

BARDSEY CUM RIGTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE VIRTUAL MEETING OF THE COUNCIL ON FEBRUARY 17TH 2021

POLICE AND RESIDENTS FORUM No Police or residents attended.

DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY AND OTHER INTERESTS. None

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

APOLOGIES. None.

MINUTES OF VIRTUAL MEETING HELD IN JANUARY 2021 These were approved after a number of amendments.

MATTERS ARISING

1. SIDs, Data collected from them and Speeding on the A58 Cllr Tatman said that he had explained details of the unsatisfactory SID East bound on Keswick Lane to Andrew Richardson, Highways, but neither he nor Matthew Robinson, who had also contacted Highways, had heard anything further from them.

It was agreed that data collected from the SIDS need be reported to Cllrs only a few times a year. Cllr Bosomworth offered to check on Keswick Lane and Cllr Sidle on the A58.

The noise of the spray from water pooling on the A58 (No3 MA) in the water trough area has shown that speeding is still a major concern. The speed limit displays seem ineffective when we still have drivers travelling at speeds of up to 60mph. Cllr Robinson has explained this to residents and is pressing Highways for a short term solution in the form of warning notices to road users and a long term solution.

2 Allotments Cllr Bosomworth reported that Jonathon Morton had sent him the terms (copied to Cllrs) by which LCC are prepared to lease the allotments to the parish council and referred him to a colleague of his, Neil Young, LCC Asset Manager, to discuss possible transfer. He is now discussing this with colleagues. Some Cllrs expressed doubt about the advisability of accepting a lease only agreement. It was agreed to wait for further information.

3.Highways Update Cllr Hoyland reported:-

- A58 - Bus stop pooling – She is pursuing a resolution to the unacceptable constant pooling by the bus stop which, as well as water spray, is a hazard in freezing conditions, both to people at the bus stop and to oncoming traffic if vehicles skid. Ward Cllr Robinson and Ben Cornelly, Highways, are attempting to find a solution. The gully already installed as a solution has not worked and a French drain is being considered to catch water before entering Wetherby Road, but due to winter maintenance activities they are unable to give a timeframe.
- A58 – Water trough area – Residents reported concerns over heavy water flow coming from the banking into the horse trough which cannot cope with such a volume. Overflowing water is going onto the road which has ineffective drains, and then crossing the road. There is substantial water spray onto the footpath from passing vehicles and the water flow could be hazardous if frozen. Drains on the

opposite side of the road are free draining and coping well with the volume of water. Ward Cllr Robinson has arranged for the drains to be cleaned. This is a problematic year weather wise and the situation will be monitored and followed up as necessary.

- Bingley Bank – Directly requesting grit bin refills on LCC website is now no longer possible and BH has had to request this through Highways.
- Church Lane – Cllr Sidle reported large amount of vegetation obstructing the footpath between the Bingley Arms and Smithy Lane. Ward Cllr Robinson reported this to Forestry and it was promptly cleared.

Following concerns that the banking opposite the church is becoming overgrown and out of control, Parks & Countryside have cut back vegetation.

- Cornmill Lane -Concerns were raised when the road and footpath by the Old Forge were covered in ice. Water flows onto Cornmill down the edge of the adjacent private road. As this has not happened before, the situation will be monitored.
- Woodacre Lane – A raised drain cover on the footpath near the entrance to the school has been reported and dealt with.

Blocked drains towards Keswick Lane have been reported and cleared.

Other blocked drains have been reported to LCC – Woodacre Lane towards Church Lane, Margaret Avenue towards Mill Lane and Mill Lane towards Wetherby Road and BH has been advised that they will be dealt with.

- Footpath 22 (Congreve – Maple Gardens area) – Cllr Denby brought to her attention the problem of overgrowth causing considerable narrowing of the footpath. When the addresses are confirmed, PROW will send letters to residents responsible for the growth, reminding them of their responsibility. There is a minimum requirement at all times of 1.2mtrs/4ft wide.

Cllrs mentioned many instances of water and debris being swept down on to roads, particularly the A58 in the Mill Lane, Rigton Bank area where the gullies are failing to cope after the recent wet and snowy weather. Cllr Robinson said that he has been inundated with reports from local councils of blocked gullies. He agreed that roads and gullies need to be cleaned more frequently. He has regular meetings with LCC at which he reports all these issues.

A zoom meeting has been arranged for Monday February 22nd by Matthew Robinson with invitations to Cllrs Ward, Flockton and Stentiford to discuss the flooding problem on the A58 near the trough at Willan's Wood.

4. Possibility of bridleway / footpath on field bordering A58. Cllr Denby said that there was no further information.

5. Broken Gate in Cornmill Lane. Cllr Sidle reported that a new gate is now in place so there is little more the Council can do in this matter.

6. Vacancy on Council The Clerk reported that no one has contacted her to date about filling the vacancy. Cllrs mentioned a few people who might be interested if approached individually and agreed to contact them.

7. Village Pond Cllr Bosomworth reported that he is waiting for work to be done as agreed with Cllr Ryan Stephenson.

8. West Well The Chairman reported that he has met the new owner of the Brow and discussed the problem of the overhanging hedge with her. He has obtained 2 quotations for the work required. Andy Ward has quoted a total of £250 + VAT to reduce it to 6ft. - £100 for our side, £100 for the top, and £50 for the other side. Following consultation with fellow Cllrs, he will write to the new owners explaining that Cllrs are anxious to have the work done before the start of the bird nesting season in March and are happy to make a

contribution to work relating to the trees, but not willing to set a precedent for paying for work on property belonging to residents. Realising that this is not a problem of their making and that trimming the trees will be of benefit to the community as a whole, the Parish Council is willing to pay £200 + VAT for trimming on the west side of the hedge and height reduction, leaving the new owners to pay for trimming on their side (£50 + VAT). As the work will be on assets belonging to them, it will be necessary for them to instruct the contractor (they may choose to employ an alternative contractor) to do the work. The Parish Council will pay them the £200 + VAT as their contribution to the cost. It will also be pointed out that in future the responsibility for carrying out the work will be theirs.

9. Ownership of old Railway Line Cllr Bosomworth has contacted the Land Registry to establish for certain who owns the disused railway line between Bardsey and Collingham. They replied that they could not identify the property from the information given, even though he had explained in the application that it was a disused railway line and highlighted it in red on an accompanying copy of a downloaded map, including precise coordinates from the Ordnance Survey website. He has revised and re-submitted the application. Cllrs Denby and Ward both offered to help with this matter.

10. Ultrafast Broadband Cllr Sidle reported that Openreach has confirmed its agreement to reinstate the provision for ultrafast broadband to Bardsey School and surrounds based on the agreement which Kieran Osborne and his group reached with them in late 2019. Kieran has been very thorough concerning the contractual position, including taking legal advice, and is satisfied that no monies can be sought from the local project group or its sponsors. Openreach has promised to restart work on 20th February 2021.

STANDING AGENDA ITEMS

1. Park Field – Cllr Ward reported that Mark Hullah has started the work and hopes to be finished by the end of the week.

He is looking to order the picnic benches at the start of next month.

He has seen no evidence that people have been riding bikes on the grass areas and has removed the notice.

2. Playground Cllr Ward reported that he has contacted Vicky Nunn to get an update. ref. re the funding but is still waiting for further information. He believes the pandemic and home working are not helping and hopes that our Cllrs may be able to give an overview. He does not consider we should push any harder for a response as he is convinced Vicky is doing her best under the circumstances. He also believes we need this funding information before we move on. That information will guide the final decisions we need to make prior to any further engagement with the contractor.

3. Web Site Cllr Sidle reported that he and Jason Cook have agreed to the arrangement approved by the Council at the previous meeting.

The Chairman suggested that a report about current conditions in Kisdorf, with whom we are still twinned, might be included. Cllrs agreed and Cllr Tatman offered to approach one of his contacts for an update.

4. Sports Club Cllr Bosomworth reported that, currently the club and clubhouse are closed, although a small number of young people still appear to be using the grounds. Whilst the club is closed maintenance of the grounds is continuing.

Re fencing – He is still waiting for further quotes.

5. Gate to Blacksmith's Field – Cllr Bosomworth had found a problem that day and has now re attached the latch and the right hand upright.

PLANNING.

1. NEW APPLICATIONS Cllr Denby reported

(a) 21/00450 – Hillside, 40 Church Lane – Removal of condition 18 (residential curtilage) of permission 08/1542 (demolition of existing dwelling and erection of new dwelling) -

Object

(b) 21/00683 – Bankside, Keswick Lane – *No objection*

(c) 21/00862 – 27 First Ave – Exts. – *Object to external materials used*

(d) 21/00889 – Corrou, 3 Miles Garth – Ext. – *TBC*

2. APPROVALS BY LCC

(a) 20/05510 - Swallows Barn , Wike Lane

(b) 20/06333- 12 Woodacre Lane

(c) 20/ 06449 – Hillside, Rigton Hill

(d) 20/08370 – 10 Wayside Crescent.

3. WITHDRAWALS

(a) 20/08373 – Agricultural building adjoining Wheatfields, Tythe Barn Lane.

FINANCE

1. Bills for payment:

(a) Biffa Waste Disposal

£170.47

(b) Cllr Stentiford – Zoom Repayment

14.39

Cllrs agreed to pay the bills listed above.

N.B. New Arrangements by Biffa for collection of dog waste. The Clerk reported that she had received a telephone call, followed by an e mail, from Biffa explaining that they had experienced problems with the firm used for the collection of dog waste and had decided to use an alternative firm. The latter was unwilling to collect bagged dog refuse and preferred small containers. To replace the current dog waste bin the Council would require five of these containers. She said that the old bin has already been removed, leaving no container at present for dog waste. The Chairman asked the Clerk to contact LCC to find out which contractor they use and to inquire as to whether BPC could be included in their contract. She is still waiting for an answer to this. The Clerk had also contacted the previous contractor, AWM, but they are still unwilling to empty bins containing dog waste as they recycle the bin contents. Cllr Denby suggested that she approach the previous hazardous waste sub contractors directly and ask whether BPC can continue to make use of their services in a separate agreement from that with Biffa,

CORRESPONDENCE AND NEW BUSINESS

1. Playground Inspection The Clerk reported that on the advice of the Chairman, she has booked the next half yearly inspection. It had not been possible for the firm to carry out the normal summer inspection.

2. Response to NALC proposal for right to hold virtual meetings after current Government regulations expire in May 2021 The Clerk reported that NALC are lobbying the Government to allow councils to hold virtual, as opposed to face to face, meetings where they consider it desirable after the current deadline of May 2021.

3. Tree Planting in Tithe Barn Lane. Cllrs have received a copy of an email from Rachel Procter to Andrew Culloden, LCC. She had reminded him that before she and her husband ceased being Cllrs they had signed over their share of the well being fund to be spent on the roundabout at Boston Spa off the A1. If this has not actually been spent they would like it to be used instead on tree planting (preferably oaks) at the lower end of Tithe Barn Lane where 5 mature trees have recently been removed. She had sent copies to Cllr Flockton and to Matthew Robinson, suggesting that BPC should apply for a grant for the money to be spent in this way. Cllr Robinson said that he had no objection to the proposal provided there was general agreement to it. Cllrs queried whether Tithe Barn Lane should be a priority for more trees and the urgency of planting trees at present rather than waiting until autumn, the normal time for tree planting. The Chairman suggested studying the land owned by the Council to determine the area which should have priority, using land we own if possible for any tree planting.

4. Possible Right of Way linking Collingham and East Keswick and suggested involvement in Bardsey PC in the discussion. Cllrs agreed that they would like to be included.

5. YLCA – Remote Two Day Conference – 21 and 22 April 2021 Noted

6. Retaining Wall at Bingley. The Chairman reported that the retaining wall at the Bingley has collapsed following the long spell of wet weather. He wondered whether the PC should take the opportunity to look at widening the footpath in this area and possibly further up Church Lane. The immediate need was, however, to secure the area against another possible land slip and to make it safe. Cllr Ryan Stephens has contacted Highways about putting up cones and signs etc.

7. PACT zoom meeting with Police – February 18th 2021. Cllr Robinson has arranged this first of monthly meetings with Police and representatives of villages in the Harewood Ward. At the initial meeting only one representative may attend. Cllr Sidle has volunteered to attend for Bardsey. Cllr Denby asked him to inquire whether we could in future learn the outcome of crimes reported in our area.

8. E mail from Bardsey resident on behalf of Litter Free Facebook Group – The resident is concerned about the amount of litter in the village and has joined a large group of people from Leeds taking action to reduce the amount of litter in the City. She has got hold of some rubbish bags and had heard that some litter picks are stored in Bardsey Village Hall and wondered whether she could make use of them. Cllrs are agreeable and suggested joining them in cleaning up the A58 when Government pandemic regulations permit.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING March 17th 2021 at 7pm

MINOR MATTERS FOR DELEGATION TO CLERK/NEXT AGENDA.

Signed:

Date:

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BPC Feb 21 Mins.

