

Bowland with Leagram Parish Council Meeting 26th May @ 7.30pm
Meeting Room Holme Farm

Present: Chair – Councillor Claire Davies, Councillors – Joanne Hampson, Carol Griffin, John Weld-Blundell, John Stott. Rupert Swarbrick – County Councillor.
Minute taker – Lorraine Bacon - Clerk

1. Apologies for absence – Simon Hore RVBC
2. Minutes of the last meeting, held February 23rd via Zoom

Proposed - Councillor Joanne Hampson
Seconded – Councillor Carol Griffin

3. Matters arising

A. Chairman's Report 2020/2021

Councillor Claire Davie provides a verbal report - the previous PC meetings were held successfully via Zoom (April 20, August 20, November 20, February 21) due to Covid restrictions, these were attended and managed well, all issues discussed were dealt with as agreed. August 20 – Simon Hore updated on the proposed Combine Lancashire Authority, the various options were shared, RVBC wished to wait for the White Paper to be published, due to Covid still remains to be published. Details of HARP (Haweswater Aqueduct Resilience Programme) was shared and discussed, remains under construction. Discuss the planning applications lodged by the Wild Boar Park – the 1st application Hi-Line has since been withdrawn; the 2nd application has been accepted. Discussed the ongoing issue with Stanley Common – CC and RBVC update and email response received. Discuss that a further meeting around this subject should be arranged and invite all interested/concerned parties. An increase payment to Wilf Bleazard for the upkeep of the War Memorial gardens was also agreed on and put in place. Ongoing review into the repair, re-siting of the Parish Council notice board. Update on the success the website. The Legend Rally Race was cancelled in 2020 and 2021 due to Covid. New Clerk welcomed. April 21 Councillor Peter Harrison sent through his resignation letter; a letter of thanks will be sent to Mr Harrison for his many years as a Parish Councillor.

B. End of year accounts

Income and expenditure of the PC was discussed. Barbara Green completed internal audit on 23rd May 2021. Claire Davies, as Chair singe the Annual Governance and Accounting statements as approved. RVBC have accepted the precept request of £900, received. All transactions and variances were agreed by the Councillors'. Accounts documented and agreed.

C. County Council Elections May 2021 – discuss the elections held May 21.

D. New County Councillor

New County Councillor Rupert Swarbrick attended the meeting, introduced himself and provided a brief personal history and links to the local area. Rupert also discussed his job role; He has a large rural area to cover. Discusses some of the ongoing and important issue locally – including the state of the roads, drains, maintenance of right of way paths. Discuss that post Covid the locally and rurally will require a lot of support to regain and regrow the local economy added to this are the changes pending post Brexit that will have an effect on the rural economy. Rupert encouraged the PC to contact him with any issues that he can be of assistance with.

E. Vacancy on Parish Council and procedure for replacement

Discuss the resignation of Councillor Peter Harrison, this was accepted. Due process will now begin, as required, to elect another councillor following all guidelines and requirements.

4. Report from Brabin's Trust – no report received

5. Review of planning applications 2020/2021

Discuss planning applications received locally, x 3 required a response to be sent to RVBC, all applications were reviewed and responses duly sent as required.

6. Defibrillators

Councillor Claire Davies made contact with the local First responder in Chipping and North West Ambulance regarding the requirements for a defibrillator and if it could be something the PC could implement. Defibrillators are best placed in busier locations and require a power source to the storage box. Costs for purchase and installation ranges from £1600 upwards, not a cost the Parish could cover. Claire Davies confirms that there are currently 4 defibrillators in Chipping itself and one located at the Inn at Whitewell. Councillors discuss and agree it would be in the interests of the local parish to put the location of the defibrillators on the Parish website

7. Parish Notice Board

Discuss the current location of the Parish notice board is in a potentially dangerous position, located on the side of the house facing onto the road, it does require standing on the road side to view the noticeboard. Opening the noticeboard to make changes also means opening the glass front wide open on the road. The notice board currently requires repairs, councillors discuss relocating the noticeboard to the War memorial site. This would require the councillors to visit the site to confirm a suitable location, the ownership of the actual site also needs clarifying and confirming if the PC can relocate the notice board. Would Chipping PC and Thornton and Wheatley PC also be in agreement with the relocation. Discuss the possibility of sharing a notice board

with Chipping PC, Claire Davies will confirm if two Parish Councils can share a noticeboard or if each parish council is required to have a notice board within the boundaries of its parish

8. Track over Stanley -update

Councillor Davies discusses the email received from David Goode Public Rights of Way Manager, copy emailed to all councillors prior to meeting for viewing, updates CC Rupert Swarbrick on the problems and damage caused to Stanley Common by 4X4 vehicles. The Parish Council now feels that it is now a significant risk hazard to other users of the track – walkers, horse riders, motor bike riders/cyclist due to the severe damage caused which is now potentially dangerous to those users if due diligence is not taken. Mr Goode expressed that the council did not find it dangerous as per his email. Repairs would be undertaken as soon as possible. Simon Hore has also been in contact with local Police regarding the issue. Discuss the signage on the gates. There are also the added concerns about the local wildlife – nesting Curlews and damage to the peat areas.

2 X emails received from local parishioners expressing their concerns about the track and the potential safety issues – read out and discussed, Councillor Davies will respond to the parishioners.

Paul Wood local Police contact has made contact with LCC. There is recent video footage of a 4X4 vehicle that went off the track causing significant damage, discuss if this has been sent to the Police.

Discuss the possibility of arranging a meeting between interested parties, including local pony club/horse riders, rambler's association, Duchy representative, representative from AONB, Green laners to discuss the ongoing issues – agree to put the meeting on hold until all legal areas are thoroughly researched, Rupert Swarbrick will speak with members of the LCC for advice and guidance, once all legal issues are understood a meeting could then be arranged.

9. Notified AOB

A. Zurich Municipal -Your policy is due for renewal, discuss and agree to the renewal: Proposed – Councillor Claire Davies, Seconded – Councillor Joanne Hampson – cheque signed and Lorraine to post.

B. Great British Spring Clean - 28th May – 13th June – Parish Council has registered to take part. Information to be placed on website and notice board.

C. Councillor Joanne Hampson raised the issue of the increase in the number of external lighting on residences/buildings which is impacting on the level of light pollution in the Ribble valley. Councillor Hampson's ask what is

LCC stance on light pollution and potential effect on wildlife etc, CC Rupert Swarbrick agrees and it should be lobby the borough council about the effects of the light pollution. Agree to contact Simon Hore RVBC and to confirm their stance on the increase in lighting and its affect, CC Rupert Swarbrick also suggests contacting A. Brown at RVBC.

D. Discuss the Community Land Trust – Chipping. Peter Harrison is also on the local CLT. Discuss if the Parish Council will need to nominate a new member. Agree to fill the current parish councillor vacancy and to then address if they would also agree to become a CLT member or if a new representative would be required.

Meeting closed by Chair Councillor Davies @ 20.54

Kind regards,

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