog walker, who has witnessed a boy of possibly 10 accompanied by his father regularly riding an electric bike there at around 7.30 am. Cllr Ward said that he has put up a notice asking people to keep to the paths and there has been no sighting of the boy and his father since.

As Mark Hullah is currently suffering from coronavirus, Cllr Ward does not expect to get the picnic tables installed until the New Year. There is still some work outstanding for Mark under contract, like cutting the hedge bordering the adult sports equipment.

2. Playground Cllr Ward reported that most Cllrs have approved the DCM quotation. It is now necessary to source funding, which may take many months and not start until January. The work is unlikely to be carried out until late summer. Cllrs agreed to use 106 money if it fulfils the regulations Cllr Robinson advised on the amount available for BPC. There is currently £43,333.66 available- £20,428.95 to lay out green space, £7,499.66 to maintain green space, £8,463.69 for the provision of fixed play areas and equipment, and £3,329.92 for professional fees.

3. Web Site Cllr Sidle reported that there was little appearing on the site at present since he has stopped providing local info on the current coronavirus situation and normal activities in the village are not taking place. He agreed to a request from Cllr Tatman to advertise on the website a new initiative being undertaken by Lynne Tungate and the Vicar for people to put something aside every day during Advent (non perishable food and toiletries) to go eventually to a food bank in Harehills. The website would provide a link to the latest online newsletter providing further details of the scheme.

4. Sports Club-This is closed currently. Prior to closure the Environment Agency advised that the relatively small section of fencing between the junior football pitch and the beck is a safety hazard as it has fallen over. There is no fencing between the beck and the main football pitch. It is estimated that it would cost around £1,000 to fence the whole area. Cllr Bosomworth wonders whether the PC would support with a bid for funding via 106 money? Cllrs suggested that he should invite the EA to visit the site and advise on the best option for both BSC and Park Field, where Cllr Ward pointed out there was the same danger. The type of fencing – post and rail or post and wire- was also discussed. After obtaining advice from the EA, Cllrs Ward and Bosomworth should then carry out a risk assessment, and the PC will

decide how much it is prepared to contribute.

Cllr Bosomworth is concerned at the lack of Police response to his concerns over drug use. He has considered locking the outside gates and/or installing an extra camera but is not happy with either solution. He will make a further attempt to contact the Police. **(Action MB)**

PLANNING.

1. NEW APPLICATIONS

(a) 20/06773 – Variation of condition 4 to allow garages or outbuildings to be erected under permitted development rights. – The Ferns, Tithe Barn Lane. – *Object*

(b) 20/06579 – Bankside, Keswick Lane – Ext. – *No comment*

(c) 20/06406 - The old Pump House, Wike Lane – App. for front gates, revised large ‘estate’ as opposed to rural farm gates, and brick gate posts – *Object*

(d) 20/07185 – Hillside, 40 Church Lane – Mainly single storey ext. – *Likely to object*

2. APPROVALS BY LCC

(a) 20/04861 – 19 Alban’s Close – Ext. to bungalow

(b) 20/05473 – Scarcroft House – Cons.

3. APPEALS

(a) 10/01978- 4 First Ave. – Second house on plot – APPEAL DISMISSED

4. ENFORCEMENT

(a) 18/05566 – Barbondale, Mill Lane – Retro App for alterations to garage – Appeal dismissed. Owner has until 24 Dec. to remove 2 dormers and reinstate garage roof.

(b) 17/03770 – Land off Keswick Lane – Complaint re removal of trees – Required to reinstate by 17 December.

5. Further Minor Revisions under consideration

(a) 18/05840 - Rowley Grange Farm – A revised site plan and speed survey submitted but Highways still require further info.

(b) 20/04183 – The Brow, Rigton Bank – Replacement stable block – Further info requested by Landscape still awaited.

FINANCE

1. Bills for payment:

(a) Biffa Waste Disposal	£ 76.80
(b) Data Protection Fee Renewal	40.00
(c) Cllr Bosomworth- Reimbursement – Gate Spring	14.63
(d) BK Growers Ltd – Plants for Tubs	61.56

It was agreed to pay the bills listed above.

CORRESPONDENCE AND NEW BUSINESS

1.Code of Conduct – Further Consultation requested by YLCA .(October 26). This was noted.

2.Brown Bins – End of collection time for 2020 and possibility of expansion of service to Wike Lane. The date for the end of the brown bin collection for this year is November 28th.

The Chairman has passed on a request for a brown bin collection from a Wike Lane resident. Ward Cllr Sam Firth has explained that unfortunately this is not possible before the end of the collection period for 2020.He will pass on the request for assessment during the winter. This is determined by garden size, demand on the street, access and costs.

3. Planting of Tubs – Cllr Flockton reported that she and her helpers have planted the tubs in the village. Cllrs expressed their thanks.

4. Junction of Coal Road/ Tarn Lane – Cllr Robinson has warned that work some work has commenced and will continue for some weeks at this junction, to improve and repaint signs. There are currently no plans to change the current ‘Give Way’ to a ‘Stop’ sign.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING Wednesday December 16th at 7pm

Signed:

Date:

BPC Mins for November 20