

CALVER PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held at the Village Hall, Calver on Thursday 19th January, 2017 at 7pm.

Present:

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

Also in Attendance:

Simon Oldham (Clerk) and Councillor Kath Potter (PDNPA).

Apologies: Councillors Jonathan Harris (Chairman), John Tibenham (DDDC) and Jo Wild (DCC).

2017.01 Declaration of Members Interests.

There were no declarations of interest.

2017.02 To Consider Motions for the Variation of Business.

There was no variation to the order of business.

2017.03 Public Speaking.

Councillor Kath Potter reported that the Brosterfield planning application was due to be determined on 3/2/17 and a site visit had recently been undertaken. She drew attention to the poorly maintained footpaths within the District which had not been adequately cleared following the falling of Autumn leaves. Councillor Potter additionally reminded that the consultation on the review of the PDNPA Development Management Policies ended on 27/1/17 and urged the Parish Council to respond. She outlined that the Peak Park Parishes Forum had done an excellent job in coordinating a combined response on behalf of local Parishes. She was very concerned though over the proliferation of bungalows being purchased and converted in to large overbearing 2 storey dwellings. The Parish Council noted that this matter had been on the agenda of last months' meeting and any comments that Members wished to propose should be put forward directly by Members themselves via the Clerk.

Councillor John Hearnshaw reported that a tree had blown down in the recent winds opposite the Eyre Arms in to the road. He had reported it to DCC Highways team who had attended, sawed it up in to smaller sections and cleared it from the pavement but left it on the adjacent grassed area. He questioned whether they should have removed the tree parts in their entirety and undertook to follow up on this with the Highways team.

2017.04 Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting – 15th December, 2016.

RESOLVED that the minutes be signed as a correct record.

2017.05 Chairman's Announcements.

The Vice Chairman had no announcements to make.

2017.06 To consider and determine the level of the Parish Precept/Budget for 2017/18 and development priorities/projects.

RESOLVED that (1) the draft budget presented by the Clerk be noted/supported; (2) in view of the current level of Council reserves predicted at 31/3/17, approval be given to set the precept at a sum of £7535, a 0.05% increase in the level of Council tax for Band D properties on last years' precept and (3) further considerations be given at the next meeting to a strategy and determination of development priorities for spend over the next 12 months on Village projects to reduce the level of accumulated reserves to a more prudent level.

2017.07 Update on order placed and installation of Defibrillator.

RESOLVED (1) to note the reporting by the Clerk that the defibrillator order had been placed with the Defib Store, the week prior to Christmas and delivery was expected directly to the Spar shop by the end of next week and (2) that the Clerk had undertook to enquire with the Defib Store about the instructions that accompany the defibrillator and whether additional training was necessary and if so, the associated costs.

2017.08 Update on potential use of land off Main Street and request for meeting with Pryormarking Ltd

RESOLVED (1) to note that the Clerk had sent an e-mail request for an exploratory meeting with Pryormarking prior to Christmas and chased up on this earlier this week but as yet no response had been forthcoming and (2) that the Clerk be asked to pursue this further with Pryormarking and at the same time draw attention to the continuing state of the wall at Main Street which had deteriorated further since the site inspection meeting held with them last September, which was becoming a real safety risk and asking for their response on what remedial action/repairs they were proposing to undertake in this regard.

2017.09 Website and Publicity.

Nothing to report.

2017.10 Derbyshire Association of Local Council's Circulars.

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

1	DALC /2016	Proposal for a Public Service Ombudsman; Important external audit changes; The Big Conservation Conversation ; Neighbourhood Planning Bill – next steps; The Future of Assets in the Community – 'Places and Spaces'; Council Spotlight Award – could this be you next?; Funding opportunity (short turnaround;
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		Training for 2017/18
2	DALC 1/2017	Index of most important Circulars of 2016

(2) to note the reporting of the Council Tax referendum principles – outcome following consultation;

(3) to note the communication from DALC requesting information on potential training venues in Derbyshire.

2017.11 Finance.

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

Employee costs including PAYE £305.36 December;

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

and The Defib Store £1590.00 re defibrillator purchase.

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

2017.12 Planning.

RESOLVED that (1) to note that there were no live Planning application consultations and (2) to note the response from PDNPA on the request for a progress update on planning enforcement action at Shuttle Cottage.

2017.13 Representatives' Reports

RESOLVED to note:-

(1) Burial Committee – next meeting March

(2) Village Hall Committee – Minutes 10/10/16, noted

(3) Footpaths Liaison – that the Clerk had placed an advert in the Peak Advertiser seeking applications for a replacement footpaths contractor, which would appear in the next edition on 30/1/17, at a cost of £67.50 plus VAT.

(4) Calver Weir – next meeting March

2017.14 Highways.

RESOLVED to note the reporting of a hanging street sign for “Lowside” located at the junction of High Street, opposite the junction with Shippon Lane and that the Clerk had undertaken to request DCC Highways team to arrange for its re-instatement.

2017.15 Outstanding Issues – Froggatt New Bridge reply from DCC following representations for progress update.

RESOLVED to note the progress update from DCC Highways team on the scheduled improvement works to attempt to address the issues being experienced with continual damage to the wall around this bend.

2017.16 Information Items/Correspondence.

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

1	DDDC	Precept letter & tax base for 2017/18
2	DCC	Scrutiny review of Broadband access
3	WW1 Tribute Bruno Peek - Pageantmaster	Battle's Over – A Nation's Tribute
4	DCC	Elections 4/5/17
5	Civicvoice.org.uk	Free training workshop – Upgrade of War Memorials

(2) the Clerk to arrange to circulate item 2 to Members which appeared to have been omitted from previous correspondence items forwarded to Members of the Council.

2017.17 Date of Next Meeting – Thursday 16th February, 2017 at 7pm.