

CALVER PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Council held at the Village Hall, Calver on Monday 9th May, 2016 at 6.00pm.

Present:

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

Also in Attendance:

Simon Oldham (Clerk).

Apologies: Councillors John Hearnshaw, Pat Howard, Kath Potter (PDNPA), John Tibenham (DDDC Ward Member) and Jo Wild (DCC).

2016.63 Election of Chairman

RESOLVED that Councillor Jonathan Harris be elected as Chairman for 2016/17. Councillor Harris completed the declaration of acceptance of office.

2016.64 Election of Vice Chairman

RESOLVED that Councillor Ron Marshall be elected as Vice Chairman for 2016/17.

2016.65 Declaration of Members Interests

There were no declarations of interest.

2016.66 To Consider Motions for the Variation of Business.

There were no motions to vary the order of business.

2016.67 Appointments to Outside Bodies & Other Council Appointments

RESOLVED that the following appointments be made:-

Calver Village Hall Committee – Cllr Jonathan Harris

Joint Burial Ground Committee – Cllrs Marlene Denton, Pat Howard and Mr Peter Thompson

Baslow Charities – Cllr Beatrice Carman

Calver Weir Management Committee – Cllr Judith Canty

Councillor Footpaths Liaison Officer – Cllr Pat Howard

Police Governance Committee – Cllr Judith Canty

Samuel and Elizabeth Wild Almshouse Trust' – Cllr Beatrice Carman.

2016.68 Schedule of Meetings for 2016/17

RESOLVED that the following schedule of meetings be agreed as the 3rd Thursday every month with the exception of August

16th June, 21st July, 15th September,

20th October, 17th November, 15th December, 2017 – 19th January, 16th February, 16th March and 20th April.

2016.69 Review and Adoption of Council Standing Orders

RESOLVED to adopt the draft model Council Standing Orders as presented.

2016.70 Review and Adoption of Council Financial Regulations

RESOLVED to adopt the draft model Council Financial Regulations as presented.

2016.71 Public Speaking.

Councillor Marlene Denton reported that the underpass looked an eyesore with the display of graffiti and asked if this could be cleaned up. The Clerk agreed to raise this with DCC as the Highway Authority.

2016.72 Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting – 21st April, 2016.

RESOLVED that the minutes be signed as a correct record.

2016.73 Chairman's Announcements.

The Chairman had no announced announcements to make.

2016.74 Exercise of the General Power of Competence – To confirm that the Council still meets the qualifying criteria

RESOLVED to note and confirm the continued use of the power and that the Council continued to meet the qualifying criteria.

2016.75 To consider and approve the Annual Audit Return and the Council's Accounts for the year ending 31/3/16

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

2016.76 Community Funding Request re purchase of speed gun laser

RESOLVED not to fund the request for the purchase of a new speed laser gun and the Clerk be asked to respond to PCSO Phipps and the Wardlow CSW Group on the basis that this was not viewed to be the right thing for Calver at this point in time, a view that it would be difficult to attract volunteers and the difficulty perceived in judging its effectiveness. The Council however, expressed its support for the cost of its funding being met via bids to the DDDC and DCC Ward Members community funding pots.

2016.77 Further consideration of potential community projects and spending plans for 2016/17

RESOLVED (1) to note discussion that potential projects for spend could include:-

- A new noticeboard
- Welcome to Calver roadside signposts on the entry points in to the village to create a positive image and identity. The Clerk to investigate potential scope and costs

- Location of up to two defibrillators in the village, one at the Village Hall and one at another suitable location
- A toddler play facility perhaps at the Derwentwater Arms car park
- Potential allotment provision

(2) these potential development projects be explored further with a view to consulting local parishioners on these or seeking their own ideas via a community newsletter or leaflet drop in late Summer or early Autumn.

2016.78 Website and Publicity

RESOLVED to note that (1) the Clerk would upload details on the annual audit return on to the website and (2) that the Chairman would shortly make arrangements to meet with Councillors Hearnshaw and Marshall to brief them on the functioning and operation of the evolving new Council website.

2016.79 Derbyshire Association of Local Council's Circulars.

No recent Circulars.

2016.80 Finance.

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

Simon Oldham £246.09 re Clerk duties April 2016;

HMRC £57.00 re PAYE re April;

Village Hall, Calver £30.00 re room hire April Annual Parish meeting

Mr D. Turner £70.00 re internal audit of the Council's accounts and

Curbar Guides £50.00 In respect of refreshments provided at the Annual Parish meeting;

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

(3) Approval be given to award Grant Funding to All Saints Church in the sum of £250.00

In support of their project to tarmac the entrance to the Church.

2016.81 Planning.

RESOLVED (1) in respect of NP/DDD/0416/0300 – The Shuttle House, New Bridge, Calver, proposed agricultural storage building that the Clerk respond by re-iterating the Council's previous grounds for objection to the proposed development in respect of the original application that was later withdrawn.

(2) in respect of NP/DDD/0416/0312 - Barnfield House, Main Street, Calver, Installation of a pellet stove and installation of flue, that no objections be raised regarding this proposed development.

2016.82 Representatives' Reports

RESOLVED to note:-

(a) Burial Committee - next meeting June

(b) Village Hall Committee - Minutes 11/4/16

(c) Footpaths Liaison – no update available in Councillor Pat Howard's absence

(d) Calver Weir – Minutes 16/3/16

2016.83 Highways

Nothing to report.

2016.84 Outstanding Issues.

RESOLVED that (1) in relation to the request to DCC Highways Team for a progress update on the scope for improvements at Froggatt New Bridge, to note their response as follows:-

“discussions have taken place with the PDNPA Tree officer and arrangements have been made for some of the foliage to be removed on the inside of the bend to improve the forward visibility though the bend as discussed. The works should take place within the next 2 weeks. Our highway design team are working on a design to incorporate the lay-by into the carriageway to provide a larger turning area for the bigger vehicles. This design will determine the cost of such works. It is then likely that I will have to make a bid for this funding for next year’s capital schemes programme. Instructions have been issued for some signing and lining amendments. The warning signs are being rationalised and the centre line is being removed from the bridge. The fault with the street light on the corner has been logged with the street Lighting Section for attention. Following investigation, this appears to be a problem with the electrical supply and has been passed to Western Power for further investigation”.

(2) in relation to the request to DCC for a site meeting to discuss access for emergency vehicles through Sough Lane, to note their response as follows:-

“With regard to parking on Sough Lane, as with any part of the public highway, the obstruction of the highway is an offence and the Police have the relevant powers to take the appropriate action. They should be contacted on the non-emergency number, 101, at the time to enable enforcement action to be considered”.

(3) in relation to representations to PDNPA re the enforcement issue outside Insomnia Coffee Shop, to note their response as follows:-

“We are aware of this matter and are currently in discussions with the owner and his agent to get the coffee cup removed and the remainder of the signs rationalised. We’ve escalated this to an enforcement case ref: 14/0540; please quote this reference in any future correspondence. Hopefully we should see some progress by the end of the month, if not sooner”.

2016.85 Information Items/Correspondence.

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

1	The Pensions Regulator	Staging Date 1/11/16 – Choosing a Pension Scheme
2	DCC	Minerals Local Plan Consultation
3	DCC	Order re Temporary Speed Limits
4	DCC	On-line Book Club
5	DDDC	Aviva Women’s Tour Cycle Race 17/6/16
6	HSBC	Bakewell Branch Closure
7	Parishioner E-mail	Information/Ownership – Land at Corner of Donkey Lane & Smithy Knoll Road
8	National Savings & Investments	Notification of interest rate reduction

9	Derbyshire Police	Fraud & Cyber Crime Awareness Session 12/5/16
10	PDNPA	Parishes Bulletin 13
11	Derbyshire Village Games Coordinator	Women's Football Sessions in Eyam

(2) in relation to item (1), that the NEST Pension Scheme be designated as the Council's default auto-enrolment scheme.

(3) in relation to item (7), the Clerk be asked to reply to the local parishioner thanking him for the supply of this information whilst advising that the Parish Council had no current plans to instigate a paved area on Donkey Lane, which in any event would require DCC's consent as the Highway Authority.

(4) In relation to item (10) approval be given for Councillor Ron Marshall to attend PDNPA Enforcement & Monitoring training session scheduled for 25/5/16 and a cheque in the sum of £10.00 be raised in respect of the delegate fee.

2016.86 Date of Next Meeting - 7pm Thursday 16th June, 2016.