

CALVER PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Council Meeting held at the Village Hall, Calver on Thursday 19th November, 2015 at 7pm.

Present:

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

Also in Attendance:

Simon Oldham (Clerk) and Councillor Kath Potter (PDNPA).

Apologies: Councillors Patricia Wootton and John Tibenham (DDDC Ward Member).

2015.154 Declaration of Members Interests & Requests for any Dispensations.

There were no declarations of interest.

2015.155 To Consider Motions for the Variation of Business.

There were no variations to the order of business.

2015.156 Public Speaking.

PCSO Anthony Boswell outlined that crime levels around Calver remained very low, but urged Councillors to remain vigilant regarding any door to door sellers or suspicious vehicles and report any concerns via the 101 service. In response to Member comments regarding continual parking of cars on the highway from business premises, especially near Froggatt bridge/Shuttle cottage, he advised that parking per se had been de-criminalised and the Police only deal with any obstructions. However, he advised that if there were concerns about vehicles not being licensed or uninsured, then the Police can deal with those matters and if a car had been abandoned then that was a matter for the District Council to action.

Councillor Kath Potter referred to a recent award by the Local Government Ombudsman to a local Parishioner in Rowsley in the sum of £35k as a result of the diminution in the value of their property having not seen/been made aware of a development notice by PDNPA for a planning application adjacent their property which was subsequently approved and the development went ahead.

Councillor Ron Marshall referred to an instance of Japanese knotweed reported by a local parishioner. Councillor Pat Howard advised that this matter had been raised in the recent past at this location and he undertook to raise this with the landowner to address the matter.

Councillor John Hearnshaw questioned whether a parishioner raising concerns about a local matter that was a DCC responsibility, should be signposted directly to the County Council or whether the Parish Council had an obligation to raise the matter with the County Council on their behalf. The Chairman advised that there was no right or wrong

way of dealing with any such concerns and a parishioner could take the concern up directly with DCC or raise it with a Parish Councillor to take it up directly or bring it to the Parish Council for consideration and lobbying of DCC if the Council was so minded. Regarding the subject matter of this concern, the Clerk agreed to place this on the agenda for the next Council meeting on 17th December, 2015, to invite the parishioner to attend the meeting should he so wish to do so and to enquire with DCC about the rules regarding unlicensed cycle events and the circumstances when road closures can be requested.

2015.157 Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting – 15th October, 2015.

RESOLVED that the minutes be signed as a correct record.

2015.158 Chairman's Announcements.

There were no announcements.

2015.159 The General Power of Competence – To determine whether to pass the resolution to be able to exercise the power.

RESOLVED that (1) having met the qualifying criteria by having a CiLCA qualified Clerk and all Members of the Council being elected at the May, 2015 local elections, that the Council formally resolves to be able to exercise the powers available under the General Power of Competence provisions and (2) the Clerk be requested to clarify with DALC that his understanding of the award of grant funding now that S137 Local Government Act 1972 could no longer be used, to be correct.

2015.160 Renewal of the Council's Insurance Cover with Came & Company.

RESOLVED that approval be given to the renewal of the Council's insurance policy with Came & Company on the terms set out in the renewal notice.

2015.161 Website and Publicity.

RESOLVED to note that the Clerk had migrated key content and attachments from the existing website to the new site, in preparation for closing the existing site down early in the new year.

2015.162 Derbyshire Association of Local Council's Circulars.

RESOLVED (1) to note that there had been no recent DALC Circular's and (2) to note the information previously circulated with regard to the DALC AGM and Annual Executive Committee meeting held on 10/11/15.

2015.163 Finance.

RESOLVED that (1) Approval be given for Accounts for payment as follows:-
Simon Oldham £246.09 re Clerk duties October 2015;
HMRC £57.00 re PAYE re October;
Village Hall, Calver £15.00 re room hire October meeting;
Came and Company Ltd £638.36 re the renewal of the Council's insurance policy and

Mr TS Walton £28.80 in respect of PAT testing of the electrical supplies for the erection of the Christmas tree at the Calver Cross.

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

2015.164 Planning.

RESOLVED that (1) no objections be raised with regard to consultation on the following Planning Application Consultations (i) NP/DDD/1015/1012 - Amberley, High Street, Calver, Proposed orangery; (ii) NP/DDD/1015/1009 - The Orchard, Donkey Lane, Folds Head, Calver, Alterations and extension and (2) to note Planning Decision Notice - NP/DDD/0715/0637 - Riverside, Froggatt Lane, Froggatt, Infill extension under existing roof – Granted conditionally.

2015.165 Representatives' Reports.

RESOLVED that:-

- (a) Burial Committee – next meeting 2/12/15.
- (b) Village Hall Committee – Minutes 12/10/15 noted.
- (c) Footpaths Liaison – nothing to report
- (d) Calver Weir – to note the circulation of the draft minutes of the meeting held on 17/11/15 by Councillor Judith Canty and the oral summary provided.
- (e) Baslow Charities meeting 26/10/15 – to note the update provided by Councillor Beatrice Carman in respect of the award of £205.98 to each of Baslow and Curbar Primary Schools.

2015.166 Highways.

RESOLVED that (1) to note the representations made to DCC and response re Donkey Lane – Parishioner request to lobby for signage “Unsuitable for HGV’s”; (2) with regard to parking of cars on the highway for business purposes, to note that this matter had been dealt with under minute number 2015.156 above and (3) with regard to further recent damage to the wall on the bend at Froggatt Bridge, that the Clerk be requested to enquire with DCC under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, asking how much spend on repairs to the damaged bridge had been incurred over the last 5 years given their previous refusal to consider a single file traffic flow system on that bend as it was viewed as cost prohibitive.

2015.167 Outstanding Issues.

RESOLVED that (1) with regard to the update on Christmas tree erection plans for Calver Cross & E-ON Unmetered power certificate/agreement, to note that Councillor Pat Howard had submitted all the required documentation to DCC Lighting Team and approval be given to proceed with the ordering and erection of the tree. The Clerk agreed to send a letter of thanks to Mr Beauchamp for his efforts in lobbying DCC in this regard earlier in the year.

(2) to note the responses from TM Travel and DCC re representations made on changes to bus timetable which had met with little sympathy and were viewed to be unsatisfactory.

2015.168 Information Items/Correspondence.

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

1	Bakewell & Eyam Community Transport	Petition re changes to Community Transport Provision
2	DCC	Public Health Team re Winter Flu Vaccination
3	DCC	Reply re Minor Maintenance Scheme Consultation Response
4	DDDC	2016 Electoral Register
5	DDDC	Recycling Sites Survey
6	DCC	Getting Together Meeting 16/11/15
7	The Pensions Regulator	Calver PC's Staging Date
8	PPPF	Subsidy to DALC's Planning Training
9	DCC – Derbyshire Sport	Tesco Local Community Scheme
10	Rural Action Derbyshire	Village SOS Community Retail Seminar 20/11/15
11	DDDC	Local Projects Fund
12	DCC	Have your say on Council budget 2016/17

(2) to note that the petition referred to at item 1 had achieved 14000 signatures and had therefore generated a Full Council debate at the next DDDC meeting to be held on 2/12/15; (3) with regard to item 3, in light of the response from DCC clarifying the proposed changes to the Minor Maintenance Scheme, that in view of this being a complete replacement of the existing scheme, that the Clerk respond and advise of the Council's objection to their proposals set out in the consultation and (4) that in relation to item 11, the Local Projects Fund, the Clerk be requested to draw this to the attention of the Calver and Stoney Youth Project and to note that Councillor Marlene Denton would draw this to the attention of the Curbar Guides.

2015.169 Date of Next Meeting.

Thursday 17th December, 2015 at 6.30pm in the Village Hall.