

## **BASLOW AND BUBNELL PARISH COUNCIL**

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### **BASLOW & BUBNELL PARISH MEETING**

#### **NOTES**

#### **FOR THE MEETING BEING HELD ON 21<sup>st</sup> April 2015 AT 7PM IN BASLOW METHODIST CHAPEL**

1. Attendees:

- Ellie Adams
- Richard Clark
- Doreen Gridley
- Richard Powell
- Malcolm Roper
- Jan Williams-Menlove
- Jane Buckham
- David Dalrymple-Smith
- Joanne Keen
- June Powell
- Catherine Treves
- Christopher Brown
- David Dawson
- Ian Mailer
- Sarah Reid
- Julia Warne

2. Introduction – Cllr Chris Brown welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked everyone for attending. He explained that a Parish Meeting is a legal requirement. It is an opportunity for the Parish Council and organisations and charities within the village to report on their activities during the year and to work together to improve the community in which they live and work. Cllr Brown explained the change of meeting date was due to the election and a requirement by law to hold it beforehand.

3. Update from:

- Baslow & Bubnell Parish Council – Chris Brown –
  - The Parish Council has continued to pursue its big project of the Baslow Woodland Park. The Working Party has been expanded to include members of the community as well as Councillors. The lease with Chatsworth is to be signed imminently and plans for the area will be on display for comments at Sportsfest.
  - The Council has facilitated debate about the future of the Rutland Arms and is a statutory consultee on all planning applications.
  - It continues to support local organisations through the S137 grant. Things that have benefited are the Sportsfield Association, the big lunch and the Christmas lights. Despite having limited funds we are keen to support local groups.
  - This last year the Council has taken on responsibility for the strip of land along Over Lane from the County council. The Orchard Group are planting some trees there.
  - 2 councillors were invited to speak to the Cubs following on from the Parish Meeting last year.
  - The current term of office for Councillors ends on 7<sup>th</sup> May and the Council needs 10 Councillors. 7 have stood forward and so we have 3 vacancies and if anyone here would like to be a councillor or know someone please ask them to contact the Clerk.
- Baslow WI – Kate Treves, President – Nothing more to report from last year. The WI is very busy! The WI has supported various activities in the village such as Sportsfest with refreshments. They hosted the Group meeting and the school choir came down which was wonderful. There are about 69 members not all from the village. They are on Facebook, Twitter and have a website.
- Baslow Choir – Ian Mailer – The Choir has had a management takeover since the last Parish Meeting. There is a new committee and a new logo. Biggest concert of the year was in Ecclesall Church earlier in April (investing our money in an event for fun). Copies of programme are available for people to see what the choir does. Next concert in Baslow is in the Parish Church on 4<sup>th</sup> July with an American theme. There is special concert of combined choirs in Chesterfield Church on 16<sup>th</sup> May and Christmas annual 2 night show in Curbar Church. The choir are very keen to have members who come from all over. No auditions! Altos and Tenors especially keen on. 52 members of which 4 are from Baslow.
- Baslow Methodist Church – Jan Williams-Menlove –
  - In Autumn the Methodist Chapel joined with the Parish Church and held an Alpha course which was good not just because of the food! Continuing links with St Anne's and some ladies are meeting with St Anne's women's fellowship.
  - Café has been very successful. The money raised is given out to other organisations such as Ashgate, Helen's Trust and Bluebell Wood. About £50 per time.
  - On a Sunday there is a change to the morning service. There is also a café style church at 2.30 after café closes. They drink tea and eat leftover cake and is on 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in each month. Very informal and enjoyable.
  - Pancake party with children from the school and managed to get golden syrup off carpet.
  - Big Lunch 7<sup>th</sup> June.
  - In September Rev Anne is re-retiring so will be without a Minister and will have to share the circuit minister. A bit sad.
  - Changes in the Chapel in last few months of roles and David Adams now property clerk. Small room at the back is now utilised for crafts. Please do come and visit us.

- Baslow Health Centre – Jane Buckham – Had a quieter year than last year. Autumn saw them protecting the dispensary in the surgery. The application for a new pharmacy was refused and just waiting to see if the applicants are appealing. Lots of local support which we are very grateful for. There is a need to involve younger people in the patient participation group (PPG). Going to try and set up a Facebook and Twitter account to access patients who are not part of the PPG. There are about 4k patients at the surgery and 56 on PPG. The PPG protested about the buses by working with groups within the village and other local PPGs. Emphasis on continuing to subsidise the community buses. AGM is on 12th May at 7pm with a speaker from the Clinical Profession. St Anne's Church Rooms. Everyone welcome.
- Senior Citizens – Julia Warne – Meets in the Village Hall every second Friday open to members who are 60 or over. More than 60 members from Baslow, Bakewell, Sheffield, Grindleford, etc. Always a speaker. £12 for membership and get sandwiches and cake and a raffle ticket and 3 outings a year and a theatre visit and Christmas lunch which is additional but subsidised. No longer have the Community bus as cost too much so now have a system where people are collected amongst the members.
- History Group – David Dalrymple-Smith – Regular group – inside in the winter and outside in the summer. Plan to develop a village walk leaflet is still there but not yet developed.
- Village Hall – Malcolm Roper – Mike Woffenden sent his apologies. Busy year embarked on an exercise to change the Trustee structure but the Charity Commission has dragged its feet a bit and there is a technicality causing a problem but should be resolved soon. Bookings very busy. Average usage is 104 hours per month and £1300 per month. Money slightly down on last year due to the loss of a craft fair. New suite of cupboards in back corridor. Got wifi and new spotlights on main stage and, thanks to Cllr Longden, a pull down screen on the main stage. Wifi code is on the noticeboard and need to have the PA cabinet on to have wifi on.
- Orchard Group – David Dawson – Now in 3<sup>rd</sup> year of planting and is being used quite well by local people to relax in. Group itself has email circulation of over 70 and 26 subscribing members to help fund activities. The Group has run 2 successful apple days. Last year about 50% more than the year before. This year's is on October 10<sup>th</sup> will be even larger. The Group have tried to put on social activities for the village like the treasure hunt. This year will see a Christmas quiz possibly the same weekend as the switching on of the lights. Plan to finish planting on Over Lane. Also aim to convert part of the area around oak tree and story circle to a wild flower meadow. It's your neighbourhood scheme has rated the area as 4 out of 5 which is good for such a new project.
- St Anne's Church – Richard Powell – apologies from the Rector who has a week of AGMs including St Anne's on Thursday at 7.30. One major project this past year which was the refurbishment of the organ. Daniel Hyde gave a recital who used to live in Baslow. Now an instrument able to play in 3 modes – original pipe organ, electric organ or a mixture of both. Only 2<sup>nd</sup> one where the restoration has kept the original pipes. Cost £27k of which £24k was donations. Very successful project. Continue to look for young families in the village and messy church once a month is very successful. 9.30am meet for a bacon butty and 10am go into church for activities and a service. Have a youth group – KFC (Kitted out for Christ) run by a youth worker with help from parents. Under leadership of rector have a service on a Sunday called Inspire which is a relaxed service. Wednesday morning prayer book service. Getting a good number of families. Aim to open up the Church to a number of organisations in the village as much as possible. Next major project is replacement of stonework on the tower. Scaffolding on the tower and likely to cost £40k-£50K. Grade 2 listed building. Fortunately have no lead on the roof. Parish News continues to grow from month to month thanks to the editor and advertisers. Inclusive of all and grateful to Spar shop who sell half the copies each month. Any ideas on how to improve it or what like to see in it please let them know.
- Christian Aid – June Powell – May 10<sup>th</sup> to 16<sup>th</sup> when road envelope collection takes place. Posters and banners will start appearing around the village. If you can display one please contact June. £2,232 raised within the week. Musical concert is to be held on Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> June with local artists from the village taking part – Baslow Belles, Opera Singer, Violin and piano and people doing monologues not forgetting the group of dads who are singing. KFC also doing sketches. Tickets now on sale £8 for adults and free for children.
- Garden Society – Doreen Gridley – Busy year as hosted Gardeners Question Time in the Hall and the village as a whole supported it. Lots of locals asked questions. Following on from last year we have tried to coordinate with the History Group and having a joint outing. Help on apple day with a plant sale. Promote other group activities at meetings. Looking for help with a website as would like to set one up. Where are we with Calendar coordination? Baslow in Bloom is beyond us at the moment but Doreen has been going around encouraging businesses to improve their frontages with flowers and this has worked. Looking for some improvements on the roundabouts and working with others to do that. Got an idea to try and plant wildflower meadows and Sheffield University are willing to help with this.
- Pottery – Doreen Gridley – People at Fischers tried to encourage everyone to have an open evening where all businesses open late. This happened around Christmas but not particularly successful. It would be a nice idea if the same weekend as the Christmas lights are switched on that events are held in other parts of the village on other days with perhaps lights on the village green, choir singers, quiz, craft fair.
- Police – PC Wolveston – New beat officer for the area. 8 calls in the last month. Any assistance required? St Anne's has a problem with people who use the graveyard as a dog toilet. Where stand

trying to stop these people? Straying on to private property and dog fouling is not a police offence but a civil offence with the District Council. Can come and provide some education to people. Will make enquiries and get back to you.

4. How can we support each other and support the village?

Update and see if things are still important from last year. The items from last year:

- Improve communication and have a village website – David Dalrymple-Smith has an interest in a comprehensive village diary and each organisation has its own method and not able to communicate to village as a whole. Only way to get it is for someone to go out and badger people. David is prepared to do this for a limited time. Would this be a good thing to do? How and need a group of people to work with? All people taking part to advertise it within own organisation. There is the existing Parish Council website and does have the facility of a calendar on it. Suggest that use Calendar on Parish Council website rather than set up a new one. Should explore this before setting up another system.
- Improving the Environment – this has started with work from the Garden Group. Eye sore is the land at the bottom of Eaton Hill. Parish Council is trying to liaise with the owner on this area. Look to have something in the middle of the green so it looks nice all year round. This was supported. There are practical issues about liaising with the District Council to allow this to happen. The Parish Council would have to take on the up keep which will mean additional cost which may need to be reflected in the precept. If an organisation wants to approach the Parish Council on this it would be considered. Trees on the green are District Council responsibility and the Parish Clerk will report these.
- Sportsfest expanded to a Baslow week – Not practical as not a half term etc. A group met before Christmas and there was a suggestion to look at expanding the weekend when the Big Lunch is on. This year there is a concert as well and so just need something in the afternoon on Saturday but it may be the date PTA are having their Summer Fair. When Christmas lights switch on be nice to have a Christmas weekend. Suggestion something on the village green on the Saturday. Orchard Group has booked the village Hall for a quiz on Saturday evening and perhaps look to have a craft fair on the Sunday. PTA would run a craft table for the children and Santa's grotto. With a bit of effort and support then it could be a couple of decent weekends and so keen to hear from others. Advent carols on the Green on the Sunday. The last weekend in November. Baslow Choir may support and WI may be involved with a Fair. Café on the Green are keen to support. Devonshire Arms offering to do a Hog Roast on Saturday.
- Village Shop – This has been looked at by others namely Baslow SOS. Concern was raised about looking at what the community want from the Rutland Arms building other than just a pub. For example the surgery is unable to expand and so not able to attract the other services such as dentist. Not directly the responsibility of the Parish Council. Which sort of model would be the best for the village – building owned by the community but leased to a tenant or owned and run by the community. Dan Kirby is the person to speak too.
- Support elderly population but providing a space for exercise – is there something which should be better coordinated within the village? PPG are trying to compile a list of groups and services for elderly and disadvantaged groups. This could be linked to the Parish Council website

5. Cllr Brown thanked everyone for attending and set the date for the next meeting.

Thanks were also given for the updates emailed out by the Clerk which are then passed on to members of other organisations.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING – 19<sup>th</sup> April 2016 at 7pm