

BARDSEY CUM RIGTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 17TH NOVEMBER 2021

RESIDENTS FORUM: No residents were present.

DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY AND OTHER INTERESTS: None.

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

APOLOGIES: None.

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD IN SEPTEMBER 2021 These were approved with the following amendment – Item 3 – public rights of way –‘footpath between Rigton Bank and Mill Lane’ should read ‘pavement on the A58 between Rigton Bank and Mill Lane’ ..

MATTERS ARISING

1. *SIDs* – CS had submitted a report to the PC prior to the meeting. LCC have confirmed that SID maintenance responsibility rests with the PC not LCC. Changes to the SIDs operating settings should be possible with the existing software provided to the PC. A settings back-up file would be created before any changes are made.

2 *Allotments* - MB reported that Neil Young (Asset Management Officer LCC) has agreed to meet to discuss details the future management of the allotments, but we have as yet to confirm a time and date.

3. *Highways Update* – BH reported:

- A58
 - Pooling – Unfortunately due to contracting Covid Barry Taylor, Highways, had to postpone remedial work planned for last week as he didn't want the contractor to make site decisions without his input. Everyone wants the work to be done before Winter sets in and the work has now been pencilled in to start in a couple of weeks' time.
 - Verge encroachment – Ward Councillor Matthew Robinson and myself are still vigorously trying to get the encroachment removed off the pavement on the A58, Rigton Bank to Mill Lane, and Church Lane above Smithy Lane to Blackmoor Lane through Highways, but is proving problematic. Cllr Robinson and I are also pursuing this through Nigel Eastwood (Highways) under the Community Payback Scheme. He replied he is making further enquiries but has pointed out the scheme prioritises its works and he will get back when he has more positive information.
 - Scarsdale Ridge - damaged reflector posts were reported but not yet addressed.
- Church Lane – Full bags were left on the footpath after de-leafing. This was reported to Eleanor Jordan, Highway Maintenance, and she has referred to the Cleaner Neighbourhood Team who are responsible for removal.

- Keswick Lane – A resident raised concerns about the width of the footpath by the bridge. Apart from the ends of the road there are no line markings on Keswick Lane and on investigation and observing vehicles, because the road is narrow in this area, to widen the footpath would compromise road vehicles. Due to the width of the road and cost it would be highly unlikely Highways would pursue widening the path and on looking at the footpath there is verge encroachment which if removed should resolve the problem.
- Pooling of water by the bridge was also raised but no pooling was evident on the day of the visit. Drains nearby were functioning. Water issuing from carriageway below the traffic lights was raised. This is a recurring and mobile problem but also was not evident at time of the visit.
- Street cleaning – we have been informed street/road cleaning is carried out over on a 4-month cycle.

4 Possibility of bridleway / footpath on field bordering A58 - There was no further information.

5. Village Pond - MB reported that all seems fine with the pond. Currently a pair of Mallards and at least one pair of Moorhens are in residence. MB had been in email contact with an ex-resident regarding a memorial information board and had sent him the brief history of the pond and that he was researching the flora and fauna at the pond. We would be looking at the information being brought together in the New Year and that we may well need professional help in designing the noticeboard. MB had received a reply thanking him and said that he appreciated that producing the information and design will take a little time. When this has been done, we will discuss funding.

6. Rights of Way Action Group – MB reported that the group still refers to ‘footpaths’ – he is trying to make sure it covers more users, i.e. is a public right of way. Recently, Collingham managed to get a Designated Map Modification Order to upgrade a footpath to bridleway submitted to Leeds City Council who are due to consider it either December 2021 or January 2022. This a very quick as MB had been told previously by LCC that DMMOs could wait up to 10 years for a decision

7. Report from Cllr Denby - discussions about the Leeds Festival revealed that the licence for the Bramham festival had been granted in perpetuity – the ‘minutiae’ has to be agreed from year to year. DD will attend the next festival meeting.

8. Village Consultation on future spending – KO has a list of 25/30 questions which will be discussed with a small group next week

9. New Domain Name – arrangements will be changed for incoming general mail with one for ‘enquiries’ to the PC and one for the Village Hall – Cllr Osborne will discuss the details with Cllr Sidle. There was general agreement on how well the new domain was working.

10. New memorial notice board adjacent to the Village Pond – see item MA 5.

11. Appointment of the new clerk - Cllrs Sidle, Flockton and Stentiford reported back on the interviews with 3 candidates held on the previous day. There were 3 excellent candidates and the Council agreed with the selection made by the interview team. Cllr Stentiford will contact the successful candidate and also discuss with YLCA details about appointment including pay and employment structure. The intention is for the new clerk to start on 1st December and there to be a handover period with our existing clerk, June Gallant. We expect the new clerk will be at our next meeting in December.

12. Accident outside Hetchell View – Cllr Sidle contacted Cllr Robinson about the cancelled meeting, and to date nothing is fixed for another meeting. Cllr Sidle pointed out that any problem related to the safety issues on the A58 is the responsibility of the City Council and Highways, not the Parish Council.

13. Vegetation restricting access to Bingley Arms and Cornmill Ginnels – the vegetation on the Bingley Arms Ginnel would be addressed by GGS Groundcare on Thursday and they will be asked to trim and remove the excess vegetation from the Cornmill Ginnel.

14 New wheelchair for the Village Hall - It was agreed that no new wheelchair would be purchased to put in the Village Hall.

15. Traffic issues on Woodacre Lane – the village hall committee will be contacted to ask if they will let those booking the Hall know that parking on the pavement Woodacre Lane is discouraged.

STANDING AGENDA ITEMS

1. Parkfield - Cllr Ward reported that the quote from Cragwood was £1500 compared to £2300 from Bardsey Trees. He will check the position on VAT and advise the Parish Council before placing the contract.

2. Playground – Cllr Ward has removed the graffiti.

3. Web Site - Cllr Sidle said there was nothing to report.

4. Sports Club – The kitchen has been deep cleaned, the club redecorated and a coffee machine installed.

A new CCTV system has been installed. In all there are four cameras focused on areas that are the PCs main responsibility (car park, play area including table tennis table). In all there are 14 cameras. The Sports Club is requesting that the PC contribute 25% (approx. £700 excl. VAT) towards the costs? This was agreed.

PLANNING.

Cllr Denby reported:

1. New applications

- (a) 21/08027 – 12 Meadow Close – Ext. – *No comment*
- (b) 21/08062 – Whin View, Woodacre Crescent – Exts. – *No comment*
- (c) 21/08043 – Hillside, Rigton Hill – Exts. – *Comment*

2. Approvals by LCC

- (a) 21/05940 – Barker's End, Wetherby Road
- (b) 21/05826- 1 Hetchell View .

3. Withdrawal

- (a) 21/04338 – 31 Congreve Way

4. Appeals

- (a) 21/05434- Lyncroft, Scarsdale Lane

5. Enforcement

- (a) 1 The Drive – Hedge to replace fence – Promised by owner in near future.

6. Land off Keswick Lane – Tree replacement – Proposed meeting with Forestry Commission on Tuesday 23 November to be attended by Cllr Denby. It appears that the Forestry Commission are not going to insist on any new trees being planted – essentially meaning that no penalty was imposed on the landowner for demolishing all the mature trees. The new landowner is Berkely de Vere.

FINANCE

1. Bills for payment:

(a) Biffa Waste Disposal D/D	£ 71.44
(b) PlusNet D/D	22.99
(c) Reimbursement – ES – Skip for VH demolition work	250.00
(d) EKPC - 1/2 cost of repairs to bridge between villages	1,819.59

All the above expenditure items were approved

CORRESPONDENCE AND NEW BUSINESS

1. Road crossing on the A58 near Mill Lane – it appears that a local resident has had a positive response on this from LCC – Cllr Hoyland to check the position with Highways.

2. Bardsey School receiving mail for the PC – Cllr Osborne has been scanning the items and forwarding them to the Clerk.

3. Speeding down Mill Lane – Cllr Ward raised this matter which will be put on the agenda for December's meeting.

4. Footpath across Blacksmiths Field – Cllr Bosomworth asked that we make clear to East Keswick Wildlife Trust that we have contracted with CGS for this to be cleared regularly.

5. Grant to the Village Hall – Cllr Flockton reminded the PC of its annual grant of £3000 to the Village Hall and requested the payment for this year. Payment was agreed.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING - Wednesday December 15th commencing at 7pm.

Signed :

Date:

BPC November 21 Mins.