



BARDSEY CUM RIGTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of Bardsey Cum Rigton Parish Council held on Wednesday 16th November 2022 at 7pm in the Village Hall.

Commenced: 7pm

Concluded: 9.15 pm

Present: Cllrs Ward (MW), Denby (DD), Hoyland (BH), Flockton (LF), Osborne (KO) and Stentiford (ES)

Note – As we had not appointed a new Clerk ES acted as clerk and MW chaired the meeting

2223/061 To agree to co-opt a Councillor and sign the Declaration of Acceptance

Agreed.

2223/062 Introduction from the Chairman

2223/063 Public Participation

Present – 5 members of the public were present including David Smith (EKWT).

2223/064 To receive any apologies and approve reasons for absence

Apologies were received from Cllrs Bosomworth and Tatman and reasons were approved

2223/065 Declaration of Interests

None received

2223/066 To confirm the minutes of the full council meeting held on 19th October 2022 as a true and accurate record.

Confirmed.

Note - Land for sale in Bardsey

On 30th October the Parish Council had been informed that 2 parcels of land had been offered for sale in the core of the Village. The agents for the sale of the land that had belonged to Mr Foster was being handled by Thomlinsons – Lot 1 behind the School (22 acres) and Lot 2 – opposite the School by the side of Woodacre Lane (24 acres). East Keswick Wildlife Trust (EKWT) contacted Bardsey PC to ask them to support them financially so that they could purchase the land for which informal bids were required by 12 noon on 24th November.

Both plots of land had not been 'farmed' for many years and in fact Lot 2 had essentially only be grazed for at least 40 years. The absence of intensive farming means that these fields are an important environmental asset, as well as being at the heart of the Village. The nature of the sites had motivated EKWT to raise substantial amounts of money in an attempt to buy one or more sites. A subsequent meeting with their Trustees gave EKWT a target to raise £500,000 to buy both sites.

Given this background and the specific interests of the 5 members of the public the Chairman decided to bring forward item 2223 070d to discuss general matters relating to the two sites.

2223 070d - Part 1

David Smith set out the background to EKWT's interest in the two sites and answered a range of questions both from Councillors and the other members of the public present. EKWT had within a few days of the announcement of the sale delivered fliers to all houses in Bardsey and set up their web site to be able to take donations. At the time of our meeting they had reached about half of the target they had set for the money to be raised.

2223/067 Financial matters

a) To approve the schedule of payments (Appendix 1)

Approved

b) To approve the latest bank position (Appendix 2)

Approved

c) To consider the budget proposal for 2023-2024

To be held until the December meeting

d) To discuss and consider the precept for 2023-2024

To be held until the December meeting

2223/068 To receive an update on the following ongoing issues and decide further action where necessary:

a) SIDS (GT)

Nothing to report

b) Allotments (MB)

LCC have not yet confirmed that the letter has gone to the allotment holders

c) Highways (BH)

A58

- Mill Lane-Rigton Bank. As yet still no progress addressing the long standing issues along this area. Chris Procter, Traffic Management, LCC, although not his area of responsibility, due to his concerns about this area has continued to help and has advised should hear soon from Trishna Rycroft, Highways Assets, LCC and if not has supplied contact details.
- Narrowness of footpaths along A58 and other areas. As yet no progress has been made and also as affects residents with disabilities have sought help from Luke Wood, Asst Transport Planner LCC, who is involved with disability access but as yet no reply
- Church Lane-Cornmill Ginnel – condition of trees etc on private land by the carriage is of concern and sought advice from Assad Malik, Environment Dept. LCC

CHURCH LANE – All Hallows requested a disabled area by the Church and sought BPC opinion.

At the last BPC meeting as the exact location was not known there was a general opinion not to compromise the dropped kerb or the road bends. Kasia Krawczyk, Area Network Engineer, North, Highway Services, LCC, has been dealing with this and have requested exact location.

FIRST AVENUE – resident notified BPC empty grit bin still not filled. Reported again to LCC.

LCC general grit bin filling starts October.

RIGTON BANK – Narrow road signage – advised expected to be completed within 8 weeks. No further update to report.

d) Possibility of bridleway/footpath on field bordering A58 (DD)

Nothing to report

e) Village Pond (MB)

- The family confirmed, as did the PC, that they are happy with the noticeboard design. I let Jason Cook of Deep Blue know this and am awaiting further developments from him. He has been incredibly patient and helpful.
- There are at least two moorhens still resident at the pond. Plant life in the pond, now predominantly water lilies is dying back and apart from clearing growth around the inlet and outlet grills I do not think that we need to clear anymore vegetation from the pond. Despite the very dry summer, water levels remained surprisingly good, perhaps due to the leaf cover given by the water lilies.

f) PACT Meeting (DD)

Notes of the meeting previously circulated by DD (Appendix 3) – nothing further to report

g) Active Travel group (MB)

Nothing to report

h) Village Consultation on future spending (KO)

i) Road crossing on A58 near Mill Lane (BH)

A58 crossing (nr Cornmill Ginnel) – still not expecting a decision before New Year

j) Tennis Club Lease (Clerk)

KO has produced a plan showing the tennis club boundaries for the lease and MB is dealing with the solicitors to finalise the documents

k) Disused railway line Bardsey to Thorner.

GGs cleared some fallen trees from the trail.

2223/069 To receive an update on the following standing agenda items and agree any necessary action:

a) Park Field (MW)

Nothing to report

b) Playground (MW)

Nothing to report

c) Sports Club (MB)

- Sadly, there is no longer a Sunday team.
- Running club goes from strength to strength with one member having been successful in the ballot for entry to next year's London marathon. There are runs most days of the week. The main runs are Sunday morning 10.00am from the Sports Club and Wednesday 7.30pm from the Old Star.
- Bar takings down whilst bar and utility costs have risen significantly thereby exacerbating the already difficult financial position of the club. Spending has been restricted to that strictly necessary and bar prices have been increased. A series of Friday night social events (attached) have been organised to encourage members to use the club more frequently and to increase bar takings.
- Management committee meetings are far more constructive than they were, but the downside of this is that we are finding more and more issues that require attention and so the workload is increasing almost exponentially

2223/070 To consider matters requested by councillors/Clerk and agree any necessary action:

a) To agree to appoint a Clerk

Agreed to appoint a Clerk and the composition of the interview panel – Cllrs Stentiford, Bosomworth and Flockton - interviews to take place on Friday 18th November

b) To agree to form a Staffing Panel and agree the members

Resolved to leave until the new clerk is appointed

c) To agree to form a Complaints Panel and agree the members

Resolved to leave until the new clerk is appointed

d) To outline the current position on the sale of a parcel of land opposite the School and update the options for the PC

Part 2

The Councillors were all in favour of contributing money towards the bid being made by EKWT. The issue on which they did not agree was the amount we should contribute.

MW set out in some detail the different options based on our current financial position and the provisional budget we were looking at for 2023/24. The way in which we manage the budget will determine what we can afford to give as a grant.

- £30k – this is affordable without making any changes to the budget
- £35k – this would require capping the budget at £62k for 22/23 and 23/24;
- £40k - this would require capping the budget at £62k for 22/23 and 23/24 and taking £5k from reserves
- £45k – this would require as with £40 k but taking £10k from reserves
- £50k - this would require using £10k from the reserves and part of the SIDS money being held in reserve. To go down this route some clarification would be needed on whether the SIDS money would be reclaimed

The impact of all of these would be dependent on the precept set for 23/24.

Concerns were raised over what control, if any, the Parish Council would have over the management of the land and it was thought that having a Parish Council nominated trustee was one way in which some element of control could be achieved. ES will raise this again with EKWT. Concerns were also expressed that community access to the sites should be established. (Wasn't concern expressed over community access to the site? It is certainly something that I raised by email)

ES will send out an email to the Council asking each of them to indicate what they think we should contribute to EKWT from a lower value of £30k to a maximum of £50k.

e) To consider the request from the Bardsey stitching group for funding of materials for bunting for the coronation.

Agreed at this stage to donate £500 to the Stitching Group

f) To consider the letter regarding 'fencing' on Cornmill Lane

An anonymous letter was received to which we would not normally reply, however, in this case as a point of clarification – in the views of several councillors this was not a 'fence' but a handrail and the covenant for the Cornmills covering the erection of fences was up to the residents to enforce, not the Parish Council.

g) To confirm the co-option of the new Councillor

Agreed that we co-opt Mrs Jeanne Jackson onto the Parish Council. ES would contact her following the meeting.

h) X98/X99 bus service problems {BH}

Transdev took over at short notice and they have given a limited timescale for a very limited questionnaire and feedback. Transdev are considering several changes which include:-

1– For the time being continue present route with return journey cutting out the Headrow.

2 -considering using Leeds Bus Station, easier for them to use, less hold ups. (This would cut out bus access from a large part of the city centre/compromise working commuters/current access to train station along with other inconveniences.)

3 – Changing from Limited stopping. Transdev felt this would not add much to journey time and would increase revenue due to other commuters having the opportunity to use the service.

4 – time changes to accommodate other Wetherby buses

5 -Transdev think that the current timetable is not fit for purpose and will have a new timetable from 20 November.

BH will formulate a response on these issues for the Clerk to send to the relevant bodies.

2223/071 Planning matters

a) To consider and decide upon the following applications:

b) New applications

2/06735	Briar Bank, Mill Lane	Application for a double garage to the front of the house similar to the same next door but slightly larger and built into the slope so the roof can be a patio.
22/06988	14 Congreve Way	Application to demolish the attached garage and construct a 2 storey extension.
22/06986	12 The Dell	Application to raise the roof to part and provide 2 bedrooms & shower room, convert the garage into a room and demolish conservatory.
22/06985	Plot adjoining 12 The Dell	

b) To note decisions made by LCC:

- i. Approvals
- ii. Refusals
- iii. Appeals

2223/072 To consider correspondence received and agree any necessary action

a) To note the Publication Draft Policies for the Leeds Local Plan Update (LPU)

2223/073 To adopt the following policies and procedures:

Terms of Reference for the Planning Working Party – to await the appointment of the new clerk.

2223/074 To receive an update from Parish Councillors

No other business which was not covered in the meeting

2223/075 To notify the clerk of matters for inclusion on the agenda of the next meeting

2223/076 To confirm the date of the next meeting as Tuesday 13th December 2022 – starting at 7pm

Appendix 1 - list of payments to be approved:

Payee	Details	Amount
GGS GROUNDCARE	TREE WORKS	£95.00
GGS GROUNDCARE	COLLECT FILING CABINET	£50.00

Appendix 2 - Bank position on 15th November 2022

Account	Amount
Community	£69,386.35
Business 1	£15,430.25
Business 2	£2533.69
Total	£87,350.29

Appendix 3 – Notes on the PACT meeting held on 20/10/22

1. The meeting (by teams) was chaired by Cllr Sam Firth. Cllrs Robinson and Stevenson were not in attendance.
2. There were no action notes for the last meeting as there was nothing of note decided.
3. DD requested that minutes should be provided rather than action notes so that those that were unable to attend could see what was discussed and resolved. Sam Firth advised that this would not be possible as there was no one to take the minutes and as such there would only be action notes.
4. The Police provided a bare list of various crimes with no information as to location etc and it was requested that more detailed information be provided as to crimes in different locations such as Bardsey, Harewood etc. Sgt James Allen said he would look into this but the information could well be on the police web site WWW.police.uk.
5. Speeding was discussed and DD requested a mobile speed check to be made near to 1st/2nd Avenue.