

BASLOW AND BUBNELL PARISH COUNCIL

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BASLOW & BUBNELL PARISH MEETING NOTES

FOR THE MEETING BEING HELD ON 16th MAY 2019 AT 7.30PM IN THE VILLAGE HALL, BASLOW

1. Attendees:

- Cllr David Dawson
- Cllr Christopher Brown
- Mike Holcombe
- Dave Robins
- David Charlesworth
- Cllr David Dalrymple-Smith
- Cllr Jane Buckham
- Jon Rawlinson
- Sue Campbell
- Bill Campbell
- Cllr Susan Hobson
- Tony Buckham
- Doreen Gridley
- Sarah Porter

2. Welcome

Cllr Brown welcomed everyone to the meeting and invited everyone to introduce themselves.

3. Update from the Parish Council – Who your Councillors are after the elections, what we do including footpaths and what has been achieved including the Woodland Park

Cllr Brown explained there were elections a few weeks ago and this year was election year for the Parish Council too. There are 10 seats on the Parish Council and there were 7 nominations who were all former Councillors. Therefore, there was no need for an election. The members of the council are:

- Christopher Brown
- David Dawson
- David Dalrymple-Smith
- Jane Buckham
- Richard Clark
- Jonathan Holsgrove
- Tim Tucker

There are 3 vacancies to fill and if anyone is interested in joining the Parish Council please let us know.

The Parish Council are responsible for the maintenance of some of the footpaths in the villages and the land by the Old Ford. We are a consultee for planning applications submitted to the Peak Park.

The most recent project has been the development of the Woodland Park which was finally finished earlier in the Spring and looks great. There was a request to add more swings for children not toddlers. The nest swing is enjoyed but need normal swings too. This will be looked at.

Previous projects have been the creation of the Community Orchard which is managed for the Parish Council by the Orchard Group. The Council has also taken on cultivation licences for the strip of land on Over Lane and the roundabout by Rowley's which are managed by local groups.

4. Time Swap

Mel Dorna was unable to attend.

5. Village Sign and Fence/Wall on the Village Green at Nether End

Cllr Dawson explained that the Christmas Festival was established to bring some lights and a tree to the village green to complement the Church lights. This has been very successful and there is now a pot of money in the region of £4,500. This is separate to the Parish Council. The Festival Group and residents were asked what the money could be spent on and a village sign came back as a strong favourite. This was then raised with the Parish Council who supported the idea. The scheme was put out to tender and unfortunately no one locally came forward. David approached David Charlesworth to look at the project. He has come along today to talk through his initial drawing.

David talked through his initial design of having a laser cut top to the sign and then a coloured panel below. To laser cut the whole thing would be too expensive as the cost is linked to the number of times the laser goes on and off the design. David would like to hear what people think of the idea and what images should be depicted.

Where is this going? Initial concept was that this would be in the middle of the run of daffodils and be seen from the road. This would be a statement piece. However, once the design is finalised it could be easily replicated to make more signs.

The design was felt to be a little too busy. Really like the cut-out section. It was suggested not to have businesses depicted.

There was a discussion about the name being Baslow and Bubnell, asking the children to design some ideas and

keeping the busy middle for walkers to study.

It was agreed that the Parish Council would continue to work this up and then consult via the parish magazine and email group.

Fencing on the green

Cllr Buckham led on this. 3 options were looked at:

- Post and chain link – cost £3,000 plus installation roughly £1,000 removable for access, daffs seen from the road, a deterrent but not a stop.
- Estate type fencing – 20cm taller than existing wall (lowest available) £6,500 including installation. More robust than post and chain but can still see daffodils
- Restoring the original dry stone wall significant gap for vehicles - can match existing walls but can't see the daffs and wide at the base. £14,000 to £15,000 cost

What do you think? Any other options? Do nothing?

The reason for a fence was safety and make it more of a green and a social area.

Who are we trying to encourage? Residents and visitors but make it safer for events. Put up rope and safety tape on those events.

The wall was not popular as so solid. Discussion about looking at more artistic fencing. Concern was raised about the conservation area. A wrought iron fence was suggested as an idea. Estate fencing was felt to be the best option. Other suggestions were a Hawthorne hedge or crab apple trees or heather but there is a maintenance issue around this and still won't see the daffs.

6. Suggested future projects for the village from 2018:

- Dressing empty shop windows – Parish Council tried to put displays in the empty shops but not been possible. Cllr Hobson spoke to John Scott from Peak Park planning about looking at trying to promote pop up shops or cafes in some of them.
- Walking guides – Parish Council via Cllr Buckham and Cllr Dalrymple-Smith have written some fantastic local walks with maps. These are about to go on to the village website and looking at printing for the pubs and hotels to promote.
- Old Ford and Church End improvements and tidying – Improvements and maintenance including the Toll gate. Cllr Tucker was not present to update.
- Heritage display in bus shelter – No progress on this
- Event area on Village Green including TV – No progress on this
- Improvements to the Sports Field – Being led by the Sports Field Trustees – Tony Buckham explained they had had a good year. Renovated first floor of the pavilion and now renovating the ground floor. Try use it for more functions and not just for the sports clubs. Will market this. Fantastic work on the pitch improvement which will help with drainage and stop matches being postponed. Plan in place to put in an all-weather running pitch. Still in the planning phase and no funding secured yet. Extension on ground floor in due course subject to funding. 23rd June is the Junior Football Festival. Pop up café at the Sports Field and one in the Village Hall too.
- Heritage Centre – Trying to ascertain a location.

7. Joining up activities and events

Tony Buckham explained that this came about building on what David Dawson began a few years ago where things are joined up, resources shared and joint marketing. There are over 15 activities in Baslow and Bubnell which is terrific. What is the benefit of joining up? Sharing volunteers, sharing facilities such as event shelters. The biggest demographic in the village is 24 to 64 and they haven't the time to engage in running activities so how can we make it easier for them to access and help? Don't think would help holding a meeting to discuss it. Let's appeal to that age group via technology. There was a suggestion that a Whatsapp group is set up. Against creating meetings for meetings' sake. There was a discussion that there is the email group, a village Facebook page and the school has a text service. There was then a discussion about the sharing of equipment and how a common system could be established? Could an inventory be established? Perhaps not as could send a message out for help.

There was a discussion about holding an ABBA tribute act and the Burns Night Supper that was held that was very successful.

There used to be a carnival and well dressing.

Things have moved on and groups are supporting each other more. There needs to be more. The issue is getting volunteers on the committees.

The church has realised it needs to reach out to the community more and now has links with the toddler group, the PTA, the doctors and the wider community. It takes effort and time and people willing to do it.

8. Baslow Village Website

Just a reminder it is there, and that the diary is now well populated by all the activities. The Clerk will happily add village events and activities on the diary just let her know! She is looking at linking it to the Facebook page and has links to the village groups. The walks will be added on in due course.

9. Updates from other groups and businesses

- Baslow History Group - Mike Holcombe – 35 members, meet monthly except in August. In the winter there are talks and in the summer there are tours. Some really interesting tours. Every year there is a public lecture held in the Village Hall. This year's was by the Chatsworth Archivist. £15 membership and new members welcome
- Baslow Community Orchard – Still trying to persevere with a hay meadow. It will take time to be established (3 or 4 years) so bear with them during the longer grass time. This year's Apple Day will be Saturday 12th October.
- Baslow Neighbourhood Watch – Jon Rawlinson is a retired policeman and has lived in Baslow for 10 years. He relaunched the NHW in 2017 as there appeared to be an increase in crime. He was the coordinator and got 30 volunteers interested in being wardens. The village was split amongst them and packs delivered (the NHW bin sticker, communication methods). 20 years ago NHW died a death due to the tricky communication. The advent of social media has made communication a lot easier. He has a Facebook page and the PC email group. This has built confidence in reporting crime and sharing information on activity. Calls for service have trebled in 3 years. There isn't really more crime just more information being shared. On the back of NHW Facebook page it became the Peak District NHW Facebook page and it is better as things happening in Calver can then happen in Baslow. A number of NHW areas have restarted too. It helps as the police have lost 600 officers. Residents need to be vigilant to help. A neighbouring NHW set up a whatsapp group and this has been rolled out to other areas which helps share information on the Facebook page. 16 weeks of helping patrol with the police on a Saturday night. In pairs. Ringing incidents such as raves to the police and they go and investigate. It is very interesting. The police like it and have paid overtime to the officers to be part of it. Last week an interesting thing happened, a suitcase stolen from a car in Padley Gorge and they stole the laptop, wallet and car keys from it. Through Facebook the suitcase was recovered bar those valuables. ANPR Project – one Friday night the police managed to find stolen cars, missing person and stolen goods. Request to the Parish Council (Automatic Number Plate Recognition) £7,000 to install then the police manage it. CREST have been out twice and did well on stopping speeding. There was a discussion about speeding in the village and the things the Parish Council have tried to implement. They have managed to introduce bin stickers so that at least once a week signs asking people to slow down are visible.
- Thursday 6th June 3 to 6.30 for A619 improvements.
- Senior Citizens – Jane Buckham – Run a voluntary group to get the elder residents out on a Friday afternoon. 40 to 50 every fortnight from the 60 members. Don't always have a way of getting the message out to new members. Perhaps the Church could help and other organisations. The committee will fetch people if needed. Programme next year VE Day 8th May 2020 – Senior Citizens Friday. Any ideas or any contributions grateful received.
- Bill Campbell – Vicarage still down to be sold. Drainage has direction and now a route across Chatsworth land to the mains. Project very active. Church in reasonable nick, increasing membership, strong team on the PCC and doing things. Hope village will see evidence of that. 6 months been putting together a 5-year plan and been submitted to the Diocese. Asked for some money too and got told to go away. Want a part time permanent vicar. Not currently impressed with the current set up of sharing a vicar across a number of parishes which reduces the ability to outreach to the village. Not gone down terribly well. Not the end of the story. Current Bishop has retired, and a lady appointed who was the first lady Bishop. Hoping for some more enlightened leadership coming. Improvements largely led by music with a lot of effort in that. There is now a choir in Church led by Claire De La Haye and she has set up a young persons choir. Tuesday night at 5.30pm in the church. Music taking on momentum with a few events under the heading Summer festival on 14th June international soprano masterclass for anyone who wants to try and sing, 22nd June a concert, 29th June Baslow choir singing. Hope it will expand next year if successful. Positive and doing things we should have been doing.

10. AOB

Parliament just declared a climate emergency – 6 years' time we won't be able to install a gas boiler, 11 years' time won't be able to buy a petrol or diesel car. What about some electric vehicle plug in points in the village car park? Can we lobby? DCC has made a statement last week and DDDC has just reformed after the election and climate change will form part of their strategy going forward. Cllr Hobson will raise this.

New lights - could DCC put charging points on the poles too? Times campaign to stop cars by schools. How heat our homes without causing pollution? Parish Council could get a green strategy for Baslow?

Pollinating the Peak - if want your bumble bees to thrive then need to leave areas wild.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING - May 2020