

# CURBAR PARISH COUNCIL

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**Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Thursday 4th January 2024 at 7.00pm at the Wesleyan Reform Church meeting room.**

Cllrs present:	Martyn Games (Chair)	Tony Crook
	Charlotte Cooper	Caralyn Denver
	Rob Scott	Alexa Masterson-Jones
Others present:	Pip Gilbert (Clerk)	Cllr Hobson (DCC)

## **Parish Council Meeting**

**0124/01 Apologies for absence** – Cllr Boothroyd (DDDC), Kath Potter (PDNPA) and Anthony Boswell (PCSO)

**0124/02 Variation of Order of Business** - None

**0124/03 Declarations of interest** - None

**0124/04 To determine if any items should be taken with public excluded** - None

**0124/05 Public participation** – Cllr Hobson suggested that the Council and members of the public continue to report highway issues such as potholes and flooding and she will try to help in getting issues addressed. She also encouraged people to sign up to alerts from DCC and the Environment Agency. She informed the Council of the forthcoming Environment Agency visit to Baslow Village Hall and will forward on the details to the Clerk. Cllr Hobson also gave a brief outline of the present DCC finance issues. She agreed to chase, on behalf of the Council, the extension of the yellow lines at Curbar Gap.

**0124/06 Minutes of the Parish Council meeting of 2 November 23** - It was resolved to confirm these as correct records along with the minutes of the co-option meeting on 15 November 23.

**0124/07 Communications received not reported elsewhere on the agenda** – Cllr Crook informed the Council of the potential village telephone ‘tree’ for supporting individuals in an emergency e.g. defibrillator use. He will provide an update after further conversations with Winster who have already established something similar.

### **0124/08 Planning applications:**

- a. **Email consultations noted** – NP/DDD/1123/1369 – Bibury, Riddings Lane, Curbar
- b. **Other planning matters** – Cllr Crook highlighted a note that he had sent to the Council prior to the meeting about the recent granting of the planning application for South View where the applicants had been advised by consultants that they did not need permission for residential use only for changes to door and window openings. This application was granted through delegated authority rather than being discussed and decided on via the planning committee. The Council was concerned that the barns would be used for accommodation with bedrooms and bathrooms fitted out once the work to doors and windows had been completed. The Council assumed that this would need permission contrary to consultants’ advice. It was agreed for Cllr Crook to write to PDNPA planning on behalf of the Council to highlight their concerns.

**0124/09 PDNPA Parishes Day & Peak Park Parishes Forum Management Committee** – Cllr Crook noted that he had attended his second meeting of the Committee. The Committee was given an update on research on affordable housing needs. The research indicated that there is more need than the Peak Park can actually accommodate. A formal consultation on the research will occur later in the year.

**0124/10 Mowing contractors** – It was resolved for the three-year mowing contract of the playing field and burial ground to be given to G E Davies subject to the Clerk receiving evidence from him of adequate insurance.

**0124/11 Burial Ground Committee** – The council were informed that there had been one funeral since the last meeting.

**0124/12 Playing field matters** – The Council discussed further options for the playing field including further playing equipment, fruit trees and the need for improving the benches in the playing field and elsewhere in the village. It was agreed for Cllr Scott to check the current state of the benches, the Clerk to contact Mark Carroll to query whether he would be happy to help improve the benches. It was also agreed to include benches and playing field improvements on the agenda for the next meeting.

**0124/13 Governor for Curbar Primary School** – The Primary School has a Governor vacancy. Cllr Crook agreed to discuss the role with his wife and liaise with Cllr Scott about the outcome of these discussions.

**0124/14 20s plenty, SID and winter road conditions** - The Council noted the purchase of the SID. Cllrs Scott and Masterson-Jones agreed to install the SID. Initially Cllr Scott will collect the data from the unit but this will be handed over to the Clerk in the near future. The need for a Council mobile was discussed along with a possible village WhatsApp group. It was agreed to discuss this matter further at the next meeting.

Cllr Denver highlighted the two recent accidents at the top of the village which was as a result of the road conditions. She noted that excess water runs off the fields onto the road, often washing the gravel down into the village which results in blocked drains. It was further noted that people are unaware of the steep Hill from Curbar Gap which is more of an issue in icy conditions. It was agreed for the Clerk to write to Highways highlighting the water issue and the need for steep hill signs.

Cllr Denver updated the Council on the snow warden work that had been completed on 13 November, 2 and 6 December.

**0124/15 Precept 2024-25** – As the Council plans to make further improvements to the playing field it was resolved to increase the precept from £8,003 to £8,500 for 2024-25.

**0124/16 RBS Bank accounts** – It was resolved to close the two RBS bank accounts, transferring the balances to the accounts with Unity Trust Bank.

**0124/17 Summary of Councils finance** – Clerk reported that the accounts were reconciled to the last bank statements and that there is £15,524 over the 4 bank accounts before the January payments.

**0124/18 Invoices for payment** Following payments were approved:

1. Already paid:

- GE Davies – October burial ground mow £90
- William Brindley – August to October playing field mow £597.50
- P Gilbert - November salary including overtime and backdated pay rise £423.30
- P Gibert – December salary/expenses of £405.76 of which £220 was for the Christmas tree.

2. To pay:

- Westcotec – SID £5,505.60
- P Gilbert – January salary £185.76

**0124/19 Clerk annual appraisal** – The Chair and Cllr Denver agreed to perform the annual appraisal with the Clerk prior to the March meeting

**0124/20 Date of next meeting** Agreed as 7pm on 7 March 2024 at the Wesleyan Reform Church meeting rooms.

The Chair closed the meeting at 8.15 pm.