

BASLOW AND BUBNELL PARISH COUNCIL

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AGENDA

**FOR THE MEETING BEING HELD ON 21ST APRIL 2015 AT 7PM IN BASLOW
METHODIST CHURCH**

1. Attendees
2. Introduction Councillor Christopher Brown
3. Update from:
 - Baslow & Bubnell Parish Council Councillor Christopher Brown
 - Baslow WI Kate Treves, President
 - Baslow Choir Ian Mailer
 - Baslow Methodist Church Jan Williams-Menlove
 - Baslow Health Centre Jane Buckham
 - Senior Citizens Julia Warne
 - Other organisations present
4. How can we support each other and support the village? All
5. Plenary
6. Conclusions and thank you Councillor Christopher Brown

DATE OF NEXT MEETING – 19th April 2016

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NOTES

FOR THE MEETING BEING HELD ON 15TH MAY 2014 AT 7PM IN BASLOW VILLAGE HALL

1. Attendees:

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| • Christopher Brown | • David Dalrymple-Smith | • Mary Gwenald |
| • David Dawson | • Malcolm Roper | • Peter Holt |
| • Sarah Reid | • Julia Warne | • Catherine Treves |
| • Richard Clark | • Mike Gilbert | • Alan Edwards |
| • Nicky Griffiths | • Peter Skinner | • Sally Billau |
| • Jan Williams-Menlove | • David Upton | • Doreen Gridley |
| • Anne Dawson | • Christine Upton | • Charles Palmer |
| • Ian Moorcroft | • Keith Maslen | • Michael Woffenden |
| | • Jane Buckham | • Anne Roper |

2. Introduction – Cllr Dawson 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 Dawson then explained his feelings on the village being a little split into different groups and that there are not many opportunities for them to come together. The idea for tonight is to look at how we can work together and priorities for the future.

3. Presentation from:

- Baslow & Bubnell Parish Council – Cllr Brown explained that the Parish Council is a keen bunch of 10 individuals from a cross section of the Community, who have recently appointed a new Clerk, Sarah Porter and have revamped the Council Website. The Parish Council is the bottom tier of local Government. Our powers are limited but have great support within the District and County Council particularly from Cllr Mike Longden. Last year saw the opening of the Community Orchard and the Council are currently working on the new recreation ground. A site has been identified and negotiations on a lease from Chatsworth need completing before it can progress and be consulted on further. They are debating having a Baslow and Bubnell Facebook page for the village which all organisations could link their events and websites too.
- Derbyshire County Council and Derbyshire Dales District Council – Cllr Longden explained the area he covers and how long he has been representing the area. The District Council has an annual turnover of £13,000,000 and the County Council has a £1.25 billion budget and employs 45,000 people. The District Council covers waste, housing and is the licensing authority. The County Council covers highways, adult care, education and has taken on the public health agenda and manages the Well-Being Board. The County Council is also managing the superfast broadband installation. He then talked about the savings which the Councils' need to make, the changes in adult social care and the approaching shortage of carers. Issues for Baslow and Bubnell he feels are the traffic going through Goosegreen, the increasing amount of flyposting and harnessing the community spirit.
- Chatsworth Scout Group – Nicky Griffiths explained that the Chatsworth Scout Group (the Chatsworth Adventure) is 35 years old this year which is a relatively young group nationally. The age range is 6 to 14 year olds of which there are 130 and there are 40 14 – 18 year olds. There are 8 Scout groups in the Peak District and Chatsworth makes up 38% of the young people. The Scout Group is open to females (currently 79 in Peaks and 65% of those are from Chatsworth). They get involved in Community events, activities and camp once a month. There were 630 challenge badges given out in the last year and this is a big achievement. The Hut has been revamped in the last few years with thanks to Cllr Longden and the Duke's Charitable Trust. Ask the Scouts to help out and come and use the Hall.
- Baslow WI – Catherine Treves is President of Baslow WI which is a largely local group of 62 members. It is open to ladies of all ages. The meetings are in Village Hall on 2nd and 4th Wednesday of the month. The 2nd Wednesday has the business meeting, a speaker and social time. A range of speakers; most recently about history, gardening, tai chi and a GP. The 4th week is a WISA social and is to bring an activity such as knitting and crochet. Small groups also get together to do other things e.g. walking, cycling, drama. They interact locally through the planting of the oak tree on the roundabout, provided 2 seats in the village and providing the tea and cake at Sportsfest. WI is not just Baslow but part of a wider federation of Derbyshire run from Derby and then Nationally from London. They debate key things most recently organ donation. Now on Facebook (Baslow WI) and has a website.
- Baslow Choir – Peter Skinner gave a short history of the Choir in that it used to be the WI choir and then became Baslow Village Choir with men joining and now the Baslow Choir. 60 strong and don't

4. hold auditions so if you think you can sing just come along any Wednesday at the Village Hall. Summer concert starting to be rehearsed. Concert is held in St Anne's on 5th July. There are also 2 Christmas concerts and a Winter concert. There is a mailing list and website. Also hold a sponsored walk, the Baslow Boot Bash, which is 26 and 14 miles.
- St Anne's PCC, Baslow – Rev Mike Gilbert has been here 18 months and loves worshipping together with Baslow. The Church is reaching out to young people. Baslow youth group held on Thursday's and holding a messy Church. The school is a Church school and so Mike is in school often and a Governor and school come to Church. Pastoral Care support and visiting is important. Mike would like the village to connect together to have fun and the Church is trying to help by hosting the Turning on of Christmas Lights. Suggestions on how to make Church better please come and say.
 - Baslow Methodist Church – Jan started by saying she is not good at public speaking but taking money as the Treasurer! Good Group who meet on a Sunday and Thursday am. Cliff College join then too. There are increasing links with the Parish Church. Seen as a community church and pleased with the success of Church Café (next one on 14th June). Free to come but donations welcome to help with fundraising to support charities. The Big Lunch is held annually and is 1st June along with the Pancake party with the school. This is now so popular and so issue tickets. The Hall is rented out during the week to groups such as the Parish Council. Finally the Church goes Carol singing around the village and perhaps look to join with Baslow Choir on that.
 - Baslow Village Hall – Mike Woffenden felt he didn't have to explain where the Hall was as all here! Hall is the secular heart of the village where people can pursue hobbies, past times, games, hear talks and hold meetings. It is a support for the community. Normally there are 5 trustees currently have 4 with a vacancy. The Trustees endeavour to have a well kept, well equipped and safe hall for the village. They are conscious of the need to help village events and be the glue to bring things together. They have held quiz nights to help raise funds for other groups.
 - Village Spar and Post Office – David and Christine Upton were present and torn on what to present. Village Spar is privately owned and trades under the name. Commitment of David and Christine and their entire family and they have real challenges in front of them. They have been running for 11 years and in the last 3 months the shop is now also the Post Office as otherwise there would be no post office in Baslow. It has been a challenge to learn it all. Have felt the strain of recession in the village shop; then just coming out of that and Calver shop opened which has been a struggle. Rutland arms may be closing and rumour to be a convenience store. What are we fighting? Don't know what fighting but if there is another shop in the village then it will be hard to have both and not stupid enough to think they can.
 - Baslow Garden Society – Baslow in Bloom – Doreen Gridley is Chair of the Garden Society which has about 70 gardeners. They have 7 indoor meetings during the winter with speakers and then 5 visits in the summer. Been out today to a garden outside Ashbourne with 38 members. Do a lot for the Community. The Society helps to maintain the Village Hall garden, helped at Ashgate Hospice for their garden and helped plant bluebells with the WI. Next January recording the Gardeners Question Time in the Village Hall. They have an allotment at Bubnell Lane and now have about 15 people involved. Where they need the support other groups is they would like to improve the environment of Baslow and through the Britain in Bloom scheme by having Baslow in Bloom and would welcome support and ideas on that.
 - Baslow Community Orchard – Charles Palmer started by saying that the Orchard has been only going a short time in which they have planted fruit trees and installed a story circle primarily for the school to be able to use. Apple Day last year was the first one. This year it will be on 18th October and along with a treasure hunt on 18th July. This Saturday is weeding and tidying please come along. Looking at extending the planting around the village so any ideas welcome. Currently looking at verge on Over Lane and triangle by Old Ford. Keen to work with other groups such as WI, Garden society and school.
 - Baslow History Group – Mike Woffenden explained he is chairman of the History Group which comprises 26-28 local people with interest in local history. They meet about once a month for talks and visits. Conscious of village aspect and currently working on a pamphlet for a village walk to enable visitors to walk through the village pointing out key points of interest and businesses etc.
 - Baslow Sports Field Association – Peter Holt became Chairman 2 years ago and discovered a financial hole. Now a much more viable Trust and looking ahead to being able to hold their head above water. It is a recreation facility for the community within a 10 mile radius of the facility. This can cause issues when asking to raise money from the village when 50% of users are not in Baslow. There are 4 sections - tennis, bowls, cricket and football. Over 300 people using the facility. The Trust has 2 members from each Club and 4 additional. 6 live in the village. Turnover is £30,000 per annum and it costs £18,000 per annum to maintain the grounds. There has been a problem with water and have recently discovered there are 3 water meters and a leak which may mean they owe more money than can afford to pay. Big challenge is to resurface the muga court. Sport England has given £30,000 and £10,000 from own funds and £1,000 from the County Council, District Council and Parish Council which means it can be done. Have held successful fund raising events. Sportfest was last Monday and over 500 people came and raised £2,500. Peak District National Park Authority helped with funds to put on Sportsfest. Role played in supporting the Sportsfield from PC is really great and thank you. It shows local community behind it.
 - Baslow Health Centre – Jane Buckham is the Chair of the Patient Participation Group. Its function is

to advise GPs of the views of 4,700 patients. PPG is mostly in older age range and retired. Need to increase input from younger age group and families. The Baslow Mother and Toddler group has helped to engage some virtual members. She has brought some forms for others to join. Most recently that have worked extremely well in reviewing the appointment system with a consultation and changes to the number of online appointments available and not all daily appointments being released at 8am. They also work with other groups who decide where money goes in this area. Through this they are working on integration of social and health care services and have been able to have a say in what want. Challenge for the village is the reduction in the bus service to the village. Bookable in advance bus service is great but if ill on the day then hard to get to the surgery by public transport and is an issue whole village need to look at.

5. Break into discussion groups

The meeting broke into 3 discussion groups to discuss what they heard in the presentations and to suggest:

- What collective actions might be taken in the next 12 months
- Which group might take the lead
- Which groups might contribute
- What support mechanisms might be required

6. Plenary

Cllr Dawson led the session asking each group to feedback. Five consolidated priorities were agreed across the groups:

1. Communication of activities and events should be better co-ordinated by developing a 'Community' website – "Baslow Starts Here" and with links to social websites
 - Led by the Parish Council
 - Involving all village organisations and the school
 - Single point of access with links to organisations existing websites
 - Provide an email facility
 - Engage children/teenagers who might design and run it
2. The environment should be improved and self-sufficiency be promoted (sustainable Baslow)
 - Led by Garden Society/Orchard Group/WI
 - Supported by volunteers
 - Initiatives might include: improving the approaches to the village (beautifying roundabouts), more seating for visitors, litter picking; tidying the car park, market it as 'Beautiful Baslow' or 'Baslow in Bloom'
3. The Sportsfest could be expanded to become a 'Baslow Week' of community activities
 - Facilitated by Parish Council
 - Organised via a group with one representative from each organisation
 - Supported by volunteers
 - An alternative suggested by one group was to have a series of combined village events throughout the year – building on the Sportsfest, the Big Lunch, Apple Day and the Christmas lights switch-on. (Each could be expanded to include contributions from more village groups than at present).
4. Actions could be needed to preserve the integrity and viability of the village shop
 - Led by David Upton with initiatives to increase marketing
 - Supported by all organisations
 - Informal enquiries to be sought from Mike Longden
5. Support our elderly population by increasing opportunities for exercise
 - Co-ordinated by Parish Council
 - Working with Sports field, village hall and Baslow Surgery
 - Suggestions included: provide sports equipment, include a fitness trail in Woodland Playpark, opportunities for walking
 - Support better transport links

Other priorities from some groups that were not discussed by all included:

6. Organisations to have open days to market themselves to other organisations and the villagers
 - Responsibility of individual organisations
7. Develop the concept of a 'village map'/history trail
 - Led by History Group
 - Supported by parish council
 - Incorporate geocaching – liaise with scout group
 - Involve commercial outlets for sponsored adverts in a village leaflet
8. Develop the Woodland Playground or use the money in other ways, but do not prolong the current delay.

7. Conclusions and thank you

Cllr Dawson and Cllr Brown thanked everyone for coming.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING – Thursday 14th May 2015 at 7pm