

CALVER PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Council Meeting held at the Village Hall, Calver on Thursday 17th December, 2015 at 6.30pm.

Present:

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

Also in Attendance:

Simon Oldham (Clerk), Councillors Kath Potter (PDNPA), Jo Wild (DCC) and two members of the public.

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

2015.170 Declaration of Members Interests & Requests for any Dispensations.

There were no declarations of interest.

2015.171 To Consider Motions for the Variation of Business.

There were no variations to the order of business.

2015.172 Public Speaking.

A member of the public referred to i) problems caused by lorry deliveries to the Spar shop and damage caused last week to a telegraph pole, ii) reference to car parking difficulties on High Street which was proving a hazard for people with pushchairs and wheelchairs having to go into the road, iii) questioned whether Parish Councillors still undertook walk arounds the village and enquired with regard to grass cutting whether the contractor was insured, iv) outlined four incidents this year where damage had been caused to the Calver New Bridge and v) asked whether the local County and District Councillors attend the Parish Council meeting as the former representatives in the past attended the Senior Citizen bungalows/complex on Smithy Knoll Road periodically.

In response, the Chairman advised that i) the Council had made representations to DCC regarding damage to the Calver New Bridge lobbying for a single file traffic lighting system which had been rebutted and in light of recent damage would be considering the scope for further representations as a later item on this evening's agenda, ii) that cutting of the roadside verges was not a Parish Council responsibility although the Council have a Footpath maintenance officer who has his own public liability insurance cover and in addition the Parish Council's policy had adequate Public Liability provision, iii) since the May elections, Councillor John Tibenham was the local DDC Member representative who often attended our meetings and since the end of September Councillor Jo Wild had been elected as the new DCC Member following a bi-election and was in attendance at tonight's meeting. Councillor Wild introduced herself and offered to make contact separately with the local Parishioner. The Chairman concluded by advising that the Council were happy to lobby the District and County Council's on matters of local

concern to Parishioner's and where practical more weight would be attached with supporting photographic evidence.

County Councillor Jo Wild introduced herself as the new County Councillor for the area and confirmed that she was also an existing DDDC Ward Councillor representing Stanton Lees, Birchover and Rowley. Having recently been elected at DCC she advised that she was finding her feet, but was happy to be contacted on issues of local concern. The Chairman gave a brief summary of the history surrounding the damage to the Calver New Bridge and the representations made to DCC and the Clerk agreed to forward to her a copy of recent correspondence in this regard with DCC Highway Officers.

Councillor Kath Potter (PDNPA) drew the Parish Council's attention to i) the fact that it appeared that the National Parks were about to have Fracking in national park areas imposed upon them without the matter having had any debate in Parliament and perceived that perhaps the only option would be to undertake lobbying via the PPPF, ii) a meeting held earlier that afternoon with Derbyshire Police in which the implications on cuts for the Police Force would have massive implications and iii) that a Scrutiny Committee meeting on 8/1/16 would be looking in to the £35k Ombudsman issue that she had flagged up at last month's meeting.

2015.173 Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting – 19th November, 2015.

RESOLVED that the minutes be signed as a correct record.

2015.174 Chairman's Announcements.

The Chairman announced that i) he had attended the DCC meeting with Parishes a couple of weeks ago and referred to a couple of presentations given on progress relating to Superfast Broadband, the Winter Service/Snow Clearance Scheme and Social Care, ii) The Finger Post at the end of Mill Farm Close which pointed down towards the river had blown down and was rotten. The Clerk agreed to draw this to the attention of DCC and request a replacement and iii) that some Parishioners were arranging Carol singing in the village tomorrow evening and would meet at Brookfields crossroads at 8pm, should anyone wish to join them.

2015.175 The General Power of Competence – Response from DALC re implications having adopted the power, for grant funding and inability to use Section 137 provisions.

RESOLVED (1) to note the confirmation received from DALC that having adopted the General Power of Competence, that the Council could no longer rely on Section 137 of the Local Government Act 1972 provisions and as a consequence was no longer restricted in its ability to approve grant funding to local community groups and organisations and (2) to note that the Council's grant application form/policy was in need of revision as a consequence and the Clerk would bring forward a draft for consideration at the next meeting.

2015.176 To support an application to the Smaller Council's Transparency Fund for grant support to purchase a Council laptop and printer/scanner.

RESOLVED that approval be given to the submission of an application to the Transparency Fund in respect of the purchase of a Council laptop and printer/scanner.

2015.177 Website and Publicity.

Nothing to report.

2015.178 Derbyshire Association of Local Council's Circulars.

RESOLVED (1) to note DALC Circular 26:-

1	DALC26/2015	LAIS – Housing – CPRE Report and Spending Review; Revised Legal Topic Notes; Council Processes and Good Practice – your Agenda; Transparency Fund for Councils with less than £25K turnover per annum; Auto Enrolment
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and (2) to note and accept the information within the notification from DALC re the establishment of a Sector Led Body for Procurement of Audit Services, with regard to the proposed audit regime from the 2017/18 financial year.

2015.179 Finance.

RESOLVED that (1) to note payment in respect of the following Accounts:-
Simon Oldham £246.09 re Clerk duties November 2015;
HMRC £57.00 re PAYE re November;
Village Hall, Calver £15.00 re room hire November meeting;
Shelter Maintenance Ltd £40.08 re bus shelter cleaning November.

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

2015.180 Planning.

Councillor Kath Potter (PDNPA Member) withdrew from the meeting during the consideration of this agenda item.

RESOLVED that (1) with regard to consultation on the following Planning Application Consultation (i) NP/DDD/1215/1134 - Change of use from A1 commercial to holiday let, Sunnyside, The Old Post Office, High Street, Calver, that no objections to the proposed development be raised in principle but the Council wish to comment as follows:-

1. The application is poorly completed and contains discrepancies. Section 3 - the work has in fact been completed as evidenced in the photo of installed kitchen in the sales brochure. Section 17 - not declared that a residential unit has been created. Section 18 - not declared that non residential floor space has been lost.
2. It is believed that the application contravenes Core Strategy Policy HC4 - "Wherever possible, the new use must either meet another community need or offer alternative community benefit such as social housing. Evidence of reasonable attempts to secure

such a use must be provided before any other use is permitted". No justification statement has been submitted with the application.

3. Parking is an issue overnight but mainly available during the day, office hours. The site plan submitted indicates parking is available in front of the garage to Lowside Cottage.

4. A number of holiday Lets already exist in the middle of Calver.

and (2) to note Planning Consultation - NP/DDD/1115/1083 - Proposed agricultural storage building, The Shuttle House, New Bridge, Calver had now been withdrawn.

2015.181 Representatives' Reports.

RESOLVED that:-

(a) Burial Committee – that an update on the meeting held on 2/12/15 be deferred to the next Parish Council meeting.

(b) Village Hall Committee – no recent meeting.

(c) Footpaths Liaison – Councillor Pat Howard confirmed that he had spoken to the landowner regarding the instance of Japanese knotweed reported at the last meeting who had undertaken to address the matter.

(d) Calver Weir – no recent meeting.

2015.182 Highways.

RESOLVED that (1) in relation to a Parishioner's concerns re Cycle event held in Calver on 15/11/15 and impact on Main Street/Reply from DCC re request for advice on Licensing requirements, that the response be noted and that the Clerk be requested to draw this e-mail trail to the attention of the Village Hall Committee for future reference should the Group be looking to place a repeat booking at the Hall next year.

(2) in relation to the reporting by a Parishioner of an incident caused by HGV delivery vehicles to Spar Shop on 8th December and representations of a vehicle weight limit being imposed on Donkey Lane, that in response to this, the Proprietor of the Spar shop be invited to the next meeting of the Council on 21/1/16 to seek his comments on the increasing size of delivery vehicles being experienced and a contact name at the delivery Company be sought from him to enable the Council to make representations in this regard for smaller vehicles in future.

2015.183 Outstanding Issues.

RESOLVED (1) to note the FOI reply from DCC regarding the costs of repairs caused by vehicle damage to Froggatt New Bridge over last 5 years and (2) in relation to a proposal to lobby DCC for removal of the national speed limit sign on the A625 when approaching the bridge from Calver Sough side, that the Clerk be requested to seek a site meeting with DCC Highway Officers to discuss the continuing damage being caused to the bridge and the scope of what practical measures might be taken to alleviate them going forward.

2015.184 Information Items/Correspondence.

RESOLVED to note that the Clerk had previously circulated:-

1	DDDC	Planning Training Event 14/1/16
2	PDNPA	Longstone Edge Public Inquiry 19/1/16

3	DDDC	Norther Area Community Forum Notes – 14/10/15
4	DCC	Child Sexual Exploitation – “Say something if you see something” Campaign
5	DCC	Derbyshire and Derby Minerals Local Plan
6	Voluntary & Community Services – Peaks & Dales	Volunteering Opportunities
7	PDNPA	Parishes Bulletin 12 December 2015

2015.185 Date of Next Meeting.

Thursday 21st January, 2016 at 7.00pm in the Village Hall.