

## **CALVER PARISH COUNCIL**

**Minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Council held at the Village Hall, Calver on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> May, 2019 at 7pm.**

### **Present:**

Councillors Jonathan Harris (Chairman), Derek Ballard, Beatrice Carman, Kat Keogh, Thomas Keogh and Harry White.

### **Also in Attendance:**

Simon Oldham (Clerk) and one member of the public.

### **Apologies:**

Councillors Judith Canty, Kath Potter (PDNPA), Jason Atkin (DCC) and Helen Froggatt (DDDC).

### **2019.72 Election of Chairman (followed by signing of declaration of acceptance of office)**

**RESOLVED** that Councillor Jonathan Harris be appointed as Chairman for 2019/20, (Councillor Harris signed the declaration of acceptance of office in the Clerk's presence).

### **2019.73 Election of Vice Chairman**

**RESOLVED** that Councillor Derek Ballard be appointed as Vice Chairman for 2019/20.

### **2019.74 Declaration of Members Interests**

There were no declarations of interest.

### **2019.75 To Consider Motions for the Variation of Business**

**RESOLVED** to vary the order of business by bringing forward agenda item 14 (h) "Ultra-Marathon – coming through Calver 13/14 July 2019 ", to be taken immediately following the Public Speaking agenda item.

### **2019.76 Appointments to Outside Bodies & Other Council Appointments**

**RESOLVED** to confirm the following appointments :-

Calver Village Hall Committee – Councillor Jonathan Harris

Joint Burial Ground Committee – Councillors Derek Ballard, Harry White and Mr Patrick Howard

Baslow Charities – Councillor Kat Keogh

Calver Weir Management Committee – Councillor Judith Canty

Councillor Footpaths Liaison Officer – Councillor Thomas Keogh

Samuel and Elizabeth Wild Almshouse Trust' – Councillor Beatrice Carman

### **2019.77 Schedule of Meetings for 2017/18**

**RESOLVED** to approve the following schedule of meetings during 2019/20 :-

Third Thursday every month at 7pm with the exception of August - 20th June, 18th July, 19th September, 17th October, 21st November, 19th December, 2019 – 16th January, 20th February, 19th March and 16th April, 2020.

**2019.78 Review and Adoption of Council Standing Orders - proposed to re-adopt existing version**

**RESOLVED** to re-adopt the 2018 version of NALC's Model Standing Orders.

**2019.79 Review and Adoption of Council Financial Regulations – proposed to re-adopt existing version**

**RESOLVED** to readopt existing Financial Regulations as presented.

**2019.80 Member Code of Conduct - proposed to re-adopt existing version**

**RESOLVED** to re-adopt the existing Member Code of Conduct.

**2019.81 Public Speaking**

A local parishioner referring to the Peak District Ultra-thon challenge to be held over the weekend of 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> July, expressed her grave dissatisfaction at there being no prior notice of the event and the implications of an expected volume of participants between 2000-3000 coming through the village and in particular using the footpath off Hassop Road up to Calver Peak which necessitated accessing her driveway adjacent to access the public footpath. She indicated that she had heard about plans for the event and use of her driveway/the public footpath purely by chance which she considered to be totally unacceptable with the potential for damage, injury, littering and wear and tear being incurred. Having made enquiries with the event organisers, she had discovered that this was one of a series of six or seven other events around the country and that this was the first that had been held in the Peak District. Participants were expected in Calver between 8am to 1pm on the Saturday and the next stop was Stoney Middleton playing field which she understood was to be used as a rest station. She reported that she had also made enquiries with PDNPA who advised that the event was not registered on their Event Management system and the event appeared to fit their large commercial event definition and as such needed the consent of all respective landowners for the respective use of their land. She concluded by advising that the stone stile at the side of her property for access to the public was totally unsuitable for use by this volume of participants and having received a response from the organisers, they had questioned the location of her property as they did not appear to be able to locate it via the use of google maps. She asked the Parish Council for its support in making further representations to the organisers.

Councillor Kat Keogh referring to prior consideration a couple of months ago when the Parish Council agreed a grant request from the Calver Gala in support of the costs of acquiring a band to perform during the evening, asked if payment could be made via a cheque rather than via online banking transfer. The Clerk asked for an invoice to be supplied and he would add this to the June meeting agenda for a cheque payment to be authorised and signed.

Councillor Derek Ballard drew attention to a parishioner request about a street lighting matter and asked for this to be scheduled as an agenda item for the next meeting on 20/6/19.

#### **2019.82 Ultra-Marathon – coming through Calver 13/14 July 2019**

**RESOLVED** that the Clerk be asked to draft a letter to the event organiser and copied to the PDNPA Chief Executive, DCC Highways and Derbyshire Police expressing the Parish Council's grave concern at the lack of consultation/prior notification of this event taking place over the weekend of 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> July, the apparent lack of the necessary permissions required for an event of this multitude, not least from relevant landowners, the significant impact on our parishioners property given her shared driveway on access to the public footpath and requesting an appropriate re-routing via the main road through Calver. In addition, the organisers be asked to comment on the wider impact and implications for the village in managing not least the highways and prospects of potential road closures that may be necessitated and whether use of the Monsal and Tissington Trails was appropriate which were important PDNPA landmarks and heavily used at weekends by the general public.

#### **2019.83 Minutes of the Meeting 18<sup>th</sup> April, 2019**

**RESOLVED** that the minutes be signed as a correct record.

#### **2019.84 Chairman's Announcements**

The Chairman announced that (1) further to discussions under item 1 on this evenings agenda to elect the Chairman, it was his intention to stand down as Chair at the end of the current 2019/20 municipal year and (2) further to matters raised at last months Annual Parish meeting, he had undertaken to contribute Parish Council news for inclusion in the monthly edition of the "Link" magazine of suitable newsworthy items and would make reference to the forthcoming Peak District Ultra-thon Challenge in the next edition.

#### **2019.85 Member registration of disclosable pecuniary interests**

**RESOLVED** to note the guidance from DDDC on the requirement for each Member to complete the declaration of their disclosable pecuniary interests within 28 days of their election to office on 2/5/19 and each Councillor had handed their completed forms to the Clerk or undertook to complete this at the close of this evenings meeting in order to fulfil the statutory requirement.

#### **2019.86 Exercise of the General Power of Competence – To confirm that the Council still meets the qualifying criteria**

**RESOLVED** to note and confirm the continued use of the power and that the Council continued to meet the qualifying criteria.

#### **2018.87 Co-option to the remaining vacant Parish Councillor position on the Council – process and timetable**

**RESOLVED** to approve the draft advert and recruitment timeline in seeking to co-opt to the remaining Parish Councillor position on the Council with a closing date of 12/6/19 with a view to all applicants being invited to the next Parish Council meeting on 20/6/19 to speak further in support of their application.

**2019.88 Bird Garden Project – Status Update**

**RESOLVED** to note that (1) the Chairman had noted the criticisms raised at the Annual Parish meeting at the lack of progress in moving the project forward; (2) the Chairman's reporting of his intention to stand as a trustee on the CIO once formally established but not his intention to seek a role as its Chairperson; (3) the Chairman had pursued Pryormarking on three occasions seeking its comments on the draft CIO key objectives but thus far no formal response had been received. He undertook to continue to pursue a response following which he would convene a formal meeting of the Trust and (4) to note a Land Registry search that had been undertaken which indicated that with regard to access to the site, a deed indicated that there was formal vehicular access off Main Street and in addition, a second right of access point alongside the dwelling Sykes Cottage.

**2019.89 To consider the extent of littering around the village and any associated actions required**

**RESOLVED** to note the general perceptions by Members having considered this over the past month that the extent of littering around the village was not perceived to be a significant issue, whilst it was acknowledged that there were small pockets at times particularly around the litter bin on the corner of Sough/Donkey Lane which overflowed at times and was exacerbated by the wind.

**2019.90 Speeding on the A623 and associated implications on access points in to the village – to consider a course of action /making further representations**

**RESOLVED** to defer this matter to the next meeting on 20/6/19 when the parishioner who had raised concerns at the Annual Parish meeting, was able to attend and was keen to offer his support in doing further work/research to gather appropriate evidence to be able to present and make further representations to DCC Highways.

**2019.91 Quality of new public footpath sign, path linking Shippon Lane with Lowside**

**RESOLVED** to note the earlier reported concerns raised by a local parishioner of the quality of this new footpath sign and the subsequent e-mail exchanges in which Members were now satisfied that the sign was adequate and fully fit for purpose.

**2019.92 Website and Publicity – nothing to report.**

**2019.93 DALC Circulars.**

**RESOLVED** (1) to note that the Clerk had circulated :-

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| 1 | DALC<br>06/2019 | DALC Spring Seminar 2019 – A huge success;<br>Precept increases for Parish & Town Council Sector<br>across the country; |
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|  | Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) Legal Briefing;<br>Plunkett trusteeships;<br>Police and Crime Commissioner Spring Newsletter;<br>Funding streams currently available;<br>Changes to pension credit;<br>Derbyshire Lamp Post Poppy 2019 |
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**2019.94 Finance.**

**RESOLVED** that (1) to note payment in respect of the following Accounts :-

Employee costs £258.10 re April;

HMRC £60.00 re PAYE April;

Village Hall, Calver £30.00 re room hire April;

Information Commissioner £35.00 re Data controller registration fee

(2) Approval be given to the monthly financial report provided by the Clerk.

**2019.95 Planning**

**RESOLVED** in relation to (a) NP/DDD/0419/0377 Lawful Development Certificate for use - erection of single dwellinghouse, The Garret, High Street, Calver, the Clerk be asked to respond by providing further factual information as follows to aid determination of this matter :-

1) The affidavit outlined that the building work was completed in February 2009 and the property was occupied in March 2009. This was disputed as could be seen from the enclosed screenshot photo dated August 2011 in which it was apparent that the raised parking area had not yet been completed. This was some two and a half years after the affidavit was dated and this element of their claim could legitimately be disputed.

2) There were other affordable homes within Calver village still within the permitted timeframe. Could PDNPA confirm to Calver PC that each of these had been checked and that they were in compliance with the approved plans and that all planning conditions had been discharged.

**2019.96 Representatives' Reports**

(a) Burial Committee – to note the minutes of the meeting held on 6/3/19

(b) Village Hall Committee - to note the minutes of the meeting held on 29/4/19

(c) Footpaths Liaison – nothing to report

(d) Calver Weir – nothing to report.

**2019.97 Highways – nothing to report.**

**2019.98 Outstanding Issues - None**

**2019.99 Information Items/Correspondence**

**RESOLVED** (1) to note that the Clerk had previously circulated :-

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| 1 | DDDC | Letter and guidance on registration of disclosable pecuniary interests |
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**2019.100 Date of Next Meeting – 7pm Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> June, 2019**

The meeting closed at 9.12pm.