

Bowland with Leagram Parish Council via Microsoft Teams Meeting 23rd February 2021 @ 7.30pm
Minutes

Present:

Chair - Claire Davies,

Councillors Carol Griffins, Simon Hore (RVBC), Jo Hampson, John Stott, John-Weld Blundell

Clerk – Lorraine Bacon – minute taker

ITEM 1: Apologies: no apologies received

ITEM: 2. Minutes of the last Parish Council Meeting November 24th 2020

Approved

Proposed – John Stott

Seconded – Jo Hampson

ITEM: 3 Matters arising

A: Ginney Hey an Stanley Common

1. A report has been lodged with the County Council with photographs. Its status is as a reported matter. The report was made on the basis that vehicular access should be stopped because of the damage being caused/exacerbated by vehicles using the track, the health and safety issues that consequently arise because of the state of the track and the risk to nesting birds caused by such vehicles leaving the track. Closing the track to vehicles was suggested as a temporary measure.
2. Contact was made with David Hewitt from Ribble Valley who whilst sympathetic did not think there was anything he could do but suggested contacting:
 - a. David Goode at the County Council. (no contact details)
 - b. Countryside Access Officer- Sarah Dornan 0791 783 6606
 - c. Elliot Lorimer AONB 07775 221 201
 - d. prowreports@lancashire.gov.uk
3. Contact made with Gavin Thomas from the RSPB who was also sympathetic but did not feel there was anything he could do. He suggested contacting Natural England.

There has been further damages this weekend and the following suggestions were made:

1. Details of the report is passed to David Smith, our County Councillor to see what if any pressure he can bring to bear.
2. The representative from the AONB is contacted to see what if any pressure he can bring to bear.
3. The police are contacted-any vehicles on Stanley are breaking current covid rules and are deviating from the track and causing damage.
4. The gate at the Burnslack end of the track is locked.
5. Contact is made with the Duchy and with Robert Pye to seek permission to padlock the gate at the Lickhurst end of the track. Lorraine please could you help with contact details.
6. The other contacts suggested above are contacted this week.

Signs now up stating not suitable for vehicle access, Councillor Davies did contact Police Officer Carl Chew as per email received. Local gamekeeper will also monitor for vehicles.

“Thanks were expressed to Simon Stott for his efforts to reach a solution with the County Council and the police.’

Discuss contacting LCC again to ask why and if it can be closed and what evidence is required as proof of damage. Further damage is being caused as vehicles are going more off road to avoid the damaged parts causing more damage.

Simon Hore(RVBC) suggests contacting Public right of ways David Goode
Now a health and safety issue due to the damage

Parish Councillors express there thanks to Simon Hore for help and advice with this issue

B: Census – local support to be offered via notice on Parish Council Noticeboard

C: Hedges – as per email and photos received, councillors confirm the contractor employed to cut the hedges is responsible

D: Risk Assessments - Councillor Stott confirms that all risk assessments completed and no issues recorded.

ITEM 4

Plans for a Lancashire Combined Authority and the impact on the Ribble Valley. Update provided

Nil action

ITEM 5: Drains

Verges damages –

Councillor Davies updates on the damage, cars have been parking on the verge, drainage channel could have been affected. Ask if any objection to wooden post being put in place to prevent cars being parked there, Councillor Hampson raises issue of liability and health and safety aspect, and that there could be insurance issues if a car struck a post or a horse hit a post.

Simon Hore (RVBC) told the Council that he was trying to ensure that the County Council maintained the verges beyond Peacock Hey and their work would be impeded by any posts in the ground.

ITEM 6: Defibrillators

Councillor Davies has been in contact with NW ambulance service, a list of defibrillators in the local area will be provided

ITEM 7: Website

Councillor Griffin continues to monitor and update information as required

ITEM 8: Communication

Councillor Davies confirms that flyer to be circulated should be completed by the weekend.

Councillor Griffin discusses implementing a WhatsApp group for easier and quicker communication between councillors – all in agreement to implementing

ITEM 9: Footpath Signs

Two footpaths signs down, one on Leagram estate and Burnslack, both reported and waiting to be completed.

ITEM 10: Maintenance of War Memorial Garden.

Chipping PC and Thornley PC both agreed to increase of payment to Wilf re maintenance.

Councillor has delivered cheque to Wilf, Wilf has confirmed that his family will be helping with the upkeep.

All agree to make extra PC payment to Wilf this financial year

Carol asks when the next payment to Wilf will made, Claire suggests we pay extra 200 to Wilf this financial year, all in agreement with this

ITEM 11: Update re High Line application – Bowland Wild Boar Park

Wild Boar Park. You will recall approval was given in September last year to erect 9 wooden holiday lodges at the Boar Park (03/2020/0579).

Issues discussed -Parish Councillors raised no objection to the construction of the holiday lodges but there was a rider that we wanted the lodges constructed on site and not transported as completed structures through the lanes approaching the Wild Boar Park. The company indicated in their construction management plan that construction would not be on site and when they refused to revise their plan the County Council responsible for the highways rejected their application.

The applicant then submitted a construction management plan in 03/2020/0867) that was refused in December following comments from Lancashire highways. To confirm what the latest plans are from the planning department.

Simon Hore (RVBC) updates on Highline transport – office of traffic commission, still remains as outstanding on commissioner’s website. Discuss application re the 9 holiday lodges, these can be delivered in pieces and be assembled at Wild Boar park, would be delivered assembled on low loaders, LCC has objected to this on highways rounds, application has formally been refused by RVC. Simon Hore (RVBC) confirmed that the company’s original application for a licence for a vehicle operating centre remains outstanding.

ITEM 12: Haweswater Aqueduct Resilience Programme

Councillor Davies updates on the Zoom presentation, nothing extra to add, no further updates from Simon Hore (RVBC) at present, plenty of new info and paperwork on the website

ITEM 13: Date for AGM and future meetings

(Parish Council Election 06/05/2021)

Annual AGM 11/05/2021

PCM 24/08/2021

PCM 23/11/2021

ITEM 14: AOB

Barn4 update – Councillor Griffin provides update, work continues onto Whitewell and Dunsop bridge, Councillor Griffin will do a leaflet drop, voucher claim scheme is coming to end and needs to be submitted prior to 15th March, website notice has been updated. Possibly of another scheme in the future

Notice board – Councillor Davies has had this viewed; wood appears to be fine, needs stripping down and varnishing and the sign writing, quoted £400, not accepted, will continue to find a better quote for this job. Discuss if there is a possibility of sharing the noticeboard with Chipping PC, Councillor Davies confirms our notice boards is required to be in the actual parish. It was suggested contacting Legal services office at Mair Hill (RVBC) for confirmation of what is permitted. Discuss the noticeboard is in a possible dangerous position, discuss finding a new location, the possibility of re-siting in the war memorial on the wall, who to contact regarding moving this and who to contact for permission to mount the notice board. Simon Hore (RVBC) suggests speaking to Mair Hill to confirm who owns the site. RB planning department could offer advice on moving it. Councillor Davies will contact Ribble Valley and then will speak with Chipping PC.

Planning application – Laund Farm, discuss planning application, agree to defer decision, deadline 4th March 2021. Agree to review the plans and defer decision on action to take. Suggest councillors review the planning and review site, agree to email Clerk with their personal decision, to respond by 2nd March 2020

Meeting closed: 8.45pm