

BAILDON PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES OF MEETING HELD AT BAILDON LINK ON MONDAY 13th July 2009

Present:

Councillor Marfell - Chair
Councillor Haley
Councillor Colman
Councillor Fisher
Councillor Ashton
Councillor L'Amie
Councillor Smith
Councillor Lancaster

In attendance:

Ruth Batterley- Clerk

Eleven members of the public attended the meeting.

Eileen Baxter talked about Shipley Glen Tramway. She had noticed that the tramway is now shut and there is a letter to the entrance of the attraction advising that £30,000 is needed to bring the tramway into use. Mrs Baxter asked about the money from the airport sale. Councillor L'Amie advised that £10,000 had been allocated from the airport fund for the tramway. The clerk will contact the Friends of The Tramway to establish the exact situation. Mrs Baxter mentioned the state of Station Road. The area where the Gas Company had dug the road up is still very bumpy. Councillor L'Amie will take this up with Bradford Council.

Cathy Andrews advised that in her area of Charlestown there is little provision for the elderly, young people and toddlers. Mrs Andrews had noticed that The Baptist Church is for sale and she would like some help in making this into a community facility.

Councillor Marfell noted that there is a Playbuilder application in for play equipment at the park behind the Shoulder of Mutton Public House. There is an insufficient playground on Dewhirst Road and it was decided to lobby Bradford Council for better play equipment on this site. Additionally the clerk is to write to Bradford Youth Services enquiring about activities for young people in this area.

John D Anderson noted that Bradford Council has now appointed a Climate Change Officer and he asked that the Parish Council appoints someone to speak at the conference he is arranging on climate change on 16/11/09. The clerk will put this onto the agenda for August.

Stewart Maine noted that the CAB has granted another four hours to Baildon.

28/09. To co-opt an elector as Parish Councillor

Mike Whitehouse and Denise Thomas both put themselves forward for co-option. Both candidates gave their reasons for wanting to become a councillor, a vote was taken and Denise Thomas was co-opted. Ms Thomas signed the declaration of acceptance of office and was given the Register of Members' Interest form to complete and return to the Clerk. She was also given the Code of Conduct and Standing Orders

29/09.

To accept any apologies for absence

Councillor Townend and Hartingdon's apologies were accepted. Councillor Malekottodjary was not present.

30/09 To note any disclosure of members interests (on any proposed item of debate)

There were none.

31/09 To confirm as a correct record the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Monday 8th June 2009

The acceptance of the minutes as an accurate record of the meeting was proposed by Councillor Colman, seconded by Councillor Haley and agreed.

32/09 Correspondence

- Councillor Marfell's letter to all District Councillors about sharing information had been circulated.
- Councillor Cole's response to the above had also been circulated.
- Bernard Stone's e-mail about letters of thanks to the people who had helped with the Baildon signs were agreed.
- The YLCA annual report and accounts were made available for inspection.
- The Pilot Accessibility Survey is to be completed by Councillor Marfell.

33/09 Financial Report

The financial information is at the back of these minutes. There were no questions on the Financial report.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

34/09 To receive the report on the Parish Council allotments and to establish a cultivation committee

The report had been circulated ahead of the meeting. Councillors Smith, L'Amie and Lancaster were proposed by Councillor Fisher, seconded by Councillor Marfell and agreed to form the Cultivation Committee. Councillor Fisher will support the committee.

35/09 To ask Bradford Council to cease bracken control on Baildon Moor as it constitutes a waste of money.

Councillor Fisher's document had been circulated prior to the meeting. He noted that the attempt to control bracken on Baildon Moor is a waste of money and that this money needs to be spent on other things to help the Moor. He believes that there is no intelligent thinking about the use of money for the Moor.

Councillor Fisher proposed that a letter should be written to Bradford Council asking them to stop bracken control on Baildon Moor. This was seconded by Councillor Marfell. Seven councillors were in favour of the motion and two against.

36/09 That the Parish Council facilitates an audit of the bio – diversity of Baildon Moor and other semi natural areas through the parish planning process as a means to raise their importance and understanding of their long term future

Councillor Fisher has a team of volunteers who are prepared to carry out the audit. This was proposed by Councillor Fisher, seconded by Councillor Ashton and agreed.

INFORMATION ITEMS

37/09 To receive the quarterly budget update.

The update had been circulated ahead of the meeting.

38/09 Updates on previous items

- **Grants** Sarah Baxter from the St Hugh's Centre attended the meeting in support of the application for £649.75 to replace the flooring in the entrance hall to the community centre. The awarding of £649.75 for the replacement flooring at St Hugh's was proposed by Councillor Marfell, seconded by Councillor Smith and agreed unanimously. The power to provide the grant comes from the Local Government Act, 1972, sec 113 and the Local Government and Misc provisions Act 1976, sec19.
- **Planning.** Councillor Colman reported that it had been a busy month. Thirteen applications had been received. Ten are to have no comment by the Parish Council. The Parish Council recommends that 4, Westgate and 18 Springfield Road be rejected. The Parish Council has asked for an extension for comments for the application for Back Baildon Road.
- **Warden Update.** Concerns have been raised about how the appointment of the Bradford Wardens is going to affect the Baildon Parish Council warden's position. Councillor Marfell is meeting with Chris Flecknoe to discuss this.
- **War Memorial.** Councillor Smith reported that he had met with Malcolm Wright, Ash Mohammed from Asset Management and Paul Dwyer from the Legal services team at Bradford. The War Memorial at Browgate is owned by a Charitable Trust and the main trustee is Bradford Council. The War Memorial has been surveyed and the repairs have been scheduled to start by the end of August. By Remembrance Sunday the memorial should be in a good state of repair.
- **Garden Share.** Councillor L'Amie circulated a document with a time line for the scheme. The Cultivation Committee will consider the action required for the scheme and report back to the council.
- **Parish Plan.** The clerk advised that she had written to groups in Baildon inviting them to a meeting on 16/09/09 about setting up a steering group. Councillors Colman and Smith volunteered to help the clerk to ring around the groups to encourage attendance.
- **Community Handbook.** The clerk advised that she is gathering advertising. Councillor Ashton reminded Councillors that the date for submission of their checked entries for the handbook is 20/07/09.
- **Christmas Lights.** There is nothing to report this month.
- **Litter Bins.** All are now in place.
- **Carnival.** Councillor Ashton reported that the weather was fine and the Parish council tent a success.
- **Walk to School Week.** The clerk reported the success of the week. Councillor Smith who had attended at the Baildon COE presentation reported that the school is having difficulties with parking at school drop off and pick up times. Councillor Marfell will raise the matter at the Ward Tasking meeting.

- **Friends of Baildon Moor.** Councillor Marfell noted that the group is up and running and their website is www.baildonmoor.org

39/09 To consider promotional opportunities for items on the agenda

Councillor Thomas, problems with parking at Baildon Church of England School, Garden Share and the successful grant application for the St Hugh's Centre are all to be mentioned.

40/09 Ward matters

Councillor Smith noted that he has been informed that the chain link fencing at Sir Titus Salt School is to be removed.

Councillor Marfell noted that there is a transit van regularly parked on Plantation Way. The van is parked on the pavement obstructing the pathway of buggies and wheel chairs.

41/09 To note the date and time of the next meeting as being Monday 10th August 2009 at 7:15pm.