

CALVER PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a Meeting of the Council held virtually via Zoom video/audio conferencing on Thursday 23rd July, 2020 at 7pm.

Present:

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

Also in Attendance:

Simon Oldham (Clerk) and no members of the public.

Apologies:

Councillors Kat Keogh and Tom Keogh.

2020.101 Declaration of Members Interests

There were no declarations of interest.

2020.102 To Consider Motions for the Variation of Business

None.

2020.103 Public Speaking

No members of the public present. Councillor Jude Canty advised that she had replied to the "Alert Derbyshire" survey and had a reply from PCSO Boswell informing that in relation to concerns she had expressed regarding increase in vehicles speeding, increased volume of motorbikes and associated pollution levels, he had suggested that these matters be reported via the CREST website as these matters receive a greater level of consideration and prioritisation via this medium. Councillor Canty therefore asked whether the Parish Council could place an item in the next edition of the LINK magazine encouraging local parishioners to report any of their own concerns via CREST. The Chairman confirmed that he would arrange to place this item in the LINK.

2020.104 Acceptance & Signing of the Minutes of the Meeting held on 18th June, 2020

RESOLVED that the minutes be signed as a correct record.

2020.105 Chairman's Announcements

None.

2020.106 Failure of Pryormarking Ltd to respond in relation to the Bird Garden Project and to agree to closure of this as a prospective development project

RESOLVED (1) to note the reporting by the Clerk that no response had been received in relation to the e-mail sent to Pryormarking on 29/5/20 asking for their confirmation as to whether Pryors were still committed to a scheme going ahead to develop the Bird Garden and therefore, it was assumed that the project was now effectively dead in the

water and that this disappointing outcome could now be communicated to local parishioners and (2) that the Clerk send a final communication to Pyormarking advising of its disappointment at a lack of response and that it had therefore been interpreted that Pryors were no longer committed to a scheme being developed but should their views and position change in the future, that the Parish Council and the local community would welcome re-instigating a project and driving this forward.

2020.107 Update re action plan on meeting the Website Accessibility requirements and publishing an accessibility statement

RESOLVED to note and thank Councillor Jonathan Harris for the work that he had done in publishing an Accessibility statement on the website, accessible from each individual webpage and thereby having complied with the requirements set out in the 2018 Website Accessibility Regulations, requiring compliance no later than 23/9/20.

2020.108 Prospects for a new Parish Council website - update on meeting held between Chairman, Clerk & Cllr Jonathan Harris 24/6/20

RESOLVED to note the constructive meeting held between the Chairman, Councillor Jonathan Harris and the Clerk held on 24/6/20 to discuss the merits and observations of the Clerk from his experience of using the UK Local Council's 2Commune web package in another capacity and that Cllr Harris would look to prepare an issues paper on further important considerations that needed to be considered in the procurement of a new website, to enable final determination at the next meeting on 17/9/20 on whether to authorise a commitment to acquire the 2Commune package in terms of future sustainability of its website provision.

2020.109 CC&F Joint Burial Ground Committee – update following meeting held between Chairman and Chairs of Curbar PC and Joint Burial Ground Committee 16/7/20

RESOLVED (1) to note the reporting by the Chairman that he had held an informal meeting with the Chairs of Curbar Parish Council and the Joint Burial Ground Committee on the requirements set out in the JPAG guidance regarding auditing arrangements and the range of responsibilities placed on a Joint Committee, not least with regard to the appointing Authorities requirement to report accordingly on an annual basis through its' own Annual Governance and Accountability return (AGAR). In this respect, a way forward had been agreed in that Curbar PC would become the host authority to meet the JPAG requirements in view of its ownership of the churchyard and by virtue of the Burial ground residing within its parish area and that Councillor Derek Ballard had agreed to re-draft a revised constitution to set out the revised governance arrangements to ensure lawful compliance going forwards by the Joint Burial Committee in discharging its functions. The aim being for a revised constitution to be presented and agreed by both Curbar and Calver PC's at their September cycle of meetings, as well as the draft being presented to the Froggatt Parish meeting Chairman and (2) to note the correspondence dated 1/7/20 from the Chairman of the Joint Burial Ground to the Calver PC Clerk which was misguided and wrong in its criticism of the Clerk. The Chairman wished to place on record that he had advised both other Chairs at their informal meeting that this criticism was wholly inappropriate and that the Clerk's original email to Curbar PC was straightforward, factual and correctly drafted with his full knowledge and consent. The

other Chairs had refused to apologise and Cllr Ballard wished to record his own disapproval of their reluctance to do so.

2020.110 Parishioner representations about the state of the Millenium bench

RESOLVED to note the parishioner correspondence regarding concerns at the state of the Millenium bench that had fallen in to disrepair and in response it was agreed that a local volunteer who had agreed to carry out remedial repairs would be re-imbursed for the cost of paint and materials to remedy the matter.

2020.111 Parishioner representations about parking on the layby at Froggatt New Bridge

RESOLVED to note the parishioner representations and the Clerk be asked to respond by advising that the Parish Council had recently instigated a petition regarding the ongoing damage to the wall at Froggatt New Bridge and the associated problem of the turning circle which had previously been widened and the issue of cars still parking on the corner as a lay by. Whilst this petition to Derbyshire County Council, the Highways Authority closed at the beginning of June, it was due to be considered by the respective Cabinet Member for Highways who has commissioned a report into the circumstances set out in the petition and what action might possibly be taken. This could though take a few months for any outcome to be determined. In addition, however, the Parish Council would write yet again to Highways with regard to the ongoing problem of cars parking on the corner which negated the money DCC Highways have spent in lining a wider turning circle and the aims of preventing its use as a lay by.

2020.112 Parishioner representations about field above Smithy Knoll Road

RESOLVED to note that Councillor Jonathan Harris would make some enquiries as to the identification of the new landowner of the field for further consideration at the next Parish Council meeting on 17/9/20 and the prospect of asking whether the owner could carry out some upkeep of the land in response to local resident complaints. The Clerk agreed to update the parishioner accordingly.

2020.113 Members items :-

(a) Future of Calver Cricket Club – update & draft planning statement re use of the field

RESOLVED that approval be given to the draft Parish statement regarding proposed future use of the cricket ground in the event of the Parish Council agreeing after discussions with Calver Cricket Club to take over responsibility for the ground and for a copy of the statement to be forwarded to the Secretary and Chairman of the cricket club in support of their existing planning application seeking demolition of the old pavilion and for a change of planning use of the tea room.

(b) Tent structures erected in the car park of the Derbyshire Craft Centre.

RESOLVED to note the wider discussion of structures generally in and around Calver that had been erected by businesses adapting to the Covid19 pandemic and whether these were contrary to planning regulations and that this matter be deferred for further consideration at the next Parish Council meeting on 17/9/20.

2020.114 Derbyshire Association of Local Council's Newsletters

RESOLVED to note that the Clerk had circulated :-

1	DALC 8 July 2020	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Updated guidance on remote meetings• Play area opening• Latest on loos!• Post-Covid risk assessment docs available• Code of Conduct – your feedback wanted• Elections and co-option – NALC updated legal topic note• Climate Action Group – 1st meeting• NALC shines its 'Point of Light'...• 'Flexible furlough' details announced• 10 – NALC sets up series of online events• Corona Virus Job Retention Grant Scheme – Furlough Leave – Update• DALC in demand!
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2020.115 Finance.

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

Employee costs £259.90 re June;

HMRC £58.20 re PAYE June;

Zoom subscription £14.39 re-imburement of Clerk re monthly subscription;

Mr W. Brindley £130.00 re footpaths maintenance duties;

Shelter Maintenance Ltd £313.20 re shelter glass panel replacement at the Crossroads southbound shelter and

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

2020.115 Planning

RESOLVED (1) to note Planning Appeal Notice - NP/DDD/0419/0377, Lawful Development Certificate for use - Conversion of former garage and workshop to a single dwellinghouse and use as a Class C3 dwellinghouse at The Garret, High Street, Calver and the implications that should the appeal be successful that the dwelling would become an open market dwelling and (2) in respect of PDNPA Consultation - Residential Annexes Supplementary Planning Document, that approval be given to the draft response prepared by the Chairman.

2020.116 Representatives' Reports

(a) Burial Committee – no recent meeting

(b) Village Hall Committee – to note the feedback on the socially distanced meeting held last week and plans for the Hall to re-open to user groups from 1/9/20. In the interim, until the end of August, Curbar Primary School had been granted exclusive use.

(c) Footpaths Liaison – the Clerk agreed to report to the footpaths contractor the requirement for urgent cutting back of undergrowth at path number 36, Well Green to Folds Lane

(d) Calver Weir – no recent meeting but to note that a recent Engineers inspection had been carried out and routine maintenance as per their recommendations was to be carried out.

2020.117 Highways

RESOLVED (1) to note the finalised speed reduction report prepared and endorsed by Stoney Middleton Parish Council in which it planned to lobby DCC Highways for a speed reduction along the A623 through the village and (2) that Calver PC's report replicating the same issues regarding speed reduction on the A623 through Calver village, be finalised by the Chairman and delegated authority be granted to the Clerk to finalise and agree the final draft for submission to DCC Highways alongside and in tandem with Stoney Middleton PC's final report as a joint and coordinated effort to add greater weight behind our respective representations.

2020.118 Outstanding Issues - Representations to DCC - change of priorities at Calver crossroad traffic signals

RESOLVED to note that despite two reminders, no response had been received from DCC Highways and a formal complaint under its Customer Complaints procedure be raised in light of this lack of a response to repeated correspondence

2020.119 Information Items/Correspondence

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

1	Derbyshire CAB	Impact report for citizen's
2	British Red Cross	Coronavirus – request for support
3	DCC	Temporary closure of Calver bridge – essential gas main renewal works
4	DCC	Participation in 2020/21 Minor Maintenance Agreement Scheme
5	DDDC	Play areas reopening
6	Derbyshire Environmental Trust	Funding Scheme 2020/21
7	Power for People	Local Electricity Bill update
8	PDNPA	Peak District Proud update
9	PDNPA	Parishes Day 3.10.20
10	PDNPA	Parishes Bulletin 35
11	Peak Park Parishes Forum	Request for Parish nominees

2020.120 Date of Next Meeting – 7pm Thursday 17th September, 2020 Virtually

The meeting closed at 8.27 pm.