

YOULGRAVE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 26th November 2024

Present: Councillors: Mick Ashforth, Anne Blenkinsopp, Ken Clayton, Graham Elliott (Chair), Leah Goodwin, Nicola Humphreys and Richard Roper

In attendance: Matthew Lovell – Clerk + 1 member of the public

3469 Apologies for Absence

Council accepted apologies from Cllrs Dee Frith, Sue Hallam and Andrew McCloy

3470 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.

3471 Declaration of Members Interests

No interests required declaration.

3472 Public Speaking

a) Public – none

b) County Councillor Simon Spencer sent apologies. District Councillor Laura Mellstrom reported on the Locality Review being debated at DDDC on Thursday and the news that DCC require Derbyshire residents to register cars to use recycling centres.

PCSO Boswell / PC Jakins sent a report noting the illegal use of e-scooters on the road which will be forwarded to the Bugle.

3473 To confirm the Non-exempt minutes of the previous council

RESOLVED to confirm as a correct record the minutes of the meeting held on 22nd October. The minutes were agreed for signature by the Chair.

3474 To determine which if any from Part 1 of the Agenda should be taken with the public excluded – none

3475 Planning decisions/applications received since last meeting. Planning related matters

Decisions received: NP/DDD/0924/0951 – April Cottage Bradford Proposed alterations and extension – granted conditionally

Planning Applications for discussion: none

Other: new planning portal at PDNPA is more complex to search than the existing.

3476 Footpaths and Highways

National Grid has made no attempt to make the Dale footpath safer and not completed work. Fly tipping appears to have stopped for now. Severn Trent sewer works in the Dale are now blocked by two fallen trees. No news on the resurfacing of the streets.

3477 Report from Village organisation representatives:

Village Hall – funds and usage are improving with several recent events. The pantomime is oversubscribed with rehearsals ongoing.

Scout and Community Youth Hall – thanked the Council for its support and has raised £2100 from the bonfire with over 400 people safely attending.

Waterworks – is in conversations with PDNPA over a permanent system and is making progress in chasing late payments.

Reading Room – no report; CLT – our new MP attended a meeting on 15th November and whilst supportive has not yet guaranteed funding; WEFTrust – no report;

3478 Report of the Clerk / update on: -

a) Charity 520537 assets:

Playing Fields – ALPF – the handle has sheared on one piece of exercise equipment and a welder is being sought to repair it.

HLTB – no issues at present. WI were given permission to place Anti-Abuse notices on the inside of the toilet block doors.

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

Allotments – no matters. CE Toilet Block – ok. Defibrillators – all ok but 3 sets of pads need ordering before year end. The investigation into .gov.uk domain only works for parish only websites and is deemed not necessary at this time. The memorial bench for Moor Lane on FP9 DCC licence has been applied for. The Christmas tree proved too far for the telehandler to reach and is being reassessed for lights with a view to felling and using a shortened section next year and trees imported until the replacement tree reaches usable height. Grit bins to be checked and one on The Grove is reported to have been dragged out of position.

(c) Church and Field Footpaths

Nothing further has been received from the landowners and the clerk will ask for a response for our next meeting.

(d) Traffic Survey report – Highways response was disappointing and the officer will be contacted to allow publication of his remarks in the February Bugle.

(e) Sports Pavilion Sub-committee – fund raising progress report was circulated and will be uploaded to the website once the important sports funding section is completed. The £1million+ project needs consideration for funding as many pots are fast disappearing. The Loan Board has been investigated as one possible solution for a 50 year repayment plan but needs village approval so will only be considered if there is a shortfall once other options are exhausted due to the excessive interest charged. A meeting with the Architect and report writer is to be held to agree next steps.

(f) Telephone Kiosk Adoption – Council resolved to take possession of the box for £1 if the equipment is removed at the end of the consultation period. It has registered both with BT and the PDNPA to state this.

3479 PDNPA Plan Review submission

The sub-committee has noted priorities in housing, transport and parking and council resolved to submit these with

3480 Precept for 2025/26 – Rent reviews

Council resolved to accept the Finance committee recommendation and set the Precept at £27202 from 1st April. This averages as a £7.16 increase per house or 14p per week. It was agreed to leave the allotment rate £25 pavilion use £100/team and Field use £75 - all at the same level, Precept level may be subject to alteration due to 2nd Home tax and delegation was approved for email majority decision as the submission deadline will be before our January meeting date and confirmed at the next meeting.

3481 Items for Information

DALC – news and training, PDNPA per e-news circulated.

3182 Finance

a) Resolved to approve the following:

	Payee	Net	VAT
Ubd	YLCC Mowing	£475.00	
ubd	HM Lovell (Nov)	£999.05	
ddr	NEST (Nov)	£67.40	
ubd	CC Fairies (Nov)	£200.00	
ubd	EDF block monthly ddr	£30.47	1.53
ubd	BG CE electric	£35.58	1.78
ub	Yu Energy Hltb	£24.63	1.24
ubd	HM Lovell (expenses Nov)	£25.12	
ubd	Youlgrave Waterworks	£648.28	

ubd	The Bugle	£30.00	
ubd	Initial annual contract	£76.78	15.36
ubd	HM Lovell (Dec)	£778.01	
ddr	NEST (Dec)	£67.40	
ubd	CC Fairies (Dec)	£250.00	
ubd	HMRC	£315.51	
ubd	Unity charges	£5.40 per month	

Income

HB Sumup £35.00 Alpf 62.60 Hltb 50.72 CE 458.66

(b) Budget Appraisal/Risk Assessment

NALC Pay Award approved		
Balance @ 19 th November	CoOp	£1443.98
	CoOp Dep	£5187.14
	Unity current account	£18776.32
	Unity savings account	£10574.56

3482 Date of next meeting – 28th January 2025 Youlgrave Reading Room 7:15pm

3483 Exempt Items – none

The meeting closed at 8:25 pm