

**BAILDON PARISH COUNCIL  
MINUTES OF MEETING HELD AT BAILDON LINK ON  
MONDAY 12th October 2009**

**Present:**

Councillor Marfell - Chair  
Councillor Haley  
Councillor Smith  
Councillor Hartingdon  
Councillor Ashton  
Councillor Lancaster  
Councillor Townend  
Councillor Thomas  
Councillor Fisher

**In attendance:**

Ruth Batterley- Clerk  
Danny Jackson- Bradford Council

Ten members of the public attended the meeting.

Mr Jenkinson from Station Road advised of the light from the shop sign at 93, Baildon Road. Mrs Green also a resident showed Council photos of the sign. The clerk will report the sign to Planning Enforcement and also environmental nuisance.

Mrs Whittaker noted that the 50 mile per hour speed limit on Glen Road near the Bracken Hall Centre is too fast. She would also like to see the disused toilets at Lucy Hall Drive turned into a car park.

A resident raised the issue of parking on pavements preventing access for prams and wheelchairs. It was felt that specifics of days and locations were needed. Councillor Marfell will report this at the next Ward Tasking meeting.

Stewart Maine enquired about the situation with the Towngate Rooms.

**68/09. To accept apologies for absence**

Councillors Colman, L'Amie and Malekottodjary's apologies were accepted.

**69/09. To note any disclosure of Members' interests (on any proposed item of debate)**

There were none.

**70/09 To confirm as a correct record the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 14<sup>th</sup> September 2009**

Resolved that the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 14<sup>th</sup> September be Approved and signed as a correct record.

All present were in favour.

## **71/09 Correspondence**

- E-mail re:garden Share Scheme
- Invite to Shipley and Bingley Voluntary Services AGM
- Letter from Bradford Council sent to residents about progress of designation of Conservation Area
- E-mail re:West Lane plaque
- Invite to YLCA Branch meeting
- Integrated Youth Support booklet from Bradford council Youth Services
- Letter from Joan Hyde re: Moorland Crescent and Jenny Lane

## **72/09 Financial report**

The clerk detailed all expenditure since the last meeting. The report is detailed at the back of these minutes. There were no questions on the financial report.

## **DISCUSSION ITEMS**

### **73/09 To approve the signing of the letter from Bradford Council about the Christmas lights**

Resolved that the Christmas lights letter from Bradford Council be signed.

All present were in favour.

### **74/09 To receive Danny Jackson, Countryside Manager, to discuss his letter about bracken control**

There was considerable discussion about this item. Mr Jackson explained that the Countryside Service would like popular support for their activity on the moor. He further explained that there is an opportunity for funding for the Higher Level Stewardship scheme which could potentially bring in funds for the management work on the moor. The discussions about the scheme are at an early stage but he will return to the Parish Council at a later meeting to update on progress.

### **75/09 To approve the Cultivation Committee's Terms of Reference**

Resolved that the Cultivation Committee's Terms of Reference be agreed.

All present were in favour.

### **76/09 To approve the Garden Share Scheme and £500 to cover costs for this scheme. The funds are to be taken from the Green Initiatives budget**

Resolved that the Garden Share Scheme be approved and that £500 be approved to cover costs for the scheme.

All present were in favour.

**77/09 To approve the 1% national pay rise for the Clerk and warden as agreed for all local government staff, by the Joint National Council and to backdate this pay rise to April 2009**

Resolved to backdate the 1% pay rise to April 2009 for the Clerk and Warden.

All present were in favour.

**78/09 To appoint a Councillor to cover financial procedures should the clerk be unavailable**

Resolved that Councillor Fisher should cover financial procedures should the clerk be unavailable.

All present were in favour.

**79/09 To request suggestions for next year's budget**

Councillor Marfell explained that he would like councillors to think about next year's budget under the headings that they are champions for. He asked councillors to think of budget items and broad costings and proposals.

**INFORMATION ITEMS**

**80/09 To receive the quarterly budget update**

The clerk had circulated the update prior to the meeting. She drew Council's attention to the under spend on Grants.

**81/09 To receive the approved Annual return from the external auditor**

The clerk had circulated a copy of the approved return to all councillors.

**82/09 To receive information on the following ongoing issues and to decide further action where necessary**

- **Planning** Councillor Hartingdon noted that September had been a busy month. Two applications were discussed 09/0453/SEC: Moorside Equestrian Centre and it was resolved to object to this application using the grounds that the Planning Office had used to reject the previous application for this address. 11, Westgate 09/045701/HOU is to be recorded as no comment.
- **Warden Update** It was resolved that the Warden should look into the problems of pavement parking as reported in Public Participation.
- **Baildon heritage Trails** The Clerk reported that the order had been placed for the booklets. She further advised that to produce the booklets would require a leased machine, with associated hire and maintenance costs, together with a guillotine.
- **Christmas Lights** Because of the issue with the amount of public liability insurance for the electrical fitter, lights will not be put onto Bradford Council buildings for this year. The date of the switch on is December 2<sup>nd</sup> from 6:00pm – 9:00pm. Local crafts will be on display, Santa and his elves will be attending and the event is to be publicised. Councillor Marfell thanked Mrs Crowther, Mrs Padwick and the other helpers for their work for this event. He asked that they do a short written report.

- **Notice boards** The clerk reported that Willy Ellis has offered to move the notice board at Ian Clough for no charge.
- **Cultivation Committee** Councillor Smith has been appointed Chair of this Committee.
- **Parish Plan** The next meeting is on 15<sup>th</sup> October at 7:30pm at Baildon Link.
- **SCAPAG** Councillor Marfell had circulated his report.
- **Ward Matters** The gate on the entrance to Kroll Road on Green Lane needs refitting. Earth has been dug out from the garden and thrown onto council land. The road has been repaired along Coach Road. The fencing still is to be removed.

**83/09 To consider promotional opportunities for items on the agenda**

Resolved that The Cultivation Committee, Garden Share, Christmas Lights and the Handbook should be reported.

**84/09 To note the date and time of the next meeting as being Monday 9<sup>th</sup> November 2009 at 7:15pm**