

## **CALVER PARISH COUNCIL**

**Minutes of the Council Meeting held at the Village Hall, Calver on Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> March, 2016 at 7.00pm.**

### **Present:**

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

### **Also in Attendance:**

Simon Oldham (Clerk), Councillors Kath Potter (PDNPA) and John Tibenham (DDDC Ward Member). One member of the public present.

**Apologies:** Councillor Pat Howard and Councillor Jo Wild (DCC).

### **2016.33 Declaration of Members Interests & Requests for any Dispensations.**

There were no declarations of interest.

### **2016.34 To Consider Motions for the Variation of Business.**

**RESOLVED** to bring forward Correspondence item 14(1) "Letter/request from Trustees – Calver Almshouse Charity" as the next item of business.

### **2016.35 Letter/request from Trustees – Calver Almshouse Charity.**

Two of the three existing Trustees, Cate Hunt and Paul Brown were in attendance and spoke in support of their letter requesting each of Calver and Curbar Parish Council's nominating a person to act as trustee to the Calver Almshouse Charity in place of themselves as retiring Trustees. A summary of the Charity's solvent financial position and the role of the trustees and the management of the Almshouse property was explained and the Council noted the liability that would fall upon any potential trustee by virtue of the responsibilities imposed by normal Charity Law.

**RESOLVED** that approval be given to the Council's nomination of Councillor Beatrice Carman to serve as a Trustee on the Calver Almshouse Charity.

### **2016.36 Public Speaking.**

Councillor Kath Potter (PDNPA) referred to the recent Planning Seminar held at PDNPA on 3/3/16 which had proved to be an interesting day. It was clear that Planning policy was changing all the time, that structures could be built without permission due to the relaxation of planning rules by recent legislation.

Councillor John Tibenham (DDDC) drew attention to the Subsidised transport consultation from DCC that was ongoing until 18/4/16 with the significant implications for the future of Community Transport. In addition, he outlined that DDDC had agreed to remain a constituent member of the Sheffield City Region as well as provisionally signing up to also being a member of the Derbyshire and North Nottinghamshire City Region subject to confirmation of certain caveats being fulfilled.

A local parishioner outlined that she was in attendance after reading in the minutes of the last Parish Council meeting that consideration may be given to support the funding of an area of tarmacked footpath along Donkey Lane as a potential development option during 2016/17. As a resident living at the top of Smithy Knoll Road, she outlined that the Green at the top of the road adjoining Donkey Lane, had never been made up by DCC, children do not cross or use that area of land and that she currently cut the grass at this location. Reassurances were given to her that local residents would be consulted before any firm proposals were put forward by the Parish Council.

#### **2016.37 Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting – 18<sup>th</sup> February, 2016.**

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

#### **2016.38 Chairman's Announcements.**

The Chairman had no announcements to make.

#### **2016.39 Update on Preparations for Annual Parish Meeting – 21/4/16.**

**RESOLVED** (1) to note that PCSO Anthony Boswell, Derbyshire Police had agreed to attend as the keynote speaker and hoped to be joined by his Supervisor and PC Wolverson and (2) the Chairman would place a short notice drawing attention to this within the LINK and the ability of parishioners to attend and volunteer their views on potential worthy local projects for development funding by the Parish Council during the 2016/17 year.

#### **2016.40 Website and Publicity.**

**RESOLVED** to note that the Clerk would publicise details of the the Annual Parish Meeting on the website and that the Chairman would arrange to meet with Councillors John Hearnshaw and Ron Marshall during the next two to three weeks or so to share his knowledge of the operation and scope for developing the new and evolving Calver Online website (which incorporated specific Parish Council pages within it) and for each of them to understand its functioning and be able to manage and update content themselves.

#### **2016.41 Determining a revised date for the Council AGM - May 2016.**

**RESOLVED** that the AGM be re-arranged provisionally for Monday 9/5/16 at 7pm.

#### **2016.42 Derbyshire Association of Local Council's Circulars.**

**RESOLVED** (1) to note the following DALC Circulars:-

1	DALC 04/2016	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Grants<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>o Countryside Stewardship Grants – Defra</li><li>o Emergency Flood Relief Fund – Sport England</li><li>o Architectural Heritage Fund</li><li>o Community Buildings Grants – Locality</li><li>o Neighbourhood Planning Grants – Locality</li><li>o Grants for War Memorials – War Memorials Trust</li></ul></li></ul>
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		o Premier League and The FA Facilities Fund – Football Foundation • Training & Events o The Dark Arts – Minutes and Procedures Training o Clerks' Chat@ • DALC Annual Subscription invoices and information
2	DALC 05/2016	• DALC Update on Public Contracts Regulations 2015 • CiLCA 2016/17 – Certificate in Local Council Administration • Employment Council News • Community Transport Funding • Internal Audit & Check List • Clerk & RFO template – DALC requirements when advertising vacancies

(2) the Clerk be requested to provide a summary briefing within the next two to three months of the scope and benefits of developing a Neighbourhood Plan, based on his experience to date in embarking on this route in his capacity as Clerk to another Town Council.

#### **2016.43 Finance.**

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

Simon Oldham £246.09 re Clerk duties February 2016;

HMRC £57.02 re PAYE re February;

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

DALC £198.85 re Subscription 2016/17

E-ON £12.69 re Christmas tree power supply

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

#### **2016.44 Planning.**

**RESOLVED** that (1) in respect of Planning Application Consultations (i) - NP/DDD/0216/0137 – The Shuttle House, New Bridge, Calver, proposed agricultural storage building, that support be given to the basis of the Chairman's personal comments/objections and in light of this, the Council endorses a summarised version of this to be rephrased by the Chairman and submitted to the Clerk for forwarding to PDNPA by their consultation deadline, as the Council's formal objection to this development and based on the following principles:-

- Adverse impact on this heritage site
- Adverse visual impact on this sensitive site next to the river bank
- Big and overbearing nature in light of three residential properties adjacent
- Adverse impact on neighbouring properties
- Planning history – legitimate grounds due to recent enforcement action on adjacent site still not complied with
- The Planning application not being a solution and the proposed equipment would not all fit in the barn
- Has the applicant secured the landowners agreement
- Lack of long term sustainability
- Land classification – this is not an "agricultural site"

- (ii) NP/DDD/0116/0074 - Bridge Inn, Calver Bridge, S.73 for the variation of condition 2 on NP/DDD/1014/1113 - revision of new glazed panels to front elevation and minor amendments, that no objections be raised regarding this proposed development although it be drawn to PDNPA attention that this site was within the Curbar Parish boundary.
- (2) to note the following Planning Decision Notices (i) NP/DDD/1215/1181 - Single storey rear extension, Mayfield, Cross Lane, Calver (Granted Conditionally) and (ii) NP/DDD/1215/1134 - Change of use from A1 commercial to holiday let, Sunnyside, The Old Post Office, High Street, Calver (Refused).

#### **2016.45 Representatives' Reports.**

##### **RESOLVED** that:-

- (a) Burial Committee 2/3/16 – to note a verbal update on the meeting held on 2/3/16 by Councillor Marlene Denton – review of the right of way, no problems experienced since December with the access and to be monitored at the June meeting, a sum of £4277.94 held in the Building Society account and that Jane Marshall would deal with the monthly accounts process going forward, a number of residents were of the view that more railings were needed along the side of the path which the Committee were currently unable to satisfy due to cost implications and in addition due to free access to grave sites required by the grave diggers.
- (b) Village Hall Committee – Nothing to report
- (c) Footpaths Liaison – Nothing to report.
- (d) Calver Weir – to note a verbal update on the meeting held on 15/3/16 by Councillor Judith Canty – Investment account balance £70k, current account £3750, new auditors were to be appointed, the Shuttle Cottage planning application was discussed and a view formed in objection to the proposal, that water levels in the GOYT were unusually low, that the maintenance agreement was changing in 2016 and the forthcoming co-option of a new resident at Calver Mill who was to join the Committee.

#### **2016.46 Highways.**

**RESOLVED** to note the update from Councillor Marlene Denton having checked her old files regarding past communications with DCC regarding the Brook garden, that this land was Highway's authority property and no one had a greater right over this land than anyone else. They had also confirmed that no cars parked at this area should be blocked in and any issue in this regard should be reported to the Police. The planters belonging to the adjacent landowner that had been placed there were instructed to be removed and in forfeit of this were removed by DCC.

#### **2016.47 Outstanding Issues.**

**RESOLVED** (1) In relation to the site visit outcomes discussed with DCC Highways staff on 11/2/16 to discuss scope for action at Froggatt New Bridge, that confirmation had been received that the Clerk's summary was an accurate reflection of the agreed outcomes and the Highway's Officer had confirmed that he had logged a call with Peak Park's Tree Officer to take forward the tree pruning issue and requested some design work to be carried out with regard to the feasibility of widening the road into the lay-by and the likely costings and had undertaken to draw up some amendments to the signing/lining and get these issued.

(2) in relation to an update re lobbying DCC for installation of bollards in front of the Brook garden, to note that the Clerk had received a response earlier today advising that

“According to our records this would seem to be highway land and, as such, a vehicle can be parked so long as it is taxed, insured and has a valid MOT certificate.

There is also a vehicular access to adjacent land here which would need to be maintained. There has been much dispute over the years between this land owner and DCC as to the ownership of this land (see attached sample correspondence – please obscure the name and address if you use this publicly). There is also some reference made in 2009 to the Parish Council making an application for village green status on this land, although, I do not know what the outcome of this was? I assume it was not pursued any further at the time?” and (3) in light of (2) this matter be brought forward to the next meeting for further discussion.

#### **2016.48 Information Items/Correspondence.**

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

1	Almshouse Trust, Calver	Letter/Request from Trustees
2	DCC	Bus Subsidies Consultation & Questionnaire
3	DCC	BOAT Order Confirmation - Bridleway from Bramley Lane to Hassop Road
4	DCC	Derbyshire Dales Local Area Committee 9/3/16
5	DCC	Trusted Trader Scheme
6	HMRC	VAT Reclamation Form/Changes
7	PKF Littlejohn LLP	Auditing of Joint Burial Ground Committees
8	PPPF	Public Transport Cuts
9	Rural Action Derbyshire	End of the Village SOS Scheme
10	DCC	Blue Badge Crackdown Campaign
11	Rural Action Derbyshire	Neighbourhood Planning Roadshow 23/3/16
12	Shelter Maintenance Ltd	Price increase 1/4/16

**2016.49 Date of Next Meeting - 6.30pm Thursday 21st April, 2016 followed by Annual Parish Meeting at 7.30pm.**