

## CALVER PARISH COUNCIL

**Minutes of the Council Meeting held at the Village Hall, Calver on Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> October, 2015 at 7pm.**

**Present:**

Councillors Jonathan Harris (Chairman), Judith Canty, Beatrice Carman, Marlene Denton, Pat Howard, Ron Marshall and Patricia Wootton.

**Also in Attendance:**

Simon Oldham (Clerk), Councillor John Tibenham (DDDC Ward Member).

**Apologies:** Councillors John Hearnshaw and Kath Potter (PDNPA).

**2015.139 Declaration of Members Interests & Requests for any Dispensations.**

There were no declarations of interest.

**2015.140 To Consider Motions for the Variation of Business.**

There were no variations to the order of business.

**2015.141 Public Speaking.**

Councillor John Tibenham (DDDC) referring to the Northern Area Community Forum meeting held last night, advised that a presentation was given by the Corporate Director of Housing outlining the housing new build requirements needed over the next 18 years. The Peak National Park covered more than 50% of the District Council's area and annually the current number of new builds in the Park were around 20. DDDC were tasked with finding 6400 new builds to meet demand within the next 18 years and therefore there was considerable pressure to identify sites in the remaining 50% areas outside of the Park area. He therefore informed that any suggestions on use of potential brownfield sites that could be developed within the National Park area would be very welcome. In addition, he reported that all District Councillors had been allocated a sum of £1000 annually to distribute for local community uses/organisations and any potential worthy organisations that the Parish Council may wish to put forward, could be considered.

**2015.142 Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting – 17<sup>th</sup> September, 2015.**

**RESOLVED** that the minutes be signed as a correct record subject to the final sentence under Minute Number 2015.128 being amended to read "The Council requested that the associated highway access impact off Main Street, in Well Green, be the subject of further considerations at the next meeting of the Council under the "Highways" agenda item".

### **2015.143 Chairman's Announcements.**

The Chairman announced that the Winter bus timetable that would come into effect at the end of the month, had just been published and he was disappointed to learn that TM Travel were withdrawing the two existing 215 evening services, and replacing them with services along the 218 route. He was therefore surprised to discover that TM Travel now intended to route those later services via Owlbar. There appeared to be no particular reason for that re-routing and there was, presumably, no significant impact on the schedule by short-circuiting the villages of Calver and Grindleford. Places like Dore and Totley, on the outskirts of Sheffield, were already adequately served by various local services, and beyond Totley there were no further significant settlements before Baslow, which was served by both routes.

The Clerk agreed to write to TM Travel to register the Parish Council's concern that this change has been made with no notice to, or consultation with, the communities concerned. A copy of the letter also to be sent to DCC who may be subsidising the service and to DDDC.

### **2015.144 Grant Thornton – completion of the annual audit of the Council's accounts y/e 31/3/15 .**

**RESOLVED** to note the completion of the audit of the Council's accounts by Grant Thornton, the auditor's recommendation and the publication of the statutory notice confirming completion of the audit that has been displayed.

### **2015.145 Website and Publicity.**

**RESOLVED** to note that the completed audit of the Council's accounts would be uploaded to the website and that with regard to preparations for the new website, the Clerk would commence uploading some of the key content that needed to be migrated from the old site, aiming to complete this within the next 6-8 weeks.

### **2015.146 Derbyshire Association of Local Council's Circulars.**

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

1	DALC 23/2015	Employment Update September 2015 – Beware of Bogus Self-Employment; Towards a better understanding of the Planning Process and the role of Local Councils; The Transparency Fund for Smaller Local Councils; CiLCA 2015 Training; DALC Direct Banking Detail – change of Sort Code
2	DALC24 /2015	Certificate in Local Council Administration 2015

### **2015.147 Finance.**

**RESOLVED** that (1) Approval be given for Accounts for payment as follows:-  
Simon Oldham £246.09 re Clerk duties September 2015;  
HMRC £57.00 re PAYE re September;

Village Hall, Calver £15.00 re room hire September meeting;  
Stoney & Calver YP £200.00 re Section 137 grant funding;  
Shelter Maintenance Limited £40.08 re shelter cleaning – September;  
DDDC £1107.33 re Election fees May 2015 and  
RP Lownds £187.50 re Footpath maintenance work.

(2) with regard to the footpaths maintenance invoice, agreed that the Clerk write to Mr Lownds requesting that when future invoices were submitted in 2016, that they be submitted more frequently as opposed to a single invoice at the end of the season and contain a description of which paths have been treated, the dates and volume of hours spent on each.

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

### **2015.148 Planning.**

**RESOLVED** to note the PDNPA publication “A Quick Guide to Material Planning Considerations”.

### **2015.149 Representatives’ Reports.**

**RESOLVED** that:-

- (a) Burial Committee – next meeting 2/12/15.
- (b) Village Hall Committee – nothing to report.
- (c) Footpaths Liaison – no further update, covered under minute number 2015.147 above.
- (d) Calver Weir – no recent meeting.

### **2015.150 Highways.**

**RESOLVED** that (1) Highway access issues – top of Main Street, to note the issues reported at the last meeting and the restraints for local residents with the very limited parking space available for local residents and (2) Donkey Lane – consideration of Parishioner request to lobby for signage “Unsuitable for HGV’s”, that the Clerk be requested to suggest to the County Council that they seriously investigate the proposal for a tarmacked footpath to be installed immediately round the left hand corner exiting off the A623 when entering on to Donkey Lane and extending up the Lane to the footpath as it meets Smithy Knoll Road. In addition, to advise DCC that the corner bend referred to has an existing banked grass vergeway (outside Valley View Lodge) which could be adapted accordingly. A copy to be sent to the Parishioner who had lobbied the Council.

### **2015.151 Outstanding Issues.**

**RESOLVED** in relation to Update on Christmas tree erection plans for Calver Cross, to note that Councillor Pat Howard was progressing this and had submitted the application form to DCC but further accompanying information was also required including the certificate of the Council’s Public Liability cover which the Clerk agreed to forward on to him. Councillor Howard also reported that the application to Western Power distribution for an unmetered power account had been made and he was actively pursuing their approval. It was hoped that these arrangements would come together in the next 3-4 weeks without the need to refer to a back up plan of powering the tree lights by other means.

### **2015.152 Information Items/Correspondence.**

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

1	DCC	Minor maintenance scheme changes - consultation
2	DCC	Parish Liaison Forum 23/11/15
3	DCC	Temporary road closure, Curbar Lane, Curbar
4	PPPF	Accounts for year ending 31/3/15
5	Rural Action Derbyshire	Request for help re Community Food Outlets in Derbyshire
6	DDDC	Area Community Forum 14/10/15

(2) in relation to item 1, the Minor Maintenance Scheme changes consultation, the Clerk be requested to respond to seek clarity on whether the proposals in the consultation letter were an enhancement to the existing scheme to enable additional scope of varying works to be undertaken to paths on a project basis, in addition to the core feature of cutting back surface vegetation/undergrowth or whether this was a direct replacement. The response to indicate that the Parish Council would support this if it was an enhancement and not a direct replacement

(3) The Clerk to respond to DCC advising that the Chairman would be attending the Parish Liaison Forum on 23/11/15.

### **2015.153 Date of Next Meeting.**

Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> November, 2015 at 7pm in the Village Hall.

An agenda item re "Parking of cars on Highway for business related purposes" be scheduled for that meeting.