

BARDSEY CUM RIGTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE ZOOM COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON MARCH 17TH 2021

POLICE AND RESIDENTS FORUM There was nothing to report.

DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY AND OTHER INTERESTS. None.

PRESENT Cllrs Stentiford, Sidle, Bosomworth, Denby, Tatman, Ward. Hoyland and Flockton.

APOLOGIES. Cllr Matthew Robinson.

MINUTES OF ZOOM MEETING HELD IN FEBRUARY 2021 These were approved with a few minor amendments

MATTERS ARISING

1. SIDs, Data collected from them, and Speeding on A58 Cllrs Bosomworth and Sidle had emailed fellow Cllrs between meetings with graphs showing speeding figures taken from the 2 SIDs on Keswick Lane and the 2 on the A58, but believe the figures are not completely accurate and have asked Traffic Management at LCC for help. They are still awaiting their reply. It was agreed that the figures, when known accurately, would be sent to the Police. It was further agreed that the Council would need an update from the 2 Cllrs no more than quarterly. **(Action MB/CS)**

2 Allotments Cllr Bosomworth reported on the latest email received from Jonathon Morton in which he asked why the Parish Council wished to take over the allotments. Cllr Bosomworth, with the approval of Cllrs Denby and Ward, has prepared a brief responses to each of the questions, which, if approved by the rest of BPC, he will send to Jonathon Morton. He explains that the Parish Council would like the allotments to become a village asset, managed for the benefit of the village and ensuring their long term presence. They will be inspected by local councillors who will have a rapport with the allotment tenants which should result in more effective management. This should result in a feeling of ownership by the Parish Council and village and more intimate relationship between council and tenants. Cllrs Hoyland and Flockton expressed their concerns about BPC taking control of the allotments but all other Cllrs approved of the draft answers. **(Action MB)**

3.Highways Update Cllr Hoyland reported

- A58 – Water pooling by the bus stop – She is seeking an update from Ben Cornelly as Highways have been involved with the Highways Winter Programme.
- A58 – Verge encroachment – Scarsdale Ridge to Keswick Lane – The community scheme is starting again and the area is being assessed on Wednesday 17th March and expected to be included.
- Church Lane – Bingley Arms wall collapse – The Bingley Arms believe water flowing from ginnel has an impact on the area by the wall. BH therefore sought advice from PROW, who referred to Roger Oldfield, Building Control Services who were involved with the collapsed wall. They, however, fed back that it is not within their remit to be involved with the ginnel.

At the top of the ginnel by the Old Vicarage there are 2 blocked drains which she has reported to 'Gullies'. If they are not functioning the water flow will impact the ginnel.

- Blocked drains feedback – Margaret Avenue, 4 non-runners may be tree roots. These have now been addressed. Mill Lane, serviced but drain by Rigton Farm lid had seized and complications with gully outside 'Thornhedge'. Woodacre Lane drains cleared.
- Footpath 20 (field to ginnel) – Direction post unstable and direction sign not fully legible. Reported to PROW. Maintenance team will attend when next in area.

4 Possibility of bridleway / footpath on field bordering A58. Cllr Denby reported that he continues to pursue the matter without success and wonders whether there is a planning issue involved. He intends to discuss this with BAG. **(Action DD)**

5. Vacancy on Council Cllr Sidle reported that Kieran Osborne would like to be considered for the vacancy and has sent the Clerk a brief statement about his background and potential usefulness to the council. It was then proposed Cllr Denby, seconded Cllr Ward, and agreed unanimously that Kieran Osborne should be co-opted to the Council. The Clerk has sent him the Declaration of Acceptance of Office and the Registration of Interests forms.

6. Village Pond Cllr Bosomworth reported on an email from Cllr Stephenson advising that the damaged verge will be cut back, thus acknowledging the need to widen the road. The wooden posts are to be replaced in the grass and the large potholes filled in. The cost would be £1,000 and the Ward Cllrs were willing to find 2/3rds, leaving BPC to pay the remaining third - £333.33. **(Action MB)**

It later transpired, however, that the damaged section of bridleway has already been repaired. Cllr Stephenson is trying to find out who has arranged and paid for the work.

7. West Well The Chairman reported that he has been in touch with the new owners of The Brow again. They are willing to accept the quotation from Bardsey Tree Services for dealing with the hedge and are now waiting for a date when the work will be done. **(Action ES)**

8. Report from Cllr Denby on Outer NE Town & PC Forum Meeting on 23rd February Cllr Denby said that the most relevant item was the general criticism of the new crime reporting system from the Police which is difficult to locate and out of date. The same concerns were expressed at the PACT meeting.

9. Report from Cllr Sidle on PACT meeting held 18th February and list of future PACT meetings. 14 people had attended the meeting chaired by Cllr Matthew Robinson and with Andrew Katkowski representing WY Police. The following were noted:

- Monthly crime reports by PCSOs are to be discontinued and replaced by regular community contact meetings. To learn local crime details it will be necessary to go online.
- The number of burglaries is down. Some are attempted only and the perpetrators usually caught.
- Vehicle thefts are up, especially for upmarket vehicles. Thieves use electronic devices to gain keyless entry to locked vehicles outside houses. The advice is to turn off keyless entry or to put keys in radio frequency blocking containers such as microwaves.
- Fly tipping is a big problem. Costs to LCC have risen considerably since changes to waste sites were introduced, but Leeds seems unwilling to change policy.
- Speeding is another problem. Speed checks are being carried out but Police tend to prioritise areas where there is the highest risk of serious accidents. Requests for speed

checks need to be accompanied by hard evidence like data from SIDs. .Ward Cllrs can use funds to request extra police checks

- .Anti social parking is a problem for some councils where there are often solid rows of illegally parked cars causing obstruction at junctions e.g. Crabtree Lane junction, East Keswick, with the A659. The situation may improve when Covid restrictions are lifted.

The meeting suggested inviting LCC Environment and Highway representatives to future meetings.

Geoff Nottingham is still running the local police security camera scheme.

Residents can access local information on the WY Police website Community Alert and Community Messenger (www.westyorkshirepolice.uk) clicking on 'My Neighbourhood' but are proving less relevant than the Police and Crime reports used to be.

Cllr Robinson later emailed a list of further PACT meetings for the rest of the year. Cllrs Sidle and Denby offered to cover these between them(**Action CS/DD**)

10 Report from Cllr Ward on Zoom Meeting on February 22nd with Cllr Robinson re Problems on A58 in Horse Trough Area Cllr Ward said that he had taken part in this meeting, together with the Chairman and Cllr Flockton. The water problem has been discussed with Highways who have paid a site visit. The problem of overflowing water from the trough occurs only in exceptional weather when the drains are unable to cope. Highways are considering installing a new gully in the road and he will check on the progress of this. (**Action MW**)

11 Ownership of old Railway Line. Cllr Bosomworth reported that he has established ownership from the missing section of dismantled railway towards Collingham. There are 4 owners of these different sections but he still needs more information regarding ownership from Bardsey to the missing section.(**Action MB**)

12. Alternative Arrangements for collection of dog waste Cllr Ward reported that LCC have failed to respond to requests for a new general purpose litter bin (which could include dog waste) on Keswick Lane. A solution is urgently required as Mark Hullah reports that the bin for dog waste will be completely full in one week's time. The Clerk once again sought advice from the Biffa Hazardous Waste team who had that day offered an alternative service . They will supply a new hazardous waste bin for £170 and charge £119 per lift . Anything over 75kg will be charged at 54p per kg. Black bags can be used. In view of the time pressure, Cllrs agreed to accept this service for the time being but to continue to seek an alternative from LCC.

(**Action JG/MW**)

13. Ultrafast Broadband. Cllr Sidle reported that Openreach are currently at work on this.

14. Face to Face and Virtual Meetings The Clerk reported that, although NALC is pressing for it to be lawful for councils to have the option to determine which type of meeting to hold, the Govt. to date is still insisting that after May 6th all meetings must be face to face. Councils are advised to prepare to hold face to face meetings after this date in case NALC are not successful. The Clerk suggested that the May meeting could be held virtually on Wednesday May 5th if NALC are not successful. This was agreed. (**Action JG**)

15. Further Tree Planting in village Cllrs considered that residents should be consulted about suggested locations for any new trees. Initially, however, Cllr Tatman and Cllr Denby will meet and discuss location and variety with Andrew Culloden LCC (**Action GT/DD**)

16. Off road link between East Keswick./Bardsey/Collingham The Chairman reported that the Council has been approached by East Keswick Parish Council as to whether they would like to be included in discussions with them and Collingham Parish Council on this subject. Bardsey Cllrs agreed and Cllrs Bosomworth and Ward participated in a useful zoom meeting with representatives from the other villages and Matthew Robinson. It was acknowledged that this would be a long term project, the aim of which is to achieve a circular, predominantly off road route, between the 3 villages. The section from Collingham to Bardsey could be achieved in part, by using the dismantled railway line to Collingham. (MA 11). **(Action MB/MW)**

17. Retaining Wall at Bingley and possible widening of footpath The Chairman reported that Cllr Stephenson is looking into extending the footpath, possibly widening the lower path first. Work will be paid for out of the Bingley Arms Insurance **(Action BH)**

18. Banking on Church Lane Cllr Hoyland is still uncertain about how to improve the banking further and is seeking further advice from Parks and Countryside. It was agreed in addition to seek advice from East Keswick Wildlife Trust **(Action JG/BH)**

19. Litter Picking The Clerk reported that Cllr Robinson thanked all volunteers across the Harewood Ward for the amazing work done and proposed holding community litter picking days. Cllrs wished to be seen to be taking part themselves and agreed to hold a litter picking session on Tuesday March 30th from 10-12 am. They will liaise with Bev. Humphries, organiser of the litter picking group. **(Action LF)**

20. Gate to Blacksmith's Field Cllr Bosomworth found the screws holding the gate sheared off recently and has replaced them with bolts and repositioned the return spring, which has proved satisfactory to date. Cllrs offered him thanks for all his work on the gate.

STANDING AGENDA ITEMS

1. Park Field Cllr Ward reported that Mark Hullah has completed the work requested.

2. Playground –The Clerk had circulated the latest report from IPI on the state of the playground. There was nothing seriously wrong but it was recommended that worn end links on the chain at the basket and worn bushes in the chain bearing blocks should be replaced. The main concern is surface shrinkage generally. Cllr Ward intends to wash down the equipment. **(Action MW)**

3. Web Site Cllr Sidle reported that he would add the newly formed Bardsey and East Keswick Running Club to the site. **(Action CS)**

4. Sports Club Cllr Bosomworth reported that following a recent zoom meeting, it had been agreed that reopening will be in line with government rules/ guidelines. Football will resume after 29th March but it is highly likely that matches will continue until well into the cricket season. This could lead to competing claims for use of the sports field. No refreshments will be available. From 12th April the club will be following the rule of 6 and serving drinks outside only, and from May 17th the clubhouse will open following rule of 6. It was agreed that there was little the club could do to prevent unauthorised use of the grounds during the current restrictions. **(Action MB)**

PLANNING

1. NEW APPLICATIONS

Cllr Denby reported

- (a) 21,00889- Courrou, 3 Miles Garth – Ext. – *Object*
- (b) 21/01045 – Stoney Bank, 5 Castlefields – Ext *No Objection*
- (c) 21/01193-Land adj to Wheatfieds Tithe Barn Lane-new dwelling.- *Object*
- (d) 21/01459- Rigton Valley Cottage, Wike Lane – App. to enclose existing carport .
- (e) 21/01598 – The Gables, Mill Lane – Demolition of existing garage and construction of new one. – *No objection*
- (f) 21/01585 – Ivy Cottage and Lilac Cottage , Rigton Green – Dormer Window.- *No objection*

2. APPROVALS BY LCC

- (a) 20/06579 – Bankside, Keswick Lane – Described as Permitted Development.

3. REFUSALS BY LCC:

- (a) 20/08328 -18 Wayside Mount.
- (b) 21/00045 – 7 Congreve Approach.
- (c) 21/00019 – Plot 24 Wayside Mount.
- (d) 20/00137 – 6 Hetchell View .

4. APPEALS

- (a) Hooves on the Hill – Retro App. for construction of stables and menage – APP/N4720 /3266023- Requested a later date for compliance.
- (b) Spear Fir Farm – APP/N4720/W/21/3266768 – Erection of dwelling .

5. ENFORCEMENT

- (a) 21/00098 – Ash Tree – Tithe Barn Lane Cllr Flockton reported that there has been no Planning App for Bardsey Tree Services to remove the tree which they had cut down on January 25th along with other trees for which they had obtained planning permission. Cllr Flockton had seen no evidence that the tree was diseased and reported it immediately to Enforcement who are now investigating the matter with Bardsey Tree Services.
- (b) 17/03770 – Land off Keswick Lane – Cllr Denby has asked Forestry to take action over failure of owner to restock the land after removal of trees. Agreed to carry out works and bill owner Could also be a fine of unlimited amount.

FINANCE

1. Bills for payment:

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| (a) Biffa Waste Disposal | 152.56 |
| (b) J. Gallant – Salary & Expenses | 2,200 .10 |
| (c) GGS Groundcare – Fencing at beck (Retro) | 1,741.15 |
| (d) IPI – Playground Inspection (Retro) | 96.00 |
| (e) GGS Groundcare – Garden Maintenance | 1,412.50 |
| (f) Deepblue Digital – Domain registration | 44.40 |
| (g) E. Stentiford – Zoom Repayment. | |

It was agreed to pay the bills listed above.

2. Alternative method of payments to Biffa from April 1st The Clerk reported that from April 1st Biffa will no longer accept payment by cheque. They must be by direct debit , card payment or BACS. Several Cllrs considered that this could become an increasing trend and it would be useful to move towards a BACS payment system. The Clerk and Chairman will look into this before the next meeting. In the mean time a direct debit system needs to be set up with Biffa. **(Action JG/ES)**

CORRESPONDENCE AND NEW BUSINESS

1. Annual Parish Meeting A suitable date for a virtual meeting will be arranged when it is known whether the Village Hall Committee also intends holding an APM this year.**(Action JG/MW)**

2. Leeds East Airspace Change Consultation An exchange of emails between Cllrs has taken place on subject, leading to the conclusion that it will not affect Bardsey.

3. Leeds Bus Station Refurbishment Survey – 29 March – Improvements pre and post construction. These were noted.

4. Repairs to superstructure of bridge between Bardsey and East Keswick – The Clerk reported that East Keswick PC have written asking whether Bardsey PC is willing to contribute half the cost of repair for the bridge between the villages. They have received 2 quotations from Mr Harrison of South Bank, East Keswick. One is for painting only, costing £769.68. The other for replacement of timber and metal work is for £2,405.68. East Keswick are in favour of accepting the second quotation. Bardsey Cllrs agree and will notify East Keswick of their willingness to pay half the cost..**(Action JG)**

5. Adoption by LCC of LGA Model Code of Conduct with one amendment. The Clerk reported that NALC has agreed to accept the above code with one amendment.

6. Thanks to Litter Pickers The Chairman wished to record his thanks to the group who have already done an amazing amount to clean up the village.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING _Wednesday April 21st at 7pm.

MINOR MATTERS FOR DELEGATION TO CLERK/NEXT AGENDA.

1. Possible divergence of Footpath No 20
2. Promotion of businesses on Bardsey website.

Signed

Date.

BPC Mins 2 for March 21