

BETLEY, BALTERLEY & WRINEHILL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held on 24th October 2013

PRESENT:

Cllrs Robert Bettley-Smith, Steven Ball, Mandy Berrisford (from min.329), Karen Burton, Dave Hales, Simon Harrison (from min.331) and Richard Head.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Borough Cllr Becket
One member of the public.
Gwyn Griffiths (Clerk).

326/13 Apologies for absence was received from Cllrs Daly, Speed, Thomas and Watkin.

Apologies for likely late arrival had been received from Cllrs Berrisford, Harrison and Kerr. An apology for absence had been received from County Cllr Loades.

327/13 Members considered the declaration of interests in agenda items.

All members present declared personal interests in Item 12 (Licence Review, August Music Event) through friendship with the landowner of the event site.

328/13 **RESOLVED that, subject to the correction of a minor typing error in Minute 279 (Wanted for Wantyd), the minutes of the meeting of 26th September 2013, including its adjournment to 3rd October 2013, be approved as a true record and be signed by the Chairman.**

329/13 The Chairman outlined the procedure for public participation, and the meeting was then adjourned to allow such participation.

One member of the public was present and outlined the background to his planning application (13/00761/FUL) which was to be considered later in the meeting.

[Cllr Berrisford joined the meeting at this point, and declared personal interests in Agenda Items 7 (13/00761) and 12]

330/13 The Chairman reported on activities undertaken since the last meeting:

He had attended a meeting of the Rural Transport Scheme. A new minibus had been ordered for delivery in January 2014; there had been a revision of charges for use of the vehicle. The scheme would shortly be registering for VAT.

He had attended a meeting with PC Dollman to discuss sites for the Community Speed Watch Scheme.

331/13 Borough Cllr Becket presented his report to members, which included the following:

Buddleigh. The Borough Council has issued a planning contravention notice and is now seeking a planning application relating to the usage of the residential curtilage, and use of garage for commercial storage. The closing date for a response was 9th December. Concerns had also been expressed regarding the matting at the entrance, and the operator had been reminded of the need to provide marshalling at the entrance. The resiting of the gateposts and removal of lengths of hedgerow were not considered to be planning matters. If no application was submitted then the Borough Council would have to consider whether enforcement action

would be appropriate. The recent planning application for holiday accommodation at Hunters Tryst was likely to be approved as there were no valid planning grounds for objection.

Music Event. Environmental Health officers had met with the promoter and landowner. A number of areas of concern had been discussed:

sound, resiting of stage, monitoring and control;

public order – the police had made no significant observations, but Environmental Health had concerns especially relating to the Sunday night event;

parking & traffic – it was intended that for any future event all agencies would be brought together to address concerns such as those relating to taxis and private hire vehicles.

It was likely that a revised application would be brought to committee reflecting the concerns raised. If not then it was likely that Environmental Health would themselves require a Review of the licence.

The timescale was such that no progress was likely before early December.

The Parish Council's request for a Review might be considered premature as it could only relate to the existing licence, which was likely to be amended.

Doddlespool Hall. Cllr Becket reported that neither the Borough nor County Councils considered the operations to be a planning issue. The Environment Agency had imposed a few conditions, but were not otherwise taking it seriously.

[Cllr Harrison joined the meeting at this point, and declared personal interests in Agenda Items 7 (13/00761) and 12]

Budget. A consultation was underway prior to drawing up the Budget for 2014-15.

332/13 Cllr Ball reported that the Betley Trust, on which he served by nomination of the Parish Council, was scheduled to meet in the next month.

333/13 The Clerk advised members that no matters had been dealt with under the Council's provisions for Urgent Business since the previous meeting.

334/13 Members considered the following planning application.

13/00761 Erection of detached garage, 6 Brassington Terrace, Den Lane, Wrinehill.

RESOLVED that the Parish Council:

a) notes that the development is in the Green Belt, but is of the view that the scale and form of the works proposed would not damage the open character of the Green Belt (the primary purpose of designation);

b) is aware of the requirement in the NPPF to encourage sustainable economic development;

c) recognises, and draws to the attention of the Local Planning Authority, the essential service provided to the local community by the existing business use;

d) is therefore of the view that very special circumstances exist to justify permitting this development, and therefore strongly supports the application.

335/13 Members considered the following planning application.

13/00735 Two storey side extension, ground floor rear extension and first floor front balcony, Grindley Cottage, Church Lane, Betley.

RESOLVED that the Parish Council has no objection.

336/13 The Clerk advised that no planning decision notices had been received.

337/13 The Clerk updated members on information received regarding planning matters at Buddleigh Farm and Doddlespool Hall, which were in line with the earlier report of Cllr Becket. He also advised members of the current position regarding the Cheshire East Local Plan, which was to be put out to further public consultation.

338/13 The Clerk advised members of a planning application which had been received since the despatch of the agenda.

RESOLVED a) that as a similar proposal had already been approved, and the only change was to reduce the impact of the proposed works, consideration of application 13/00746 Erection of ground floor rear extension and ancillary works to kitchen and first floor bathroom, Lime View, Main Road, Betley be considered immediately;

b) that the Parish Council has no objection to the application.

339/13 The Chairman declared a personal interest in matters relating to the collapsed wall at the rear of Main Road, and advised members that discussions were progressing with Staffordshire County Council.

340/13 Members considered initiatives being undertaken or considered by the Parish Council.

341/13 Clearance of pavements and gullies. It was noted that the recent rains had tested the works supposedly carried out on local gullies, and had proved them wanting. As a result there were still flooding issues at Doddlespool, Cracow Moss and Checkley Lane.

342/13 Signage. The County Councillor having now advised that customised gateway signage was acceptable, it was **RESOLVED** that a Working Party of Cllrs Head (lead member), Bettley-Smith and Hales be appointed to draw up options for gateway signage.

343/13 East Lawns Seating.

RESOLVED that Cllrs Bettley-Smith and Hales be authorised to obtain prices for the options to refurbish or replace the bench(es).

344/13 Dog fouling. A further request for signage having been received from Cracow Moss it was agreed that Cllrs Hales would supply and install.

345/13 The Clerk reported to members on the current position regarding a potential review of the Public Entertainment Licence for a Music Event at Betley Court Farm. The Borough Council had urged the Parish Council to withdraw its request for a Review, on the grounds that a revised licence application was likely and that the request for a Review was therefore premature.

RESOLVED that the Parish Council notes the request of the Borough Council to withdraw its request for a Review, but concludes that it would be inappropriate to withdraw the request. However, in view of progress on potential changes to the Licence and a consequent application for a new Licence, the Parish Council would agree not to progress the matter at this stage.

346/13 Members considered potential links between the Parish Council and the local policing unit.

RESOLVED that the Parish Council request police attendance at meetings on a quarterly basis from January 2014.

347/13 Cllr Burton advised that there was nothing to report regarding the Community Footpaths Initiative as she had been having difficulty in contacting the appropriate Council officer.

348/13 Members considered progress on the Community Speed Watch Scheme. A site meeting had taken place to identify appropriate locations for monitoring; three had been identified with a fourth site currently conditionally approved.

RESOLVED a) that the decision to proceed with the scheme be confirmed, and that necessary expenditure for radar equipment, signage, high-visibility clothing and any other appropriate material be approved;

b) that funding be sought from the County Councillor's community fund to meet costs relating to non-camera equipment.

349/13 Members considered area issues raised by members. There were no matters requiring decision.

350/13 The Clerk tabled correspondence received since the last meeting. It was confirmed that arrangements for the Remembrance Sunday wreath were in place, and members were encouraged to attend.

351/13 Members considered a request for funding under the Community Chest Fund from the Madeley First Responders Scheme.

RESOLVED that a grant of £240 be recommended to the Borough Council.

352/13 The Clerk submitted to members a list of invoices to hand and payments due, and the Financial and Bank Statements to date.

353/13 **RESOLVED** a) that the Council authorises payment of the following:

G Griffiths	Salary & expenses	£ 420.94	1114
Betley Village Hall Cttee	Hall hire	£ 204.00	1115

b) that the Financial Statement be received;

c) that the Bank Statements be noted, and the reconciliation verified and be signed by the Chairman.

354/13 Members of the Laudy Croft Working Group advised that no work was currently required.

355/13 Members considered Council communication, and matters to be included in the next issue of the Parish Magazine.

356/13 Members considered matters for future Agenda.

357/13 Date of next meeting: Thursday 28th November 2013.

358/13 **RESOLVED** that the press and public be excluded during consideration of the following item under the provisions of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 and Section 100A (Schedule 12A Part I) of the Local Government Act 1972 on the grounds previously recorded.

359/13 The Clerk advised that no further communication had been received from the Borough Council regarding land at Laudy Croft.