

## **CALVER PARISH COUNCIL**

**Minutes of the Council Meeting held at the Village Hall, Calver on Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> February, 2016 at 7.00pm.**

### **Present:**

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

### **Also in Attendance:**

Simon Oldham (Clerk), Councillor and Kath Potter (PDNPA). No members of the public present.

**Apologies:** Councillors John Tibenham (DDDC Ward Member) and Jo Wild (DCC).

### **2016.18 Declaration of Members Interests & Requests for any Dispensations.**

There were no declarations of interest.

### **2016.19 To Consider Motions for the Variation of Business.**

There were no motions for the variation of business.

### **2016.20 Public Speaking.**

Councillor Kath Potter (PDNPA) highlighted the publication of the HMIC Inspection report in which the Derbyshire Police force were rated in the top three forces nationally in solving crime. She also reported that three Assistant Directors were leaving PDNPA at the beginning of March as the Authority continued its contraction in the face of severe financial constraints.

Councillor John Hearnshaw questioned whether parking half on and half off the road was legal. Following discussion, it was acknowledged that there was a big debate nationally about the enforceability of this issue and the consensus was that the Police should be alerted if any vehicle was causing an obstruction.

Councillor Patricia Wootton drew attention to a wall in need of repair resulting in sheep gaining access in to the village down Folds Lane and attempts were being made to alert the Police to the situation.

### **2016.21 Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting – 21<sup>st</sup> January, 2016.**

**RESOLVED** that the minutes be signed as a correct record.

### **2016.21 Chairman's Announcements.**

The Chairman announced that Cate Hunt had approached him regarding the current status of herself, Paul Brown and the Vicar who were Trustees of the Almshouse Charity in the Village. As herself and Mr Brown were looking to retire as Trustees, she was

enquiring whether both Calver and Calver Parish Council's might each agree to nominate a trustee in future to ensure continuity going forward. He advised that he had suggested she write formally to the Clerk to bring this forward for formal consideration at the next available Parish Council meeting.

**2016.22 To consider potential community projects and spending plans for 2016/17 further to determination of Parish Precept and in light of current level of reserves.**

**RESOLVED** (1) to note that potential projects could include spend on projects such as paving to the Green at the top of Smithy Knoll Road joining Donkey Lane, purchase of defibrillators for the village, a new notice board, children's play equipment or some form of allotment provision and (2) before any final determinations were made, local parishioners be invited to put forward their suggestions by placing an item in the next edition of the LINK inviting comments and by open invitation to come along and express their views at the Annual Parish Meeting on suggested worthy local projects.

**2016.23 Scope for Celebrating the Queen's 90th Birthday on 21/4/16.**

**RESOLVED** that following discussions and in view of the low profile nationally on the Queen's 90<sup>th</sup> birthday, no specific celebratory arrangements be put in place given that this also fell on the same evening as the Council Annual Parish Meeting.

**2016.24 Preparations for Annual Parish Meeting – 21/4/16.**

**RESOLVED** that (1) the Annual Parish Meeting be scheduled to commence at 7.30pm on Thursday 21/4/16 and PCSO Boswell be invited as the Principal Speaker to give an overview of local crime levels, anti- social behavior and local actions and initiatives underway to combat crime and for local parishioners to have the opportunity to question him on any matters of local concern and (2) local parishioners to also be offered the opportunity of putting forward suggestions for spend on local Parish projects over the next twelve months.

**2016.24 Website and Publicity.**

**RESOLVED** to note (1) the publicity to be given regarding the Annual Parish Meeting arrangements and the item to be placed in the LINK and (2) the Chairman's undertaking to spend some time looking at the new website and webpage enhancements to the newly created site, in the next few weeks.

**2016.25 Derbyshire Association of Local Council's Circulars.**

**RESOLVED** to note the following DALC Circular:-

1	DALC 03/2016	External Audit for Smaller Authorities; Transparency Fund; DALC Subscriptions 2016/2017; DALC Spring Seminar; Training
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### **2016.26 Finance.**

**RESOLVED** that (1) to note payment in respect of the following Accounts:-

Simon Oldham £246.09 re Clerk duties January 2016;

HMRC £57.00 re PAYE re January;

Village Hall, Calver £15.00 re room hire January meeting;

Shelter Maintenance Ltd £40.08 re shelter cleaning – January;

Curbar, Calver & Froggatt Joint Burial Ground Committee £360.00 re annual contribution and Simon Oldham £520.69 for reimbursement of purchase of IT kit from Transparency Funding allocation.

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

### **2016.27 Planning.**

Nothing to report.

### **2016.28 Representatives' Reports.**

**RESOLVED** that:-

(a) Burial Committee – next meeting March

(b) Village Hall Committee – Nothing to report

(c) Footpaths Liaison – Nothing to report.

(d) Calver Weir – no recent meeting.

### **2016.29 Highways.**

**RESOLVED** to note that the loading bay had now been marked out and was in place outside the Spar shop on Sough Lane.

### **2016.30 Outstanding Issues.**

**RESOLVED** (1) in relation to the update on the site visit with DCC held on 11/2/16 to discuss scope for action at Froggatt New Bridge, that the Clerk be requested to write to DCC setting out the Parish Council's understanding of the following agreed outcomes:-  
"DCC agreed to consider further:-

1. Improvements to signposting on approach to the bend and erasing the white line markings in the middle of the road on the sharp bend.
2. Potential use of the lay by around the bend to alter the alignment of the road for turning vehicles coming down the hill from Froggatt side, thus having a wider turn cycle around the bend.
3. Potential trimming of tree growth to improve sight lines and visibility when approaching the bend.

Subsequent to the site visit, the local landowner has been approached and has given his consent to the trimming back of tree growth to alleviate the problems encountered". Subject to DCC's confirmation, PDNPA be consulted on the proposed cut back of tree growth and to note that Councillor Judith Canty would check at the next Calver Weir meeting whether this area was within the Calver Weir conservation zone

(2) Response from DCC re lobbying for installation of bollards in front of the Brook garden, to note that this matter was raised verbally with Highway Officers present at the

Froggatt New Bridge site meeting and they were aware of the long history surrounding the Brook area and had undertaken to check their paperwork and to respond more fully on their views in due course.

**2016.31 Information Items/Correspondence.**

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

1	DDDC	Clean 4 the Queen
2	RAD	Community Oil Buying Scheme
3	PDNPA	Planning Training 18/2/16 & 3/3/16
4	Peak District Rural Housing Association	Changes to Planning Rules re Affordable Housing
5	Smaller Authorities Appointments Ltd	Changes to Audit for Smaller Authorities - Briefing
6	DCC	Highway, Assets, Infrastructure Management Study - Questionnaire
7	DDDC	Area Community Forums – February 2016

(2) that publicity be given to the Community Oil Buying Scheme on the Council website and that approval be given for Councillor Ron Marshall to attend the Planning Training Session on 3/3/16 and that he had undertaken to book himself a place and

(3) that approval be given to put forward the suggested model response of Peak District Housing Association to the Government Consultation on the proposed changes to Planning rules in respect of Affordable Housing.

**2016.32 Date of Next Meeting.**

Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> March, 2016 at 7.00pm in the Village Hall.