

BARDSEY CUM RIGTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE VIRTUAL MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY JANUARY 20TH 2021

POLICE AND RESIDENTS FORUM The Police recorded 3 burglaries residential during the month.

DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY AND OTHER INTERESTS. None.

PRESENT Cllrs Stentiford, Sidle, Bosomworth, Ward, Denby, Tatman, Hoyland and Flockton, Ward Cllrs Robinson and Stephenson, and one resident.

APOLOGIES. None.

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

MATTERS ARISING

1 Vacancy on Bardsey Parish Council. The Chairman reported that Cllr West had decided to step down from the Council. Council members thanked him for his services. Cllr Sidle will put details of the vacancy, with a brief outline of the responsibilities of councillors, on the website.

2 Allotments – Cllr Bosomworth reported that he has just had a reply from Jonathon Morton (JM) saying that he has got the draft heads of terms 90% ready but it was not clear whether the draft heads of terms referred to the PC owning or just managing allotments. He has previously said that they are temporary allotments. Cllr Robinson has offered to help further the council's cause in taking over management and hopefully ownership of the allotments and has also written. It is hoped that the next reply will be sent jointly to both.

JM has informed Cllr Hoyland that all 3 allotments are let but not the date when they were let. Allotment 3 is in dire need of some work, but it is possible that it has only recently been let.

3.Highways Update – Cllr Hoyland reported

- A58 – She is still trying to get a permanent solution to the continuous pooling by the bus stop. Ben Cornelly had suggested she notify him when it occurs but she has not managed to speak to him. Ice signs have been placed there on several occasions indicating that Highways are fully aware of the problem.
- Church Lane – Church Banking – Cllr Robinson is pursuing with Parks & Countryside cutting back some of the area from Elm Tree Cottage to the Church and he also supplied costings for bulbs which if pursued could not be planted until the Autumn. Because the growth is so invasive, BH feels that more substantial work needs to be done, but this should be assessed after the proposed cutting back has taken place.
- Drains – Cllr Flockton has informed her of blocked drains on Woodacre Lane and Wike Lane near to East Keswick, which she will follow up.
- Grit Bins – BH had checked the grit bin at Bingley Bank during the recent snow and finding it empty, reported and got it refilled promptly. She had asked other Cllrs whether they were aware of other bins requiring refilling.

4. Possibility of Right of Way on field bordering A58 - Cllr Denby reported that he has been informed that agreement has been reached to sell the land but he has not been informed of the new ownership.

5. Broken Gate in Cornmill Lane. - Cllr Sidle had received an e mail from Stuart Hudson of Ware & Co explaining that they have not yet agreed a sale of the land although legal valuations have taken place. There are a number of people who have expressed interest in purchasing the land. He appreciates the Council's concern over the state of the gate but there are a number of factors they are dealing with at present.

Cllr Sidle said that it would appear unlikely that action will be taken until probate is obtained and possibly not until the sale of land is completed.

6. Replacement of coping stones from around Village Hall – Cllr Flockton reported that Noel Graham, who built the wall in front of the Village Hall has agreed to renew the tops to the wall in Indian Stone. The Tennis Club have agreed to pay approx. £450 and the VHC will pay the other two thirds of the cost. The work will be carried out in January if possible.

7. Village Pond – In response to information from a resident neighbouring the pond, Cllr Bosomworth checked the inlet and outlet grill and cleared debris from the pond side of the outlet grill. He thinks, however, that both the inlet and outlet need clearing both sides of the grills. He suggests asking Mark Hullah if he is prepared to do this.

Concerning damage to the perimeter, he had a helpful virtual meeting with both Cllrs Stephenson and Robinson. Subsequently, Cllr Stephenson emailed the steps proposed at that meeting. A possible 2 stage approach would consist of: -

- Slightly widening the bridleway where the verge has been worn in. This acknowledges that the verge is being worn by vehicles but widening it would tidy it up visually.
- Install a low bird mouth fence around the edge to prevent any further erosion.

He thought the council could do stage 1 without much issue, subject to LCC agreement, and that he may be able to acquire the materials, although there could be a small cost to the Parish Council.

He thought that embedding stones would not stop lorries driving over it.

If the PC agreed this approach Cllr Bosomworth offered to draft a letter to residents outlining this course of action.

Cllrs discussed the proposals and agreed to all. Cllrs Robinson and Stephenson were optimistic about getting funding but will come back to the Council if there is a problem. It was agreed to ask LCC to put some hard core down. Nearby residents will be contacted about the fencing before stage 2 is carried out but the feeling was that such a letter was not necessary for stage 1. Planning may need to be consulted about erecting fencing

Some weeks ago unauthorised planting was brought to the attention of Cllrs by Cllrs Flockton and Hoyland. Cllr Flockton will send photographs to other Cllrs.

8. West Well – The Chairman reported that he has sent a letter to the new owners explaining the problem with the leylandii and suggesting that they meet him and discuss the matter. He has also asked Andrew Ward for a price for work on the trees. Cllr Tatman offered to get another price from someone known to him. There was a suggestion that BPC should pay half the cost as the current owner had only recently moved in.

9. Condition of SIDs – Cllr Tatman reported that he had received an e mail from Andrew Richardson, Assistant Traffic Engineer, explaining that the street lighting team have checked

that the device on Keswick Lane is in working order but had not noticed that it was askew. They have been asked to revisit and correct this.

He has also asked the Forestry team to attend to the vegetation but has no power to enforce this.

He said that SID devices are normally correct to within 0.1mph and that registering an incorrect speed is much more likely to be the result of speedometers on vehicles showing incorrect speed, but he will check on the apparently faulty SID on the A58.

Cllr Robinson had also written to Andrew Richardson, emphasising that Forestry needs to ensure that all signs are clearly visible and unobstructed by nearby foliage.

10. Disused Railway Line Cllr Bosomworth reported that Matthew Robinson had asked him whether he had explored the possibility of converting the disused railway line between Bardsey and Collingham to a bridleway. He had explained that this was an aspiration in the Neighbourhood Plan and the Council also wanted to connect to Thorner but he had been unable to progress this for fear that the landowners will fence off the line once he notifies them of an intention to submit the DMMOs. He also could not see why they would be interested in forming a 'friends of group' if he was submitting the DMMOs. He also pointed out that the disused railway line from Bardsey to Collingham was now not continuous. As a member of the Elmet Greenway group, he is kept informed of their efforts to get an off-road loop from Cross Gates to Thorner.

Cllrs agreed to check on ownership of the old railway line.

STANDING AGENDA ITEMS

1. Park Field Cllr Ward emailed a copy of the risk assessment he had undertaken to all Cllrs prior to the meeting.

He also emailed a copy of the Quotation he had received from GGS for fencing and hedging alongside the beck in Park field. This consisted of

- Supply and erect fencing
- Extend existing fencing to side of beck approx. 15 metres.
- Extend existing fencing to corner of path both ways approx. 6 metres where bench is situated
- Infill gaps where access to beck is with 200 hawthorn saplings 60cm high.

Work to cost £1,741.15

Cllrs agreed to these suggestions.

2. Playground -Cllr Ward reported that he had contacted Vicky Nunn again about the wording of the request for use of 106 money. Cllr Stephenson will be in touch with her about this. It is important to present the request as an enhancement rather than a maintenance issue.

3. Web Site – Cllr Sidle said that he has spoken to Jason Cook about email traffic on the website and it had been agreed that it should all be sent to Cllr Sidle. Other addresses hosted by our website like Twitter, however, and which do not carry emails directed to BPC address (e.g. for the beer festival), should go directly to existing nominated recipients.

4. Sports Club- Cllr Bosomworth reported that currently the club and clubhouse are closed, although it appears that a small number of young people are still using the grounds. There is still some litter but vandalism seems to have diminished. The local PCSO has said that she has increased her visits to the club.

Cllrs at the meeting supported his decision to allow the odd football games (although against

Government guidance) and to attempt to enlist the boys' support in reporting any vandalism they witness.

The direct debit to the Parish Council has been actioned.

The Clerk said that she has included a refund cheque to BSC with the current Bills for Payment.

Using the risk assessment Cllr Ward did for Park field as a template, he has carried out a risk assessment for the border of the beck with the playing fields. He has recommended some signage highlighting the risks associated with the beck, and that the fencing between the edge of the junior football pitch and the beck is replaced, as this is a narrow border. He does not consider the rest of the border requires fencing. The cost of fencing would probably be around £800.

Cllrs suggested getting an alternative price from Mark Hullah. BPC may pay up to £800 of the cost.

PLANNING.

1. NEW APPLICATIONS - Cllr Denby reported

(a) 20/08370 – 10 Wayside Crescent – Ext. – *No objection*

(b) 20/08238 – 18 Wayside Mount – Exts. – *Object*

(c) 20/08228 – 1 Keswick View – Exts. – *Object*

(d) 20/08383- Change of use of agricultural barn to dwelling, Wheatfields, Tithe Barn Lane Appeal against planning conditions. - *Object*

(e) 21/00045 – 7 Congreve Approach – Exts. & Juliet Balcony. - *Object*

(f) 21/00019 – Land at Plot 24 Wayside Mount – New dwelling. - *Object*

(g) 21/00137 – 6 Hetchell View – Ext. & Porch. – *Object*

N.B.(c) The resident taking part in this section of the meeting explained that he is the current owner of 1 Keswick View and has submitted the application for enlargement of the property, in effect turning a small bungalow into a house. As a native of the village, he wishes to have a house large enough to allow him and his wife to start a family where he grew up Cllr Denby explained that BPC's objection is that it is counter to the NP in which residents had supported the Council's desire for small village properties suitable for first time buyers and older couples wishing to downsize, and if this application were to be allowed, would remove one such property from the number available in future.

However, it is LCC who will determine the application, not BPC.

2. APPROVALS BY LCC-

(a) 20/04273 – Hooves on the Hill, Brandon Crescent – Conversion of stables to house Application with revised plans also approved.

(b) 20/06406 The Old Pump House, Wike Lane – App. for large entrance gates.

(c) 20/07464 – Child's Farm, 46A Church Lane – Removal of condition 6 in approval 18/03981 – no work to be carried out until any asbestos was removed.

3. ENFORCEMENT

(a) 17/03770 – Land off Keswick Lane – Notice by Forestry Commission for owner to reinstate 45 trees by 17 December 2020 not taken place. Local Forestry dept. has now requested action against owner. Fines of unlimited value possible for non-compliance.

FINANCE

1. Bills for payment:

(a) Biffa Waste Disposal	76.80
(b) Clerk's Salary and Expenses.	£2,222.58
(c) Cllr Stentiford – Zoom reimbursement	14.39
(d) Bardsey Sports Club- Rent remission	225.00

It was agreed to pay all the bills listed above.

2. Rent Review for 2021-22 – Cllr Flockton had proposed that the rents for the Bowling, Tennis and Sports Clubs should again be waived for 2021 in view of the continuing difficulties caused by the pandemic. Other Cllrs agreed and the decision is reflected in the Budget.

3. Budget and Precept for 2021- 2022. The Clerk had prepared and circulated a draft budget and had proposed that the Council should make no increase in the precept. Both were approved and the Chairman and Clerk signed the Precept form.

CORRESPONDENCE AND NEW BUSINESS

1. Playground Rota. Cllr Flockton has prepared and circulated the playground rota for 2021.

2.Ultrafast Fibre – Kieran Osborne has emailed the Council with details of the situation in the village regarding ultrafast fibre. Concerned at the lack of engineering work in the village, he had contacted Openreach. They had confirmed that the co-funder of the project, believed to be LCC, had now pulled out and that Bardsey was no longer due to get ultrafast fibre under the Fibrecities contract. However, they have agreed to honour the contract Kieran had already signed with Bardsey Fibre CIC.

Openreach are now expecting to secure the necessary funding and waiting for confirmation for when all civils work will be done and hope to start in 4 weeks time. Cllr Sidle was concerned about this, expressing doubt about where Openreach is now expecting to secure the necessary funding. It was agreed that Cllr Robinson and Cllr Sidle would speak to Kieran about it.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING **Wednesday February 17th**

MINOR MATTERS FOR DELEGATION TO CLERK/NEXT AGENDA.

1. Sandbags Cllr Stephenson said that he had been approached about sandbags for prevention of flooding during the present wet period. He asked for suggestions for storage. Although Cllrs considered that The Drive was the area most subject to flooding, they agreed that the side of the Village Hall near the tennis courts would be a possible location for storage. The PC felt that the prime responsibility for the provision of sandbags lay with the owner.

Signed:

Date:

BPC Jan. 21 Mins.