

## **BASLOW AND BUBNELL PARISH COUNCIL**

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

#### **NOTES**

#### **FOR THE MEETING BEING HELD ON 10<sup>th</sup> MARCH 2016 AT 7.30PM IN BASLOW VILLAGE HALL**

1. Attendees:

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| • Georgina Abdy     | • Janet Bowden    | • Lauren Brewell        |
| • Christopher Brown | • Richard Clark   | • David Dalrymple-Smith |
| • David Dawson      | • Doreen Gridley  | • Michael Healy         |
| • Jane Healey       | • Keith Maslen    | • Richard Powell        |
| • Joanne Shapland   | • Sheila Travis   | • Simon Turton          |
| • David Upton       | • Christine Upton | • Mike Gilbert          |

2. Introduction

Cllr Brown welcomed everyone to the meeting and explained that this was not a Parish Council meeting. This meeting is to enable the village residents, groups, organisations and businesses to come together and share information.

3. How can we coordinate better?

*Festivals Group*

David Dawson was thinking of having a public meeting to talk about the future of the Winter Festival and whether it has a future. This meeting seemed a good place to raise it. David Dawson set up an account in his name for the event and it currently has £1,400 in it. What to do now and where should a committee sit? Should the committee be a subcommittee of the Parish Council or Village Hall Committee, should it set up as a stand-alone group? David Dawson was bringing it here for a general discussion and any suggestions for the £1,400.

Keep some of the money for the insurance for future events. The expenditure of the event was £2,700 and the income was nearly £4,000 (most of which was sponsorship).

There was a discussion about the size of the tree and scope for a larger impact. The tree was a lovely effect on the green.

Thank you to David Dawson for organising it. A chain fence or wooden fence around the village green to make it more like a green. There was a request for more planters on the green to give more all year round colour. Request to have the trees pollarded – Clerk will report this to the District Council

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Need to set up a proper account to put the funds into.

David Dawson suggested a number of organisations who may like to be involved. He thinks a group of 8 or 9 people should sit on the Committee. There was agreement that a Committee should be established. The Church PCC would like to be involved in the Village Festival Group. The Methodist Chapel, Baslow Sportsfield and WI would like to support but are unsure if a member will join the Committee.

4. Baslow Woodland Park

Cllr Chris Brown updated the meeting on progress over the last year. There were 2 working parties with villagers in the Spring and the probation service undertook some clearance in the Autumn.

There is a planning application submitted for a change of use for the land.

Some grants have been applied for. Unfortunately the Awards for All grant application was unsuccessful.

Peter Holt explained that there were still issues to resolve between the Sportsfield and Parish Council regarding screening and permission to access the woodland via the Sportsfield. The Woodland Park will be developed and if necessary access will be via the caravan park drive.

5. Baslow Village Website

Simon Turton explained the new website. It is a community resource and the success of it will be

by being used by all the village and the community groups and businesses.

The businesses have been asked to pay £20 to remain on the website. This is because they do not contribute to the precept. The business rates they pay do not go to the Parish Council.

Are there links to other websites? Yes

Calendar of events – please inform the Clerk and she can add to the website calendar. The more the merrier.

6. How should the Parish Council spend the precept?

- How it is spent now – the precept forms part of the Council Tax which is collected by the District Council and the Parish Council element is passed on. The precept for 2016/2017 will go up 3% to £14,574. The precept is spent:
  - 55% on administration – the Clerk salary, room hire, stationary, subscriptions, website
  - 14% on maintenance of the burial ground, amenity area and old ford
  - 15% on maintenance of the playground existing and new
  - 6% miscellaneous maintenance such as the village clock, grit bins, benches
  - 8% on S137 grants
- How could it be spent? – The village green maintenance, a maypole for the school using the hole for the Christmas tree and improving the Old Ford. Suggestion to put these on the website to generate interest and feedback.
- S137 is a grant for any community group needing support to benefit the village or villagers.

7. Updates from any groups and businesses

- St Anne's Church – Rev Mike Gilbert – Thank the village for the support given to Church. The events are well supported which is wonderful. The Church made about £500 for Christian Aid with the hungry lunch. The Church supports fountain of life charity and church on the bus. This year there will be cross stations around the village telling the story of Easter.
- Methodist Chapel – Sheila Travis – There is a small and dedicated congregation. Works alongside St Anne's. There is a cafe which generates money to donate to charity, they support a school in Jaipur and the Big Lunch will be held on 12<sup>th</sup> June and it will be a royal theme for the Queen's birthday. There is a pancake party for the school children. There is a prayer letter which goes round the village. Each month an area of the village is prayed for.
- Baslow Surgery PPG – Gordon McPhie – It is a group of 10 – 12 patients who meet every couple of months in the Health Centre. It is to improve communication between the Health Centre and patients. The focus at the moment is the isolated. At the request of the doctors they are mapping the patient area for those patients. Urgent prescriptions delivery service being developed and produced some newsletters. There is a facebook and twitter account. There is an email database for 534 patients. From a recent MORI poll 94% would recommend the practice to new residents 97% experience as good
- Baslow WI – Janet Bowden – Good number of members and meet ever second Wednesday in the month and craft group every 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday. There are walking, cycling and sewing groups. Support local charities such as Helen's Trust and the Air Ambulance. A few of the smaller WIs nearby have closed and their members have joined Baslow.
- Senior Citizens – Richard Powell apologised on behalf of Anne Tempest. The Group have enjoyed the last year, meeting every other Friday. Speakers and catering team have been excellent. Like all Committees our members are dedicated but run a bit thin at times. The community bus became too expensive so the contract ended. Luckily the majority have their own transport who support those who don't. The group has 14 married couples, total membership is 70 - 3 are 90 plus but mainly the age range is 60-80. Valuable village service which must not be allowed to dwindle.
- Baslow Choir – Has a wide geographic membership who are actively and permanently seeking new members. Meet every Wednesday at 7.30pm. Next concert is on St George's Day in Sheffield and in the Summer having a concert in the Painted Hall at Chatsworth and the St Anne's Church in Baslow.
- Garden Society - Doreen Gridley – third Thursday of the month in the village hall. Indoors September to April and then trips during the better weather. 75 members and last meeting 60 people attended.
- Baslow Sportfield – Peter Holt – This year there will not be a Sportsfest. This is partly due to a reduction in public funding and concern that if there is bad weather the Sportfield will be carrying losses. There will be a Soccerfest on 26<sup>th</sup> June for the children. The Sportfield has had a good year with events to raise funds. The four clubs are doing very well – Bowls is surviving. Tennis has more junior members than adults. Cricket juniors and seniors has amalgamated. Soccer is doing well but is struggling to cover its costs. The Pavillion is creaking a little and it needs constant updating. This year's project is to

renew the changing rooms and showers. There is now a security system installed.

- Community Orchard – David Dawson – The area at Over Lane has been planted. There is a working party this weekend which will include grafting. There will be an Apple Day on October 15<sup>th</sup>. There will be an AGM and quiz night in April
- History Group – David Dawson – This meets monthly. The next meeting is 21<sup>st</sup> March in the Church Rooms. They have developed a walk round the village explaining some of the history.
- The Village Shop and Post Office – David Upton – Currently the only shop in the village but that is set to change with the potential opening of the CoOp in the Rutland Arms. They feel they will not be able to continue if the CoOp shop opens. They would like to put on record their thanks to all those who have given their support over the last 2 years.

8. Plenary

A common thread has been a plea for more members. Is there scope for a 'freshers' fair for all community groups to promote themselves. Doreen Gridley offered to use the craft fair to do this or it could be a stand-alone item or part of a festival event. Parish Council will help facilitate this. It was suggested to do a weekend afternoon when the weather improves. Is there any appetite to develop a heritage centre for Baslow? Where could this be?

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9. Conclusions and thank you

Cllr Chris Brown thanked everyone for coming

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Freshers Fair – next few months

EU – in or out? – Date to be confirmed – May 2016

March/April 2017