

## **CALVER PARISH COUNCIL**

### **Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held at the Village Hall, Calver on Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> October, 2019 at 7pm.**

#### **Present:**

Councillors Jonathan Harris (Chairman), Derek Ballard, Judith Canty, Beatrice Carman, David Douglas, Kat Keogh, and Harry White.

#### **Also in Attendance:**

Simon Oldham (Clerk), Helen Froggatt (DDDC), James Shirley (Derbyshire Police) and John Rawlins (Baslow Neighbourhood Watch). No members of the public present.

#### **Apologies:**

Councillors, Thomas Keogh, Kath Potter (PDNPA) and Jason Atkin (DCC).

#### **2019.161 Declaration of Members Interests**

None.

#### **2019.162 To Consider Motions for the Variation of Business**

**RESOLVED** to bring forward agenda item 11(d) " ANPR Camera's at Calver Crossroads – to receive further information" to be considered as the next agenda item.

#### **2019.163 ANPR Camera's at Calver Crossroads – to receive further information**

James Shirley (Derbyshire Police) and John Rawlins (Baslow Neighbourhood Watch) were in attendance to speak in relation to the benefits of ANPR cameras and how a scheme to install in the village would have a significant impact in helping with crime reduction in the surrounding Peak villages. James Shirley outlined that ANPR cameras were leading the way as a tool on better engagement with communities. The Rural Crime team did not have the resource to be able to police all communities and were therefore reliant on local Neighbourhood Watch Schemes, facebook and social media as a way of engaging more effectively on what suspected activities were happening in different localities. Local patrols carried out in Calver, Baslow and Bakewell were very effective and represented "eyes and ears" on the ground. He outlined that ANPR was the main way forward in helping to tackle the impacts of tackling offenders who regularly travel in to the Peak district from out of the area from South Yorkshire or from over the Pennines. The cameras were hugely beneficial in capturing vehicle movements both live and for retrospective analysis. If a suspect vehicle was flagged up, markers could be quickly added to track the vehicle. Any local funds targeted towards instigation of crime prevention initiatives in villages were best directed towards ANPR provision. The costs were around £8500 for camera installation but these could be moved around to variable locations and had a lifespan of approximately 6 years. Ongoing maintenance would be provided by the Police. He concluded by indicating that he would undertake to liaise with other neighbouring Hope Valley Parish Council's to discuss the concept of developing a Hope Valley Scheme with perhaps 5 or 6 Parishes committing to invest around £1500 each in to a scheme with cameras to be rotated around each of the villages.

John Rawlins (Baslow Neighbourhood Watch Coordinator) outlined that he had set up the Baslow scheme two and a half years ago using new platforms including facebook and a whatsapp group to engage with residents more effectively. They had 3000 members sharing information and intelligence with the Police. They were partnering/buddying up with the Police and had undertaken patrolling on 16 Saturday evenings this year with some very positive results. The main problem area now was the A623 and the proposal for ANPR cameras via the initiative previously explained this evening was perceived to be the most appropriate course of action to tackle the matter.

**RESOLVED** to support in principle the request for a contribution towards a potential "Hope Valley ANPR" Scheme subject to 1) James Shirley engaging with other local neighbouring parishes for their commitment to a scheme and reporting back and 2) determination at the Parish Council precept setting meeting in January 2020 of earmarking a specified sum from existing accumulated reserves for this purpose.

### **2019.164 Public Speaking**

Councillor Helen Froggatt (DDDC) reported that an announcement on the award of the new Waste disposal contract was due to be awarded next month. In addition, she outlined that she had become aware yesterday of the axing of the 66 bus service to Chesterfield provided by Hulley's in early November. She had contacted Hulley's who were very dismissive and now planned to lobby the DCC Cabinet Member with responsibility for Transport, Councillor Simon Spencer. She concluded by advising that she had received a letter from the Peak District Housing Association and left a copy with the Clerk.

### **2019.165 Minutes of the Meeting 19<sup>th</sup> September, 2019**

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

### **2019.166 Chairman's Announcements**

The Chairman announced that (1) in relation to the pending loss of the 66 bus service, he proposed and the Council agreed that a letter be sent to DCC Public Transport Team and Hulley's (copied to Patrick Mcloughlin MP and our local Ward Members for DCC and DDDC) protesting about the loss of this service being yet another serious blow to rural bus transport and the impact on local Calver residents becoming even more isolated with an inability to be able to access the doctor's surgery in Baslow; (2) a local resident had drawn his attention to flyers/advertisements were being erected on the railings at the end of Main Street adjoining the A623, the ones which had been damaged several months ago by a car collision and not yet repaired by DCC despite a previous Parish Council request to do so. The Clerk agreed to send a follow up request to DCC in this regard and it was noted that there were Highway powers available to the Authority to take them down or by any individual where it was perceived to be a safety issue or a risk of an imminent accident and (3) in relation to Christmas, asked what Parish Councillors views were on assembling for a traditional meal following the December meeting of the Council on 19<sup>th</sup>. Members supported the proposal and agreed that the Derwentwater Arms was the ideal location.

### **2019.167 Quotes for new website – in compliance with Website Accessibility Regulations 2018**

**RESOLVED** (1) to note the previously reported implications of the Parish Council having to meet the Website Accessibility Regulations in relation to modifications to its existing website by September next year or commission a new fully compliant website; (2) to note the existing quotation for a new website provision, installation and training received from 2Commune Ltd and (3) two further website quotes be obtained for further consideration by the Council and the matter be considered as a rolling agenda item going forwards over the next few months to determine how best to meet its obligations under the regulations.

#### **2019.168 Came & Company – annual insurance renewal**

**RESOLVED** to note the existing quotes received for renewal of the existing insurance policy which was due to expire on 23/11/19 and a further quotation be sought via BHIB Local Council Insurance Brokers for consideration at the next meeting on 21/11/19 to enable final determination.

#### **2019.169 PDNPA – request re Calver Parish Statement development**

**RESOLVED** (1) to note the outline draft of a Parish statement for Calver prepared by PDNPA and the observations on how this might be improved upon by Councillor Derek Ballard and suggested revisions/proposed alterations; (2) an updated draft be worked up as discussed by Members with a view to presentation for approval as an ongoing working draft ,at the next meeting on 21/11/19 to enable submission to PDNPA by 30/11/19 as requested and (3) to support the proposal for this working draft to be the subject of consultation with local Calver residents as an item for engaging the views of the local community as part of next April's Annual Parish meeting.

#### **2019.170 W. Brindley – Footpath maintenance tender for 2020**

**RESOLVED** that approval be given to the tender submission from Mr Brindley for the continuation of his effective work in carrying out minor maintenance work in 2020 to local Calver footpaths.

#### **2019.171 Progressing preparation for Christmas illuminations/tree at the Cross**

**RESOLVED** that approval be given to the ongoing preparations for locating a Christmas tree at the Cross this year, the inventory schedule being sent to Western Power in support of the renewal of the unmetered certificate, the licence application to DCC Street Lighting team and enquiries with the usual contractor to source an appropriate tree and for its erection on site.

#### **2019.172 Website and Publicity**

Nothing further to report following discussion under 2019.167 above.

#### **2019.173 DALC Circulars.**

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

1	DALC	• DALC Annual General Meeting & Excellence Awards
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	11/2019	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• GDPR Additional Guidance</li> <li>• Public Participation – Should you be naming individuals in your minutes?</li> <li>• New guidance on Grievance and Disciplinary procedures</li> <li>• Training</li> <li>• Quick Tip</li> </ul>
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#### **2019.174 Finance.**

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

Employee costs £318.10 September;

HMRC £60.00 re PAYE September;

Village Hall, Calver £15.00 re room hire September;

Shelter Maintenance Ltd £42.00 re shelter cleaning;

Mr W. Brindley £90.00 re footpaths maintenance;

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

#### **2019.175 Planning**

**(1) To note the response submitted following consultation with Members on the following application received since last meeting (a) Revised Plans – NP/DDD/0519/0483 - Demolition of existing garage and erection of double garage with store, Pear Tree Cottage**

**RESOLVED** to note the following response submitted in accordance with PDNPA's 14 day consultation deadline on revised plans for this application, "as there is little or no change to the size and height of the proposed garage, Calver Parish Council wish to maintain its' original objection on the grounds that the height of the development, the height of the eaves and the general overbearing mass of the scheme is considered inappropriate in a conservation area and the PC would prefer a like for like development of a smaller scale".

**(2) Planning Application Consultation - NP/DDD/0919/0987 Broughton Caravan Park, Baslow Road, Curbar**

**RESOLVED** to object to the proposed development on the following grounds :-

"The current site is highly prominent from the Calver footpath system with the paths to the south of the river (Calver FP1 and FP2) very well used. Little or no screening exists with clear views across the river to boxy and unattractive static caravans. The application which gave rise to the current site emphasised the open views of the river which are enjoyed by the occupants of the caravans as a bonus, it is that very bonus which makes the site so unattractive and inappropriate when viewed looking into the site.

The Parish Council believes most of the relevant policies relating to the application are in the Core Strategy.

Policy RT1 say, in effect, development will not be permitted if it disadvantages peoples' enjoyment of any existing and appropriate recreational opportunities. The existing and proposed site do just that, walking along the Calver footpath system, an appropriate recreational opportunity, the views will be compromised by this unacceptable and highly prominent development.

Policy RT3 says in relation to new schemes, any permanent, non-traditional structures including static caravans will not be permitted. That is an absolute policy which this application fails.

Finally, the site lies within Flood zone 2 and the relevant Policy CC5 requires that very careful consideration be given to potential effects of new development.

Trespassing onto Curbar's territory the new site will be highly visible from the main road, most of the existing screening is deciduous in nature and for a significant part of the year these inappropriate structures, which will be jarring to the eye, will be completely open to view. The approach to Calver village will undoubtedly be unacceptably compromised by the creation of an extended site for static caravans right up to the main road which is highly visible from that road and is immediately next to the Calver Conservation Area".

### **2019.176 Members Items**

(a) Speeding & traffic implications A623 progress update re making further representations

**RESOLVED** (1) to note the reporting by Councillor Derek Ballard of the meeting he had held with a local parishioner to work this up further and attempts were being made to engage the Police support and at some point there were plans to start a petition and hold a small public meeting to be able to petition DCC Cabinet as the ultimate decision maker on speed and traffic related matters and (2) the Clerk be asked to respond to the Chair of Stoney Middleton Parish Council to propose a meeting between respective Parishes to pool our thoughts on working towards lobbying for a 30mph speed restriction on the A623 through both our villages, to and from Baslow.

(b) Bird Garden Project – status update & engagement with Pryor Marking

**RESOLVED** To Note the reporting by the Chairman that he had continually tried phoning and e-mailing Pryormarking and still had received no reply which was concerning and would continue to do so and update again at next months' meeting.

(c) Feedback on attendance at PDNPA Parishes Day 12/10/19

**RESOLVED** to note the feedback reported by the Chairman and Councillor Judith Canty following their attendance at last weekends Parishes Day and summary of the subject matters discussed in the workshop sessions that they participated in.

(d) Update on meeting of local community voluntary groups on 7/10/19 re prospects of coordinating an event in celebration of VE Day 8/5/2020

**RESOLVED** that this matter be deferred for further consideration at next months' meeting and in the meantime, Members consider the summary information tabled by Councillor Kat Keogh on proposals for different activities that might take place as part of a VE Day celebration on 8/5/2020 and the potential for the Parish Council to commit to funding the cost of hire of the village hall for the festivities planned.

(e) Millenium Garden Maintenance

**RESOLVED** that a quote be sourced from Mr Brindley for a range of maintenance work needed to restore the appearance of the Millenium garden and for Councillor Derek Ballard to meet with him initially on site to explain the works that were required.

### **2019.177 Representatives' Reports**

(a) Burial Committee – next meeting December.

(b) Village Hall Committee – no recent meeting.

(c) Footpaths Liaison – To note the recent footpaths work carried out by the footpaths contractor. In relation to a local parishioner concerns over the degradation to the highway running from the back of the Derwentwater Arms to the Cross on Main Street

(which was also footpath number 23), this and the photo evidence be referred to DCC Highways team to assess the pathway and the remedial repairs required.

(d) Calver Weir – no update.

#### **2019.178 Highways.**

**RESOLVED** that in relation to the Street lighting and re-instatement works being carried out by the contractor working on behalf of DCC, representations be made to DCC about the lack of consultation and notice of these improvements works being scheduled and carried out and in particular the quality and hours that these were being performed, often through the night and the disruptions caused to local residents.

#### **2019.179 Outstanding Issues - None**

#### **2019.180 Information Items/Correspondence**

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

1	Derbyshire Police & Crime Commissioner	Grants Evening & Community Action Grant
2	DALC	AGM & Excellence Awards
3	DCC	Public Health - Stoptober
4	PPPF	AGM 12/10/19

#### **2019.181 Date of Next Meeting – 7pm Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> November, 2019**

The meeting closed at 9.19pm.