

CALVER PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held at the Village Hall, Calver on Thursday 21st November, 2019 at 7pm.

Present:

Councillors Jonathan Harris (Chairman), Judith Canty, Beatrice Carman, David Douglas and Thomas Keogh.

Also in Attendance:

Simon Oldham (Clerk, Kath Potter (PDNPA) and one member of the public present.

Apologies:

Councillors, Derek Ballard, Kat Keogh, Harry White, Helen Froggatt (DDDC) and Jason Atkin (DCC).

2019.182 Declaration of Members Interests

Councillor Thomas Keogh declared a disclosable pecuniary interest in relation to agenda item 10(3) "For information – potential breach of planning control - Derwentwater Arms" as landlord of the Derwentwater Arms and withdrew from the meeting during the consideration there-on.

2019.183 To Consider Motions for the Variation of Business

RESOLVED to bring forward agenda item 11(d) "Recent rain/flooding" to be considered in conjunction with a matter to be raised under the Public Speaking agenda item.

2019.184 Public Speaking

Councillor Kath Potter (PDNPA) drew attention to the Chatsworth application for additional car parking provision which was considered at the last Planning Committee meeting. It was subsequently deferred for further considerations relating to the impacts on local surrounding villages. Whilst the proposal would alleviate existing difficulties experienced in Baslow, this was not necessarily the case at Rowsley and the implications needed further consideration. Additionally, the application was also contrary to PDNPA policy aim of working towards ensuring a lesser volume of vehicles on the road.

A local parishioner of Well Green drew attention to severe difficulties experienced with rainfall affecting her property on the evenings of both 7/11/19 and again on 14/11/19. Whilst the property was not actually flooded, it came very near to doing so with sandbags frantically deployed to prevent water penetrating the doorstep following the main drain not be able to cope with the volume of water. She outlined that the drain was checked at 6pm and was clear yet within half an hour it was overflowing and heading rapidly towards flooding her property. The local Council were called and 5 hours of deep water was experienced before the drain was cleared and the water subsided. This was also experienced for a second time a week later on 14th with what was an exceptional downpour. The parishioner outlined that she was very familiar with the main drain and has monitored it closely over recent years and has never witnessed anything near to this occurring in the past. She believed the drain to be corroding and the recent

“overdevelopment” in the immediate vicinity had created a situation where the drain could not cope with the water volumes that were passing through it. In particular, at Folds End Farm and Fallow End both these properties have a sophisticated big sump/tanks erected under their garages which seemed to be adding to the issues now experienced as had the extended development at Pear Tree cottage which were adversely impacting. Something was not quite right and the drain infrastructure was now insufficient to cope as a result of these developments. As a consequence, she asked what support the Parish Council to offer in lobbying further to the appropriate agencies for investigations to be undertaken so that a repeat occurrence could be avoided in the event of future similar extreme rainfalls.

Having considered the representations, it was **RESOLVED** that the Clerk be asked to write to the relevant statutory agencies (Derbyshire County Council, the Environment Agency and Severn Trent Water) asking what their respective responsibilities were in these circumstances and whether they could attend on site to view the drainage system and to find a remedy or identify such works required to improve the drainage system in order to prevent a repeat situation in the event of another extreme weather incident in the future.

2019.185 Minutes of the Meeting 17th October, 2019

RESOLVED that the minutes be signed as a correct record.

2019.186 Chairman’s Announcements

The Chairman announced that since the last meeting, he had spoken with the Chair of Stoney Middleton Parish Council on the subject of the termination of Hulley’s 66 bus service with effect from 3/11/19 and to Hulley’s themselves. Fortunately, a last minute decision had been taken to re-route their 275 service which ensured the same level of service for Calver residents with links to buses through to Chesterfield. It was surprising why this hadn’t been effectively published at the same time as notification of the ceasing of the 66 service although the resultant outcome seemed to have worked out surprisingly well.

2019.187 To consider two additional quotes for a new website – in compliance with Website Accessibility Regulations 2018 and to determine a preferred way forward

RESOLVED (1) to note the two additional quotations received from Netwise and Town & Parish websites which were in the region of £850 - £900 for set-up and training, year 1 costs for hosting and domain fees as well as the provision of a number of e-mail accounts; (2) to accept the reporting by the Chair that he had looked further in to the website accessibility checker software and areas where our existing site was non-compliant and was confident that with a few adjustments/tweaks he had the capability to address most of the deficiencies so that we were in apposition to prepare the required Accessibility Statement by September 2020, which was deemed preferable, our site costing a fraction of the cost required to commit to commissioning the provision on a new website from a commercial provider and (3) whilst this would not resolve the “future-proofing” aspects of being reliant on the Chairman’s sole technical expertise, the matter be reviewed again in around 12 months time.

2019.188 Annual insurance renewal – to consider further quotation and determine cover arrangements for next 12 months

RESOLVED to note the additional quotation from BHIB Brokers and approval be given to accept this on a three year long-term agreement at the sum of £462.76 in the first year.

2019.189 To consider and approve an updated draft of the Calver Parish Statement

RESOLVED to accept the proposed revisions to the draft Parish statement prepared by Councillor Derek Ballard for submission to PDNPA subject to the "Community aspiration" points, rather than these being numbered, they be referenced as bullet points, so as not to give an impression that number 1 was of any greater priority than any of the other numbered aspirations.

2019.190 Update on preparations for Christmas illuminations/tree at the Cross

RESOLVED to note that the licence application had been submitted and was awaiting approval by DCC Street Lighting Team which was expected imminently and Matt Boyes had once again agreed to supply and erect the tree in due course.

2019.191 DALC Circulars.

No recent Circulars.

2019.192 Finance.

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

Employee costs £257.90 October;

HMRC £60.20 re PAYE October;

Village Hall, Calver £15.00 re room hire October and

S.Walton £29.50 PAT Testing Christmas lights

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

2019.193 Planning

RESOLVED that (1) no objections be raised in respect of planning application consultations :-

a) (NP/DDD/1019/1101 - Replacement porch and internal modifications with associated external works and solar panel installation, Knouchley Farm Cottage, Grindleford Road, Calver

(b) NP/DDD/1019/1103 - Listed Building consent - Replacement porch and internal modifications with associated external works and solar panel installation, Knouchley Farm Cottage, Grindleford Road, Calver

(c) NP/DDD/1019/1133 - Listed Building consent - Change of use of agricultural building to a holiday let, Knouchley Farm, Grindleford Road, Calver

(d) NP/DDD/1019/1130 - Change of use of the agricultural building to a holiday let, Knouchley Farm, Grindleford Road, Calver

(2) to note Planning Decision Notices – (a) NP/DDD/0719/0812 - Single storey side extension, Folds House, High Street, Calver – granted conditionally and (b)

NP/DDD/0819/0834 - To demolish the prefabricated garage building which is owned by Mayfield but which sits on the adjacent plot, within the curtilage of the

Cottage. 2 parking spaces are to be provided via a part subterranean garage in front of Mayfield, set back slightly from Cross Lane, Mayfield, Cross Lane, Calver – granted conditionally

(3) In respect of potential breach of planning control - Derwentwater Arms, to note the reporting of this matter to PDNPA which was currently the subject of investigation by the Enforcement Team.

2019.194 Members Items

(a) Lobbying for 30mph speed limit on A623- meeting scheduled with representatives from Stoney Middleton Parish Council 7pm 25/11/19

RESOLVED to note that Councillor Judith Canty had agreed to attend the meeting accompanying Councillor Derek Ballard as the Calver representatives meeting with Stoney Parish Councillors on 25/11/19.

(b) Bird Garden Project – engagement with Pryor Marking/ consideration of written correspondence to seek to re-open negotiations to identify future intentions

RESOLVED to note the reporting by the Chairman that he had finally been able to get hold of the Director of Pryormarking Ltd who had confirmed that they remained content for the proposal to proceed and apologised for the delay in their response which was not one of their main priorities at this time. However, having reviewed the content of the proposal set out in the Charity Commission application, they wished to propose a couple of modifications which they had not been specific upon at this stage although undertook to provide this in writing prior to Christmas.

(c) Proposals for local community groups coordinating an event in celebration of VE Day 8/5/2020

RESOLVED to note and support the provisional proposals for celebrating VE Day and this matter be brought forward for further consideration early in the new year.

2019.195 Representatives' Reports

(a) Burial Committee – next meeting December.

(b) Village Hall Committee – no recent meeting.

(c) Footpaths Liaison – to note initial discussions with Mr Brindley to schedule a programme of weedkilling for early in the Spring and for the Clerk to respond to him advising that the Parish Council would be happy to receive his quotation using stone for the plaques re the Millenium garden refurbishment works.

(d) Calver Weir – next meeting scheduled for Monday 25/11/19.

2019.196 Highways - Nothing to report.

2019.197 Outstanding Issues

(a) Highways – reply re lobbying re state of footpath behind Derwentwater Arms to Cross

RESOLVED to note that DCC Rights of Way Team had visited the site and agreed that there was some deterioration and a quote for repair was being sourced although all resources for the current year had been allocated and this would therefore be prioritised for the next financial year.

(b) Follow up enquiry to DCC re railings repair, junction of Main Street & A623

RESOLVED to note the response from DCC advising that the Contractor had been allocated this repair job which was programmed in for completion within 3 months.

2019.198 Information Items/Correspondence

RESOLVED to note that the Clerk had previously circulated :-

1	Derbyshire Police & Crime Commissioner	Open evening for volunteers 24/10/19
2	PDNPA	Rural Services Network/Digest – Funding opportunities
3	Peak Park Parishes Forum	MEMRAP Press release
4	Peak Park Parishes Forum	Management Committee Minutes 14/10/19
5	Peak Park Parishes Forum	PDNPA Management Plan – Consultation on Thriving & Sustainable Communities
6	RNIB	Christmas Stamp Appeal
7	DCC	Training for Snow Wardens 29/11/19
8	Peak District Rural Housing Association	Homes for local people

2019.199 Date of Next Meeting – 6.30pm Thursday 19th December, 2019

The meeting closed at 8.25pm.