

**Bowland with Leagram Parish Council meeting minutes September 28th
2023 Laund Farm Classroom @ 7.30pm**

Present: Chair – Councillor Claire Davies, Councillor – Joanne Hampson, Councillor John Stott, Councillor Billie Weld-Blundell, Councillor Simor Hore

1. Apologies for absence – Councillor John Weld-Blundell, Councillor Rupert Swarbrick
2. Minutes of the last meeting

Proposed – Councillor John Stott

Seconded – Councillor Jo Hampson

3. Business Interest to Declare - no
4. Matters arising:
 - A) – Verbal update on meeting held 03.08.23 with Chipping PC and Wheatley with Thornley PC regarding the War Memorial – Lorraine Bacon Clerk attended and provided details of the meeting and the outcome and agreed arrangements going forward. Council discuss providing David Urie with a gift from the PC as a thanks for his ongoing hard work in maintaining the War Memorial, agree to obtain a voucher for a meal from the Inn at Whitewell for £100 to give to Davis, Clerk Lorraine Bacon to arrange this.
 - B) War Memorial – discuss Wreath for Remembrance Day and who will attend to lay this on behalf of PC – Councillor Davies updates that David Urie will arrange for a wreath for Remembrance Day, John Stott agrees he will be able to place the wreath this year. To reimburse for the cost of the wreath
 - C) Verbal report on Brabins Trust/Village Hall – Councillor Billie Weld-Blundell provides a verbal update on the Trust meeting held 21/09/2023 where the financial report was explained. A local firm is now managing the properties. The eligibility and criteria was discussed for applying for a Brabins Trust grant, 11 grants for further education were issued along with school uniforms.
 - D) Village Hall Trust update – verbal report received from Councillor Davies.
 - E) Chipping Community Land Trust – move to next meeting for report from Councillor John Weld-Blundell
 - F) New Council Member Andrew Church-Taylor is completing all the necessary documentation and will attend as a PC to next meeting

G) PC have now joined the Traffic and Road Safety Group – email from T & R safety group forwarded to PC members 22.09.23 – **Councillor Davis will attend the next meeting in October**, the main issue currently for Chipping is the ongoing parking issues. Councillor Davies has liaised with other local PC who have attended these meetings. Their main issue arising is speeding through local villages.

5. Parish Noticeboard – see email sent 22.09.23 with options from Noticeboards Online, discuss again potential location for the new notice board, Councillor Hampson does not feel the location at the red phone box is suitable and other locations nearer the War Memorial were discussed. Discuss that a wooden notice board would be more in keeping with the environment.

Action – Councillor Davies to speak with Des Harwood to ask if he would be able to make a wooden noticeboard to our requirements

6. Drains – no issues raised
7. Parking in Chipping – discuss the recent collision at the junction of the War Memorial with cyclists and car. Awaiting update from Councillor Swarbrick with regards the photos he was going to take of this area as discussed at the AGM. Discuss if a request for double yellow lines should be made for this area to restrict parking or some other deterrent for speeding (eg rumble strips), there is also the issue of cyclists speeding two abreast into the village with minimal regard for oncoming traffic at this junction. Councillor Simon Hore will liaise with Councillor Swarbrick for an update. Councillor Hore mentions that in 2022 The Assistant Police commissioner to visit to look at these ongoing concerns.

Councillors discuss if it would be possible to arrange a meeting with RVBC council members, local Police Kevin Day, Councillor Swarbrick, Councillor Hore, and parish councillors to meet at the War Memorial to discuss the issues and options available considering the recent collision, there are fears of a loss of life at some stage in the future if the issues of parking dangerously on the road so that traffic coming through the village have to be on the wrong side of the road to reach the War Memorial junction.

Discuss that the app Love Clean Streets is available to report parking issues, the reports are added to a database of areas of concern.

ACTION - to liaise with Councillor Swarbrick, to request a meeting at the War Memorial junction with Officer Kevin Day, Councillor Hore, PC members to discuss how best to approach the issues of parking and given the recent collision the issue it is of increasing importance to resolve the issue.

8. Notice of AoB

- To check if any request from Wild Boar Park for wedding venue license – email received from [santo@\[REDACTED\].com](mailto:santo@[REDACTED].com), – discuss that there has been no request for comment or notification from RVBC of a wedding venue at the Wild Boar Park – **action – to contact RVBC regarding the wedding venue at Wild Boar Park**

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Email from Chris McWilliam re Trees – email discussed, **action Councillor Davis to liaise with John Weld-Blundell as the trees appear to be on his property and RVBC have stated to Chris McWilliam it is a landowner issue.**

School Transport – discuss the issue raised by Rachel Stott regarding the stopping of the local bus to take students to Bowland School. Councillor Hore provides a verbal update and history of the bus contract, historically it was between the bus company and parents, the bus company has withdrawn the service as it is not viable, there are 16 children using this service. RVBC need to take action for this as the school students are within the Leagram catchment area and have an obligation to provide transport to school.

Action – Councillor Davies to write to Councillor Swarbrick with the PC concerns and the obligation of the RVBC has to provide transport for students to and from school,

Planning application – 3/2023/0724 – no objections raised

Clerk wages/ J Baily (water) – cheques signed by Councillor Davis

PC historical notes on the War memorial renovation – discuss providing to Chipping Historical society, PC members agree that this would be of benefit to the Chipping Historical society, **Lorraine to action and pass items to David Urie**

Kings Coronation donation received – Councillor Davis will add to the parish newsletter asking for ideas from local parish for ideas to commemorate the Kings coronation within the parish.

Councillor Hampson raises the issue of a local shoot close to her property that is training gun dogs, there can be up to 12 cars attending the shoots and pellets are landing on her property raising concerns for safety in this area. Advise as this involves firearms to contact the local Police.

Action – Councillor Davies to liaise with John Weld-Blundell regarding this issue as it is on the Leagram estate

Councillor Davis thanks all for attending and meeting closed at 9.10pm