

YOULGRAVE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 22nd October 2024

Present: Councillors: Mick Ashforth, Anne Blenkinsopp, Ken Clayton, Graham Elliott (Chair), Dee Frith, Leah Goodwin, Sue Hallam, Andrew McCloy and Richard Roper

In attendance: Matthew Lovell – Clerk + 3 members of the public

3454 Apologies for Absence

Council accepted apologies from Cllr Nicola Humphreys

3455 Variation of order of business and Clerk's request for time constrained items

No variations required. Planning applications always included under 28 day return rule.

3456 Declaration of Members Interests

No interests required declaration.

3457 Public Speaking

a) Public – none

b) County Councillor Simon Spencer sent apologies. District Councillor Laura Mellstrom reported that Platform Housing had just resurfaced Westcroft finally acknowledging that it is on their deeds. The Bakewell Banking Hub campaign has been raised with our MP – Ashbourne is to get one but Matlock still has a Nationwide so is deemed to have a bank. The PDNPA drop in at Youlgrave to discuss their Local Plan was poorly advertised and so had few attendees.

PCSO Boswell with a colleague noted the increase in burglaries in the dark nights and encouraged all to lock up check CCTV and alarms work and report any suspicious activity via their 101 or social media links. Priorities set by Neighbourhood Alert members continue to be road safety – speeding and parking on white lines. On a question on the fly tipping in the Bradford he noted that whilst a matter for Environmental Health the SNT are happy to be called while an incident is taking place especially as they have restructured and a mobile PCSO covers the villages. They are unaware of a recent domestic animal car incident but note that high visibility jackets are advised and most incidents are dealt with on the spot by the driver and owner so don't come to their attention.

3458 To confirm the Non-exempt minutes of the previous council

RESOLVED to confirm as a correct record the minutes of the meeting held on 17th September. The minutes were agreed for signature by the Chair.

3459 To determine which if any from Part 1 of the Agenda should be taken with the public excluded – none

3460 Planning decisions/applications received since last meeting. Planning related matters

Decisions received: None

Planning Applications for discussion: none

Other: none

3461 Footpaths and Highways

National Grid hope to replace the cable under the river this week and backfill.

The churchyard path needs its volunteers to clear as the paths are getting slippery. It was noted that visitors don't realise the buses no longer stop at the Grove Shelter and it may be time to consider moving it to the diagonal path on the corner. The gatepost to the Dale has been replaced. 4 recent accidents on the Long Rake crossroads are of concern but nearly every driver has just not thought to stop at the clear "Stop" signs and white lines so DCC will need to be more inventive with awareness education.

3462 Report from Village organisation representatives:

Village Hall – a lot of enthusiasm is exuding from pantomime rehearsals and maintenance of the building is progressing. There is a new treasurer in post and positive feedback has been received about recent village evening entertainments held and proposed.

Scout and Community Youth Hall – the request for funds for the mosaic has been withdrawn. The Risk Assessment for the Community bonfire and fireworks on 8th November was approved by Council.

Waterworks – the new balancing tank is in operation and a permanent solution with land purchase and a second tank and cover structure will now proceed. Other assets are reaching replacement stage and being prioritised for upgrade.

Reading Room – no report; CLT – the planning application should be with the PDNPA shortly and the local MP is being asked to assist in ensuring Government gives funding to social housing projects. Bankside Wildlife Garden is being legally transferred to the CLT by its owner to ensure it is held in public ownership; WEFTrust – no report;

3463 Report of the Clerk / update on: -

a) Charity 520537 assets:

Playing Fields – ALPF – mowing – 2 additional cuts this season (18 total) were approved due to the mild conditions. The toilet block will be closed in the week commencing 4th November.

HLTB – no issues at present. All Timer clocks need altering now the nights are drawing in. Council noted its thanks to Eileen Lowe who with Rob before her has been our cleaning contractor and will send a card and flowers.

(b) CE Car park/field, Allotments and other assets

Allotments – no matters. CE Toilet Block – ok. Defibrillators – all ok. The investigation into .gov.uk domain and email addresses is underway. Council resolved that only the domain should be investigated at this time as this is not a mandatory requirement for parishes. The memorial bench for Moor Lane is on FP9 and requires a DCC licence for £105. The donor wishes to proceed and the clerk will apply to DCC.

(c) Sports Pavilion Sub-committee – fund raising progress report. The architect compiled outline plans which were displayed last Saturday for comments with tea, coffee and cake supplied. The fund raisers have received 83 responses to the survey by closure – it was left live until after the event. A report is expected shortly along with a QS costing. Comments about simple refurbishment were received and noted but modern criteria for minimum sizes, H&S and Safeguarding by the funding bodies would disqualify the existing building refurbishment for grants as too small. Offers of assistance have already been received.

(d) Traffic Survey report – the draft report was approved for submission to the Bugle. Electronic speed signs were again raised as 87% of respondents approved 20 MPH restrictions and will be investigated. Only 52% supported a residents parking scheme which is insufficient to make DCC implement this. Highways Engineers and the County Councillor will be copied in on the Survey results.

(e) Church and Field Footpaths

A letter has been received from YPCC noting their wish not to see a second public footpath across the churchyard. Clerk to respond to note Council's desire to see a local solution by the landowner without the need for a formal application being made to PROW by user representatives which will avoid this.

3450 Items for Information

DALC – news and training, PDNPA per e-news circulated. PDNPA Local Plan – paper copy is being circulated, notes made and a group will bring the submission to the November meeting for Council to agree our submission.

3451 Authorisation of signatures for transfer of Alport Lane Playing Fields freehold to Youlgrave Parish Council under FiT Deed of Dedication and LR Transfer

Council resolved that Councillors Graham Elliott and Ken Clayton be authorised to sign the Deed, TR1 and Title plan for submission to gain the freehold under FIT terms of use giving us security of tenure for the site in perpetuity. Once countersigned by FIT and fees are paid and registered, National Grid and the Bowls club will be contacted to set up new leases as both have expired for the sub-station and Club house plot respectively.

3452 Finance

a) Resolved to approve the following:

	Payee	Net	VAT
ub	HM Lovell (Oct)	£678.71	
udr	NEST (Oct)	£61.11	
ub	E Lowe (Oct)	£500.00	
ub	DBS noticeboard stain	£66.02	
ub	YLCC mowing alpf	£525.00	
udr	EDF 2 block monthly ddr	£30.48	1.52
udr	YU Hltb elec	£22.83	1.14
udr	BG CE electric	£32.76	1.64
ub	HM Lovell (expenses Oct)	£18.74	
ub	Jameson bulbs CE	£14.98	3.00
ub	James Boon 2/3	£830.00	166.00
ub	Pavilion event expenses and postage	£21.72	
ub	DB Services hedges	£160.00	

Income HB Sumup £64.00 Alpf 87.99 Hltb 77.02 CE 671.99
 ALPF rents £100.00 utilities £130.46 Interest £72.79 CambUni £80.00

(b) Budget Appraisal/Risk Assessment

Balance @ 15 th Oct	CoOp	£1439.98
	CoOp Deposit	£5145.45
	Unity current account	£20917.13
	Unity savings account	£10574.56

3453 Date of next meeting – 26th November 2024 Youlgrave VH Community Room 7:15pm

29th October Finance Committee 7:30pm

3454 Exempt Items – none

The meeting closed at 8:30 pm