

CALVER PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held at the Village Hall, Calver on Thursday 21st May, 2015 at 7pm.

Present:

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

Also in Attendance:

Simon Oldham (Clerk) and one member of the public in attendance.

Apologies: Councillor Ron Marshall and Councillor John Tibenham (DDDC Ward Member).

2015.67 Election of Chairman.

RESOLVED that Councillor Jonathan Harris be appointed as Chairman for 2015/16 (Councillor Harris signed his declaration of acceptance of office declaration in the Clerk's presence).

2015.68 Election of Vice Chairman.

RESOLVED that Councillor Marlene Denton be appointed as Vice Chairman for 2015/16.

2015.69 To Consider Motions for the Variation of Business.

The Chairman agreed to accept an urgent item of business a grant application from the Curbar, Calver and Froggatt Local History Project, the grounds for urgency being that the project had secured Heritage Lottery Funding but could not proceed until confirmation had been received that other sources of funding had been secured.

RESOLVED that the item to be considered immediately after the consideration of the minutes of the last meeting.

2015.70 Declaration of Members Interests & Requests for any Dispensations.

There were no declarations of interest.

2015.71 Appointments to Outside Bodies & Other Council Appointments.

RESOLVED that the following Council appointments be confirmed for 2015/16:-
Calver Village Hall Management Committee – Councillor Jonathan Harris
Joint Burial Ground Committee – Councillors Marlene Denton, Pat Howard and Mr P. Thompson
Baslow Charities – Councillor Beatrice Carman
Calver Weir Management Committee – Councillor Judith Canty
Broadband Champion – Councillor Jonathan Harris
Footpaths Liaison Officer – Councillor Pat Howard

2015.72 Schedule of Meetings for 2015/16:-

RESOLVED that these be scheduled as follows:-

3rd Thursday every month with the exception of August

18th June, 16th July, 17th September, 15th October, 19th November, 17th December, 2016 – 21st January, 18th February, 17th March and 21st April.

2015.73 Adoption of Council Standing Orders – proposed to re-adopt existing. Version

RESOLVED (1) to re-adopt existing Council Standing Orders and (2) the Clerk be requested to bring forward for Council consideration in the near future draft Complaints and Freedom of Information Procedure's to complement compliance with the provisions within Standing Orders.

2015.74 Adoption of Council Financial Regulations – proposed to re-adopt existing version.

RESOLVED to re-adopt existing Council Financial Regulations.

2015.75 Adoption of Council Code of Conduct – proposed to re-adopt existing version.

RESOLVED to re-adopt the existing Code of Member Conduct and the Clerk be requested to ensure that the publicized web version was tailored specifically to Calver PC and not the DDDC Model as circulated with the agenda papers.

2015.76 Public Speaking.

Councillor John Hearnshaw referred to a residents concern over the state of the waste bin by the Brook which appeared not to have been emptied for some considerable time and was full and quite smelly and in addition a raised man hole near Sough Lane which had been raised during recent heavy rainfall but had now settled down. The Clerk undertook to raise this issue with DDDC and request advice on the frequency of emptying or more frequent monitoring.

Councillor Pat Howard drew attention to a local resident who had pursued DCC and had received confirmation in writing that the Parish Council would be able to erect a Christmas tree on the Calver Cross this year subject to ensuring appropriate public liability/insurance cover was in place, a suitable load certificate had been obtained and an arrangement entered in to with the electricity provider to pay for its metered use. The Clerk agreed to place this on the agenda for the July meeting of the Council for further consideration.

2015.77 Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting – 16th April, 2015.

RESOLVED that the minutes be signed as a correct record.

2015.78 Curbar, Calver and Froggatt Local History Project Grant Application.

Mr Wolfe attended and spoke in support of the Project and the outlined that Heritage Lottery Funding had been attracted but funds could not be accessed until evidence was received of the availability of other sources of funding.

RESOLVED that support be given to the Project an award of £250 be granted.

2015.79 Chairman’s Announcements.

The Chairman announced that he had received a letter from Calver Cricket Club which he circulated to the meeting, which was seeking the possibility of further grant funding following the recent purchase by the club of the freehold of the cricket field and the erection of the new tea pavilion. The Clerk agreed to contact the Secretary and provide a grant application form and encourage him to attend and speak in support of an application at the next or a forthcoming meeting of the Council.

2015.80 Annual Audit Return to Grant Thornton for year ending 31/3/15.

RESOLVED that approval be given to the amended annual return as presented for submission to Grant Thornton and the statement of internal control along with the year end bank reconciliation and variance analysis.

2015.81 New Website development – To consider 2Commune quote and whether to arrange a demonstration.

RESOLVED that the Clerk be requested to arrange a demonstration for 2Commune to attend the Village Hall on Wednesday 24/6/15 at 10am on their web package and to check the need for broadband/wi-fi access.

2015.82 Website and Publicity.

RESOLVED to note that the Clerk had publicised the result of the Parish election held on 7th May and to note that the Chairman had arranged for a similar update to appear in the “Link”..

2015.83 Derbyshire Association of Local Council’s Circulars.

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

1	DALC 11/2015	Parish and Town Councils which are inquorate; CiLCA 2015 and CPD Points; The General Power of Competence; Connecting Derbyshire; Training
2	DALC 12/2015	DALC Executive Committee
3	DALC 13/2015	Good Councillor Guide – Addendum; New Documents – Finance and Audit section of DALC website;

		Governance and Accountability; Connecting Derbyshire – Consultation; Derbyshire Dales CVS – Funding Talk
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(2) a place be reserved for Councillor Judith Canty to attend the DALC induction training session in Derbyshire Dales on 8/7/15.

2015.84 Finance.

RESOLVED that (1) Approval be given for Accounts for payment as follows:-
Simon Oldham £246.07 re Clerk duties April 2015;
HMRC £ 57.02 re PAYE April 2015;
Village Hall, Calver £30.00 re room hire March including Annual Parish Meeting;
1st Curbar Guides £25.00 re refreshments for Annual Parish Meeting .

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

2015.85 Planning - Notices at Spar Shop/Palmers Café – Planning Consent

RESOLVED that the Clerk be requested to contact PDNPA to follow up on the local parishioners request for the Council to enquire whether planning approval was required (specifically points 1, 3 and 4 of the residents letter) and in addition, to enquire as to PDNPA’s current policy relating to the display of “A” Boards and whether these should be adjacent to the business owners property and not on the public footway which was hazardous to general safety.

2015.86 Representatives’ Reports

- (a) Burial Committee - next meeting June
- (b) Village Hall Committee - Minutes 20/4/15 noted and that Councillor Harris and a member of the Committee were looking into procuring a defibrillator to locate on the external wall of the Hall to a heated cabinet.
- (c) Footpaths Liaison – nothing to report
- (d) Calver Weir – next meeting June

2015.87 Highways

RESOLVED that in relation to further damage by passing heavy vehicles to Polly Froggatt New Bridge, the Clerk be requested to enquire with DCC Highways whether it would be more financially viable to have a traffic light installed on this sharp bend rather than continually paying for temporary repairs which were needed as further damage was incurred every few months.

2015.88 Outstanding Issues

(a) Notice board relocation

RESOLVED to note that there had still been no response from the Brewery of the Derwentwater Arms regarding the proposed relocation of the board within its curtilage and that Councillor Canty would call in and follow up on this matter.

(b) Excavated hole near Calver Weir/New Bridge

RESOLVED that the Clerk be requested to enquire with PDNPA as to the nature of the large excavations that had taken place adjacent to Shuttle Cottage and the current position in relation to the ongoing enforcement matters pertaining to this site.

2015.89 Information Items/Correspondence.

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

1	DEFRA	Secretary of State Appointments to National Park Authorities and the Broads Authority: 2016
2	PDNPA	Planning Application Validation Consultation
3	Rural Action Derbyshire	Rural Matters Bulletin May 2015
4	Acclaim Housing	Unsold Shared Ownership Property
5	The Pensions Regulator	Staging Date for Calver Parish Council
6	PDNPA	Dales Area Parish Ballot 2015
7	DCC	DCC
8	DCC	Derbyshire & Derby Minerals Local Plan Consultation

(2) that approval be given to participate in the 2015/16 DCC Rights of Way Maintenance Scheme.

2015.90 Date of Next Meeting.

7pm Thursday 18th June, 2015 Council.