

## **CALVER PARISH COUNCIL**

### **Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held at the Village Hall, Calver on Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> October, 2016 at 7pm.**

#### **Present:**

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

#### **Also in Attendance:**

Simon Oldham (Clerk) and Councillors, John Tibenham (DDDC).

**Apologies:** Councillors Ron Marshall, Kath Potter (PDNPA) and Jo Wild (DCC).

#### **2016.138 Declaration of Members Interests.**

There were no declarations of interest.

#### **2016.139 To Consider Motions for the Variation of Business.**

**RESOLVED** to bring forward agenda item 10(a) "NP/DDD/0916/0865 - Change of use of land to accommodate woodland pre-school childcare nursery/Kindergarten; including the erection of two safari tents, construction of car park with landscaping and new vehicle and pedestrian access from A623 Kingsgate Road, Edge Wood, Kingsgate Road, Calver", to be taken immediately following the "Public Speaking" agenda item.

#### **2016.140 Public Speaking.**

Six local parishioners were in attendance and raised their objections in relation to the proposed Woodland Kindergarten planning application, off Kingsgate Road. A range of comments were made including:-

- The proposal was too close to the Main Road and access was a major problem. A parishioner had reviewed the traffic using the road over the period of an hour early morning recently and 27 HGV's and a large number of other vehicles had passed the entrance. It was a 40mph speed limit and the sight lines were not good enough when traffic approached from around the bend and have no way of stopping suddenly if cars were trying to access the site. There was no room to put a pedestrian crossing in and he advised of 10 instances of past traffic accidents on this stretch of road
- It was understood that the applicant had placed leaflets through local dwellings and sought local opinions, but it was questioned who she had approached and the opinion was expressed that there simply wasn't the need for the number of childcare places in this area. Construction was proposed to be within 25 metres from the main road which was deemed too close to a very busy main road. The existing Stoney Middleton Forest pre-school provision was sufficient to meet demand in this area. The car parking spaces proposed were insufficient to cater for up to 60 children
- A parishioner who lived in the vicinity said her objections were not about NIMBYism, but whilst she supported forest schools, considered that the 9

proposed parking spaces plus an additional disabled bay were insufficient based on there being 6 full time staff and 2 part time bearing in mind parents also dropping off up to 60 children and would require a space for a few minutes when arriving and collecting their children. Queuing on to the main road was envisaged which would be highly dangerous

- There was land available behind the site at Stocking Farm. The A623 is extremely busy and is a main trunk road for traffic to/from Sheffield to Stockport/Manchester. The sheer traffic volume on this road is far too much and poses a risk to the site. Farm vehicles also have access up the proposed route to this site as the main access to Stocking Farm and a couple of dwellings beyond
- A ROSPA report had been produced in the past and DCC had refused despite Parish Council representations to reduce the speed limit on this stretch of road from 40 to 30mph.
- A parishioner advised that she was also involved in a pre-school provision locally and whilst she supported forest schools and a new provision somewhere in Derbyshire, this site was not the place and was unsafe due to the highway access concerns already raised by other speakers

DDDC Ward Councillor John Tibenham advised that he had read the objections on the PDNPA planning web portal and a number of local parishioners had lobbied him. As 36 two way trips were expected from parents bringing their children, the access in to the site was simply insufficient for vehicles to get in and out safely and for this reason he also objected to the proposed development.

The applicant was in attendance and spoke in support of her application. The data in support of her application had been obtained from DCC's Early Years Team. She outlined that it had never been her intention to tread on anyone's toes. Pre-planning Officer advice had been sought and professional advice taken from Highways who had undertaken traffic surveys over 2 days at certain times and reviewed the traffic splays and history of traffic accidents over the last 5 years. There would be a proper boundary/security between the site and the main road to prevent children being able to stray on to it as naturally children's safety was paramount. She indicated that she was prepared for DCC Highway's to undertake a further assessment of traffic levels at critical times of the day when access and egress was likely to be required.

#### **2016.141 Planning application consultation.**

**RESOLVED** that in respect of Planning Application Consultation - NP/DDD/0916/0865 - Change of use of land to accommodate woodland pre-school childcare nursery/Kindergarten; including the erection of two safari tents, construction of car park with landscaping and new vehicle and pedestrian access from A623 Kingsgate Road, Edge Wood, Kingsgate Road, Calver, that the Parish Council objects on the following grounds:-

- Inadequate access to the site from what is an extremely busy road, the A623. The speed limit is 40mph and is used by many HGV vehicles as it is a major trunk road between Sheffield and Stockport/Manchester. It would be perilous in accessing the site due to the poor site lines and vehicles coming round the bend at significant speed, It is considered that this would be exacerbated by the inadequate number of parking spaces allocated for the development in the

- context of an anticipated 36 X 2 way journeys accessing the site each day to drop off and collect children which could rise to up to 70 as indicated in the application submission documents and in light of the number of full and part/time staff that are likely to need to use this parking provision. It is further considered that the consequences would lead to the backing up of traffic on the A623 waiting to access the site which would be a major safety concern and risk of accidents.
- "Local Needs" - the Parish Council are also of the view that there is no identifiable need for a further pre-school nursery in this area given that local children are currently well provided for via the Grindleford & Eyam Forest School and a further one in Stoney Middleton.

#### **2016.142 Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting – 15<sup>th</sup> September, 2016.**

**RESOLVED** that the minutes be signed as a correct record subject to Minute number 2016.123 "Public Speaking" and the reference in the first paragraph relating to SLED being amended to SLEG (Save Longstone Edge Group).

#### **2016.143 Chairman's Announcements.**

The Chairman announced that the Calver New Bridge had been hit once again and he had circulated photos of the damage caused by e-mail a few days ago. It was agreed to schedule this as an agenda item for consideration at next months meeting.

#### **2016.144 Progressing development projects in 2016/17 – Preparations for a newsletter/consultation with parishioners**

**RESOLVED** to note that (1) quotes had been obtained in relation to Village roadside entry signs; (2) the Chairman had obtained 2 quotes for the provision of 2 defibrillators and a third was expected shortly and would be brought back for consideration at the next meeting with a view to giving approval to move forward with this proposal and (3) the feedback on the site meeting held with Pryormarking Ltd re 2 parcels of their land either side of Main Street which they were open about discussions for bringing these back in to some form of community use and based on this, the Clerk undertook to approach PDNPA for a site meeting to gauge their views on the potential for either of these parcels of land being used in future for prospective allotment provision or as a children's play area if this were to be acceptable in planning terms and if so, for advice on how this could be progressed.

#### **2016.145 Community Right to bid re Assets of Community Value – follow up discussion**

**RESOLVED** to note the NALC guidance note on how to nominate an asset of community value and the consensus that it was not appropriate for the Parish Council to proceed and make a nomination in this regard for the Derwentwater Arms at this point in time.

#### **2016.146 Grant Thornton notification of completion of audit of accounts for 2015/16**

**RESOLVED** to note and accept the conclusion of the audit of the Council's accounts for the year ending 31/3/16, completed by Grant Thornton and that the statutory notice

regarding the conclusion of the audit had been published, including as required on the Parish Council website.

#### **2016.147 Council Insurance Policy Renewal – 24/11/16**

**RESOLVED** that approval be given to the renewal of the Council insurance policy with Came and Company Ltd in the sum of £615.30 on the terms set out in the renewal notice, by way of entering in to a new 3 year long term agreement.

#### **2016.148 Website and Publicity**

**RESOLVED** to note that the Clerk had recently opened a new 1&1 Internet web hosting account on a 2 year agreement in the sum of £95.76 plus VAT to be collected shortly by direct debit and that the Chairman was in possession of the relevant information/passwords to look to move over the existing site from the current 1&1 hosting package.

#### **2016.149 Christmas illuminations at the Cross – requirements**

**RESOLVED** to note that Councillor Howard had made preliminary preparations with DCC to apply for the license agreement and with Western Power Distribution to set up once again an unmetered power supply to ensure that the tree could again be displayed at the Cross.

#### **2016.150 Derbyshire Association of Local Council's Circulars.**

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

1	DALC 15/2016	Council Tax Referendum Principles; New DALC Advice Service - cemeteries and burial grounds; Tesco Bags of Help update; Neighbourhood Planning
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(2) DALC AGM and Executive meeting 6/10/16 – content noted.

#### **2016.151 Finance.**

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

Employee costs including PAYE £305.36 September;  
Village Hall, Calver £15.00 re room hire September meeting and  
Shelter Maintenance Ltd £40.80 re shelter cleaning – September  
Came & Company £615.30 re annual insurance policy renewal  
(2) Approval be given to the monthly financial report provided by the Clerk:

#### **2016.152 Planning.**

**RESOLVED** that the following Planning decision notices, be noted:-

i) NP/DDD/0616/0536 - Alteration and extensions, Hydrangea Cottage, Hall Fold, Calver – Granted, ii) NP/DDD/0616/0524 - Section 73 application for the removal of condition 2 from NP/DDD/0515/0444, Old Stones ,High Street, Calver – Granted.

## **2016.153 Representatives' Reports**

**RESOLVED** to note:-

- (a) Burial Committee – next meeting December
- (b) Village Hall Committee – a recent meeting had been held earlier in the month which the Chairman had been unable to attend
- (c) Footpaths Liaison – Footpaths Liaison – outstanding path numbers due for submission to DCC, that it was unclear whether Mr Lownds had undertaken any footpath maintenance work this Summer and could not be contacted. In light of this, a claim to DCC under the Maintenance Agreement was unlikely to be made for 2016/17 and the Clerk agreed to write to clarify the position with Mr Lownds and whether he wished/intended to perform similar duties for the Council in 2017
- (d) Calver Weir – no recent meeting.

## **2016.154 Highways**

**RESOLVED** to note observations made by Councillor Hearnshaw regarding parking outside Froggatt Edge Garage and the current status of the development next door and the subsequent discussion and views expressed by Members.

## **2016.155 Outstanding Issues.**

Feedback on site meeting with Pryor Marking 29/9/16 re collapsed wall on Main Street and potential land use for allotment plots.

**RESOLVED** to note that feedback on the site meeting had been discussed under minute number 2016.144 above and that in relation to the collapsed wall, that the remedial repairs had had been promised had not yet been undertaken and the Clerk had agreed to send an appropriate reminder.

## **2016.156 Information Items/Correspondence.**

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

1	DCC	External venue hire
2	DCC	No smoking signs in bus shelters
3	DDDC	Area Forums – October/November
4	DDDC	Review of Sports & Recreation Facilities - Consultation
5	Holocaust Memorial Day Trust	Holocaust Memorial Day 2017
6	PDNPA	Forthcoming Local Plan Consultation
7	The Pensions Regulator	Preparations for Staging Date – 1/11/16
8	PPPF	PDNPA Development Management Policies Consultation
9	Local Parishioner	Communication & quote for providing Winter snow plough and clearing services
10	PDNPA	Monitoring & Enforcement Quarterly Review

- (2) in relation to item 2, the Clerk agreed to investigate the provision of suitable sticky back no smoking signs for locating appropriately at the shelters;
- (3) in relation to item 4, the Clerk to respond to the agents carrying out the research for DDDC, advising of the Chairman's telephone contact details who could be approached with regard to completion of the questionnaire via a telephone discussion and
- (4) to note the quotation for providing winter snow plough and clearing services and the Clerk to compare and review based on previous invoices and charges levied by our current provider.

**2016.157 Date of Next Meeting – Thursday 17th November, 2016 at 7pm.**