

BARDSEY CUM RIGTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MAY 21 ZOOM MEETING

RESIDENTS FORUM

No residents attended.

DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY AND OTHER INTERESTS. None.

PRESENT Cllrs Stentiford, Sidle, Bosomworth, Tatman, Denby, Osborne, Hoyland and Flockton

APOLOGIES. Cllr Ward and Cllr Matthew Robinson

MINUTES OF ZOOM MEETINGS HELD IN APRIL 2021 These were approved with a number of amendments.

ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN

It was proposed Cllr Flockton, seconded Cllr Denby, and agreed unanimously, that Cllr Stentiford should continue as Chairman. Cllr Stentiford agreed to serve for a further year.

ELECTION OF VICE CHAIRMAN

It was proposed Cllr Denby, seconded Cllr Flockton, and agreed unanimously, that Cllr Sidle should continue as Vice- Chairman. Cllr Sidle agreed to serve for a further year.

MATTERS ARISING

1. SIDs - Cllr Sidle reported that he and Cllr Bosomworth have received dates for a zoom meeting to discuss SID results shortly after May 5th, so are unable to report further at present. They have, however, been told that, although the units are shown as kmh, the data is actually mph. Cllr Bosomworth said that this makes him wonder how accurate they are.

2 Allotments – Cllr Bosomworth reported that he has not yet had time to work on the business case and has not had a reply from Land Registry yet. The Council has received queries about the availability of allotments in the village from several individuals. As Cllrs are aware of the state of neglect in one of the 3 existing allotments, it was agreed to contact Jonathon Morton, LCC, and ask him what action he proposes to take about it (**Action JG**)

3.Highways Update – Cllr Hoyland reported

- A58 – Bus Stop Pooling -She has followed up again on this and had a long conversation with Ben Cornelly, Highways. The proposal is very expensive and he is pursuing funding from a cross highways body dealing with issues relating to water. Ben fully understands and appreciates that this is a long- standing issue necessitating Highways to continually be involved with the area. He is trying to arrange a site visit and will endeavour to keep her informed so that BPC Cllrs can be involved.
- A58 – Banking growth below Wayside Crescent to Hetchell View, raised by Cllr Flockton and referred by BH to Simon Frosdick, Parks & Countryside. The latter fed back that no action would be taken as it is now a general policy to allow areas to be more natural and to take action only when it becomes a problem.

- Woodacre Lane/Bingley Bank – Due to the amount of debris on both road and footpath and possible repercussions if not dealt with, BH reported to Eleanor Jordan, Operational Supervisor (Gullies) who acknowledged the reason for the request and referred for action.

Cllr Denby asked what action was being taken over the wall at the Bingley and the Clerk was asked to contact Cllr Ryan Stephenson for an update. **(Action JG)**

4 Possibility of bridleway / footpath on field bordering A58. – Cllr Denby said he would find a suitable contact from the Lady Elizabeth Hastings Trust who would be agreeable to meet himself and the 2 other volunteer Cllrs on site. Difficulties over the suitability of a bridleway, as opposed to a simple footpath, were raised but it was agreed that the first priority was to hold a site meeting and learn the views of the Lady Elizabeth Hastings Trust. **(Action DD)**

5. Banking on Church Lane – Cllr Hoyland reported that she had attended a site meeting with representatives from Parks & Countryside to discuss this after first asking for views from Cllrs. Cllr Sidle had suggested that the aim should be to maintain the necessary space for the daffodils and to avoid encroachment of other dominant vegetation which threatens to stifle them. We should therefore agree on a system of management whereby extraneous self-established vegetation can be reduced far enough back up the bank to clear an area occupied by the daffodils completely, and then be restricted to that area and not allowed to encroach again.

The meeting arranged by Cllr Hoyland with Simon Frosdick, was also attended by Cllr Flockton. Due to the angle of the banking and equipment available, it was proposed to have an area of banking growth cut back 3 times a year (subject to birds nesting etc). This would extend towards the top of the banking, still allowing an area of natural growth.

6. Village Pond- Cllr Bosomworth reported that the grass is being mowed. The moorhens have six chicks.

7. Ultrafast Broadband. Cllr Sidle reported that Openreach have applied for a permit to excavate Woodacre Lane opposite Castle Close. Provisional dates for road closure have been indicated online but not confirmed by Highways. They still promise that work will be completed by mid to late May 2021.

8. Face to Face and Virtual Meetings- The Clerk reported that the application to the High Court by lawyers in Local Govt. and Hertfordshire CC to enable local councils to continue meeting remotely for meetings after May 17th has been dismissed. This means that the next meeting of BPC in June will have to take place in the main village hall, with good ventilation, completion of a risk assessment, and all other current Covid requirements in place. The Chairman offered to find out what risk assessments currently are in place for the village hall. The VH cleaner will ensure that the premises are cleaned immediately before the meeting, and at Cllr Osborne's suggestion, it was agreed the everyone present should be responsible for wiping down all items with which they have made physical contact.

Cllrs are uncertain about the procedure for approving decisions taken during the zoom meetings and will check with YLCA **(Action JG)**

9. Further Tree Planting in village – The Chairman said he had taken no action on this to date. Cllr Tatman has consulted the Woodlands Trust who could supply a list of trees available. Further consideration, however, needs to be given to the most suitable sites for tree planting. **(Action ES/GT).**

10. Footpath Action Group – Cllr Ward reported on the meeting held on 27th April. They had agreed to concentrate on a small number of routes.

- Route A – Collingham to East Keswick via Field House Farm
- Route B – Collingham to Bardsey via the North Beck and railway line.
- Route C1- Link to Congreves from route B.
- Route C2- Bardsey to Congreves from Park Field
- Route D -Gatton Lane to Service Reservoir.'
- Route E. – Church Lane to Hetchell Woods via field.

Most landowners on each route have been identified. The next task is therefore to contact the landowners or their representatives to see whether they are willing to allow access across their land.

The next meeting is in Bardsey Village Hall on 27th June, to be organised by Cllr Ward.

11. Village consultation on future spending- Cllr Osborne reported that he is still working on this.

12. Domain name for Bardsey. Cllr Osborne had offered fellow Cllrs a choice of names. 'Bardsey parish council.gov.uk' was most popular and was approved. It was agreed that the Chairman would write a letter requesting that Cllr Osborne should be mandated to act on behalf of BPC in establishing a gov.uk domain for the PC. There was further discussion on how compliant BPC is with GDPR, and it was agreed to discuss this at the next meeting.

(Action ES)

STANDING AGENDA ITEMS

1. Park Field - Cllr Ward reported that the work repairing the broken hand rail and step should be completed now.

2. Playground – Cllr Ward reported that the £20,000 has been secured. Cllrs congratulated him on his persistence in obtaining this. The Clerk needs to invoice Parks & Countryside for the amount.

3. Web Site - Cllr Sidle reported that the remaining holders of ads on the website have been contacted and warned of their removal. Neither raised objections and have now been removed. A post has been added acknowledging the litter pickers and thanking them for their efforts.

4. Sports Club – Cllr Bosomworth reported that the club is grateful for the grant of £2,500 received from the Parish Council and for its continued support.

He also raised the issue of the defibrillator inside the Sports Club and its availability for the public. Ideally, it should be sited on an outside wall. Cllr Bosomworth will check on costs

PLANNING

Cllr Denby reported: -

1. NEW APPLICATIONS -

(a) 21/ 02710- 18 Wayside Mount, Scarcroft – Exts. -

(b) 7 Congreve Approach – Certificate of Lawful development for 2 storey ext. – refused.

(c) 21/102301 – Holly Grange, 36 Church Lane – Conversion of garage to habitable room. ext, and outbuilding to rear.

2. APPROVALS BY LCC

- (a) 20/08228 – 1 Keswick View – Conversion of bungalow to house.
- (b) 21/01459 – Rigton Valley Cottage – Enclosure of existing carport
- (c) 21/01598 – The Gables. Mill Lane – Replacement Garage.
- (d) 21/02110 – Netherdale, Wetherby Road – SS rear ext. – Confirmed as permitted development.

3. REFUSALS BY LCC:

- (a) 7 Congreve Approach – Revised ext plans.

4. WITHDRAWALS

- (a) 20/04848 – 26 The Drive.

FINANCE

1. Bills for payment:

	Agree/ Disagree
(a) Biffa Waste Disposal (DD)	£150 .00
(b) Insurance Premium	1,232.04

CORRESPONDENCE AND NEW BUSINESS

1. Himalayan Balsam.in Park Field - Cllr Flockton is keen to set a time and to assemble a group of helpers to tackle this problem. The Chairman explained that it would be at least one further month before the plants were large enough to pull out manually.

2. Planting of saplings – A resident has been in touch with Cllrs with a proposal to plant 100 Norwegian Maple saplings around the village to commemorate the life of the late Duke of Edinburgh. She is in process of contacting organisations in the village seeking their agreement and co-operation. In the case of the Parish Council she wishes to plant 10-20 in Park Field and wants to check with Mark Hullah that he is agreeable.

3. Geoffrey Foster's land – David Smith, Chairman of East Keswick Wildlife Trust, has discussed with the Chairman and Vice- Chairman the possibility of obtaining funding to purchase this land for management by EKWT. He is particularly keen to obtain the land as it has not been ploughed for years and he expects there to be many native plants there and an unusual ecosystem. Under EKWT management the land could be protected from development in perpetuity. Bardsey Cllrs are attracted to this idea but doubtful about raising sufficient funds to purchase such a large area of land.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING Wednesday June 30th in the Village Hall at 7pm (providing the main hall is available),

Signed:

Date:

BPC May 21 Mins.