



BASLOW AND BUBNELL PARISH COUNCIL

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BASLOW & BUBNELL PARISH MEETING NOTES

FOR THE MEETING BEING HELD ON 21st JULY 2021 AT 7.30PM IN THE VILLAGE HALL, BASLOW

1. Attendees:

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| • Cllr David Dawson | • Jon Hicks | • Cllr Richard Clark |
| • Cllr Christopher Brown | • Gill Hicks | • T Trowmans |
| • T Coason | • Jayne Rawlinson | • K Trowmans |
| • Marie Carslew | • Jon Rawlinson | • Doreen Gridley |
| • Julia Warne | • Ellie Adams | • C Thompson |
| • S Maynard | • Richard Powell | • J Thompson |
| • Roger Wardle | • Lorna Wilson | • Anne Roper |
| • Sue Wardle | • A Maynard | • Steve Sly |
| • A Maynard | • S Chalk | • Maris MacDonald |
| • Philly Johnson | • Lynn Bettney | • Sarah Porter |
| • Simon Turton | • Jake Ward | |

2. Welcome

Cllr Brown welcomed everyone to the meeting and asked everyone to sign in.

Cllr Brown explained although the meeting has been convened by the Parish Council, it is not a Council Meeting and its purpose is to allow the various organisations in the village to come together, exchange information and report on their activities during the year and to see how we can work together to improve the community in which we live and work.

3. Update from the Parish Council

A Parish Council is the lowest level of Government, and really has very little power. Planning issues are the responsibility of the Peak Park, although the Parish Council is a consultee; roads and highways, traffic and speeding issues and the main footpaths and verges are the responsibility of the County Council; mowing, street cleaning, rubbish collection and parking are the responsibility of the District Council.

The things we are responsible for in the Village include the Community Orchard and the Woodland Recreation Area which we have completed this last year with the construction of the cycle trail. We are very pleased with the feedback we have had from residents and the amount of use the recreation area has had, over the last two years.

The council provides a valuable communication function within the village, disseminating information and our Clerk, Sarah, has played a key role over the last 16 months during the pandemic, disseminating information and helping to facilitate the various responses in the village.

Twice over the last few years we have had flooding in the village and again the Council through the Clerk and members of the emergency committee were able to assist with the response.

We are also good at complaining – taking issues to the District Council, most recently the problems with bin collections.

Two big initiatives that the Council has undertaken during the last year or so has been Keep Baslow Beautiful and the Bridge End Regeneration Consultation, which David Dawson, the Vice Chairman of the Council, is going to talk about.

Cllr Dawson introduced that the Keep Baslow Beautiful campaign which came about from an idea by Cllr Buckham. There are 3 parts to this campaign:

1. Hold the District Council and County Council to account for the things they are supposed to do such as trees on the green, street sweeping and cleaning
2. Encouraging residents to look after their own areas and assist neighbours with theirs
3. Organising activities such as the litter picking

Regenerating Bridge End – This area of the Village was identified as the Parish Council had looked at other areas with the Community Orchard, Woodland Park, Village Green and hadn't done a lot in the west end of the Village.

The Parish Council thought they would try and find out what resident views were. The Parish Council developed a questionnaire which went to every household with several open-ended questions. The responses were collated anonymously and analysed.

11% of questionnaires were returned which is a good result. They had 5 main areas in common:

- Parking – we will come back to as complicated
- Improve Old Bridge and Watchman's Hut – the suggestions were highlighted as per the PowerPoint attached
- Remove litter and maintain footpaths – the suggestions were highlighted as per the PowerPoint attached
- Improve Old Ford – the suggestions were highlighted as per the PowerPoint attached
- Traffic problems around the Co-Op – the suggestions were highlighted as per the PowerPoint attached

There were a range of other suggestions.

The Parish Council total annual stipend is £15000 most things have happened because we have supported others and found additional funding. Therefore, the Keep Baslow Beautiful group looked at grouping these in to how affordable, timely and realistic.

Short term actions have already begun:

- Watchman's hut by DCC under historic England guidance has been repaired.
- The path at the Old Ford has been cleared.
- Double yellow lines by Co-Op have been agreed but must go through a DCC process.
- The Parish Council is part of Derbyshire 20 is plenty road safety campaign.
- Litter picks have been undertaken.

Medium term suggestions are:

- Change wooden pillars outside the shops to decorative planters
- Add some planters at the entrance to the Churchyard where the benches were
- Erect some heritage boards

Long-term suggestions are:

- Raised platform at the Old Ford to provide additional seating and to link into the Churchyard
- Illuminating the bridge

Before going on to the parking element Cllr Dawson asked for views from those present:

When Bridge was closed speeding increased on Bubnell Lane so please keep the bridge open. If a bigger platform at the Old Ford, what is going to happen when it floods?

Contradictory things – Complaining lighting on Co-Op and then asking to light the Watchman's hut and bridge. The problems with HGVs and lighting all came up when the Co-Op was first submitted for planning. PCC and churchyard are complicated. PCC has controls but don't own the churchyard. Technically, DDDC own the churchyard and would need to liaise with them.

Cllr Dawson reiterated that if not the right thing, then the Parish Council will not progress the idea. These are suggestions based on the consultation.

Path that goes from Bubnell End of the Bridge down to the river should also be cleared so it can be used more.

Cllr Dawson explained it had been considered and not decided whether we should or shouldn't. Opening up might encourage more use which may not be liked. Got to balance safety. Bridge is damaged and requires repair and this is being looked at with DCC.

Lighting – very careful as affects the insects and have bats in the porch (there are no bats now in the porch). She suggested the introduction of quiet lanes in the village – Bubnell Lane, Wheatlands Lane, etc. Very sad now lockdown has finished that bikes can't be used and walkers are in more danger now roads are more heavily used again.

What is a quiet lane and also concerned about closing the bridge to traffic as need to access our homes. Cllr Dawson explained that closure of the Bridge was supported by 6 and against by 9. Reason for suggesting closure was around damage to structure of the bridge, restricted to 7.5 tonne weight limit. Not making a decision, just presenting what was suggested and listening. Doesn't stop access on quiet lane but is a sign stating a quiet lane and reduces the speed limit.

Sign gone missing saying 7.5 tonnes on the Bridge – Clerk to report

Bridge should be bus only. It doesn't affect access to property just causes an inconvenience.

Speed of cars and motorbikes an issue. Can we have speed humps. Clerk explained that the County Council weren't keen on speed humps on a bus route.

Heritage Boards are a good idea. The river walk at Froggatt is lovely and so support something similar.

Feeling of balancing more visitors to the area or what residents want. About residents but mindful of the businesses in the area.

Without better parking the village cannot cope with more visitors. This led on to the parking element of the consultation.

Parking issues and possible solutions were looked at. There seem to be 7 options which the Parish Council has discussed with Chatsworth and Platform Housing:

1. Field - Chatsworth - not available as farmland
2. Allotments - Chatsworth - Not available as being used for allotments
3. Behind houses - Chatsworth - no
4. By the existing garages - Platform Housing - Maybe for Platform residents only
5. Allotments - Chatsworth - No to individual leases but might be prepared to a proposal from a formal organisation set up for the purpose but access is via Platform Housing land. Need support from all residents, PDNPA give change of use and Platform Housing change nature of access which is for allotments not vehicular. Lots of discussion with individuals about this.
6. In front of the bungalows - Platform Housing - not prepared to consider digging out in front of the bungalows
7. Field by Prince of Wales - Chatsworth - would be prepared to consider leasing all the field to the Parish Council for additional parking. Could solve some of the issues on Bubnell Lane but means parking there instead of the Lane. Could shift visitor parking there if make Bubnell Lane resident only. Could persuade Hulley's to park on there. Access is difficult. The existing entrance is no good. Need to look at a new entrance off the Bakewell Road and would need significant banking.

Grass cutting should be undertaken by Platform Housing, but they haven't been. They arrived on Saturday and cut the grass after some residents have already paid others to do it for them. Reduce the grass area and provide additional parking.

What are the pluses for taking away the allotments to park a car? Please don't take away my allotment which is near my house.

Been on a bus recently and had to run along Bubnell Lane to get a van moved so a bus can get through. I live near car park and see parking issues in more areas of Baslow not just Bubnell Lane.

Residents only on Bubnell Lane as weekend parking is awful.

Resident Parking only on Bubnell Lane was supported.

Issues are people who live here, work here and visitors. How many resident car spaces are required, how many business spaces are required, and then look at visitors. Multi headed solution.

If want more visitors, then Chatsworth field by Prince of Wales would be the best option.

Numbers are important and worry about displacement across the village.

1993 PDNPA did a survey and what came highest was no more visitors. Peak Park said visitors give jobs to locals.

It isn't that people are parking on Bubnell Lane to avoid paying as at the weekend the car park at Nether End is full.

Allotment holders - some holders need to bring a car to bring equipment to maintain their allotment. Asked to say not to remove the green in front of the bungalows as are for safety.

Field across the road from Village Hall would be great but this is in private hands

Bus over the bridge for residents to access and the bus to turn around. Julia Warne - Calver Road - Access the bus and elderly and get on at the Lychgate is essential.

Can't explore first 3 options as Chatsworth not prepared to look at them but they cause some of the problems.

Move allotments rather than get rid.

The consensus seemed to be for Residents only parking on Bubnell Lane and the Prince of Wales field being used

Other issues raised:

- Caravan park allows caravans to pitch from 2pm but this causes a back log on to the main road. Clerk asked that people complain direct to Caravan Club and Parish Council as the caravan Club will remove membership from members not following the rules
- Mini roundabout is dangerous. It needs repainting and better signs or removing. Clerk explained Cllr Hobson is working on this.

Hulleys drivers needing to park elsewhere is most of the problem. Field behind Hulleys should be used. It was explained that some residents looked at trying to get a path through that field and the owner was not interested. All parking outside Bridgefoot Cottage is Hulley's, can a negotiation be done to allow visitor parking during the day when empty in their yard?

Resident parking is a good idea but who is going to enforce it? This would be a District Council responsibility

4. Updates from other groups and businesses

- Cllr Susan Hobson:
 - As I am not able to be with you at the Parish Meeting, I have asked Sarah Porter to read this brief statement. Thank you to Sarah for all the information she sends out – I would urge anyone who hasn't already signed up to the village mailing this, do so at clerk.baslow.bubnell@googlemail.com.
 - Thank you to all those organisations and businesses in our area who supported our more vulnerable residents, as well as all the individuals who went that extra mile to assist their friends and neighbours during the pandemic. Let's hope that as life get more back to normal those positive actions continue and that our local businesses continue to thrive.
 - As I am now both your Derbyshire Dales District Councillor and also the Derbyshire County Councillor for this area there are just a couple of items I would like to pass on.
 - As you are aware our waste collection service has been severely impacted recently by staffing issues. Please report all missed bin collections via the online reporting form on the Derbyshire Dales District Council website www.derbyshiredales.gov.uk.
 - Fly tipping can also be reported online on the above website
 - For road issues such as potholes and other road matters such as highways requests, faults on pavements or footpaths, flooding or verge issues please visit www.derbyshire.gov.uk. and log these matters via Report a Road Fault.
 - Please copy the Parish Clerk and myself into any reports you make so we can build up a picture for the Parish.
 - I do have some funding available to support projects and charities in this area. In the first instance please email me on susan.hobson@derbyshiredales.gov.uk with details of your request.
- Baslow History Group – Haven't had any meetings for the last year due to the pandemic but have been publishing a newsletter on the website. They have also published a book It has 248 pages and was supported by Derbyshire Dales District Council. It costs £7. You can purchase copies from Alan Roberts ar_alanroberts@yahoo.co.uk. The History Group website is <https://baslow-history-group.weebly.com>
- Doreen Grindley and Maria MacDonald - Live and Local event to the Village Hall. Started in October 2019 and the Hall has been identified as an ideal venue. Now looking at dates for next year. The first date is hoped to be 26th March 2022. It is likely to be a music event. They provide several potential shows including acrobatics, music, plays. 70% goes to the organisation and 30% goes for a fund to the village hall. Yes, a good idea. Folk or Jazz were the most popular.
- Peak District Neighbourhood Watch – Jon Rawlinson is the Neighbourhood Watch Coordinator. Main thrust is to get information out to prevent crime. Reset up in 2017. There are several WhatsApp groups covering the area for each village and areas such as farming. There is also a telephone ringmaster system where a message is sent out to landline phones and mobiles. Peak District Facebook Page. Information on the Facebook page about how to deal with scams and share information across the area. Also have a lost and found group to help reunite people with their property. Baslow Community Speed Watch has been set up through the Parish Council and now run by a member of the neighbourhood watch.
- Baslow Senior Citizens – Do hope to start fortnightly meetings again on 30th July but a lot of members are hesitant about driving or have stopped driving. If anyone is willing to help with transporting members dropping off and then collecting at 3.45. Do get in touch.
- Police - Update on recent burglaries in Baslow last week. Police have identified a suspect vehicle and investigation is ongoing.
- Baslow WI – monthly meeting via zoom. 74 members already and welcome new members. Starting back in July and hold social afternoons.
- Baslow Village website – Everything is on it.

5. Upcoming events

- Baslow Better Together
- Community Orchard Apple Day

DATE OF NEXT MEETING - May 2022



REGENERATING BRIDGE END

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Old Bridge and Watchman's Hut

- 25 Responses: Consensus to make this a heritage feature
- Suggestions
 - Complete renovations on the Hut (6)
 - Provide interpretation panels on heritage and birdlife (5)
 - Floodlights at night
 - Planters and benches to allow people to linger
 - Improve views along the river bank
- More Contentious
 - Buses only
 - Ban HGV's and Tractors or impose weight limit (1)
 - Close to traffic completely (9 for; 16 against)



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Remove Litter and Maintain Footpaths

- 16 Responses
- Suggestions for Improvement
 - Specific litter picking events
 - Cut overhanging vegetation
 - Renew uneven footpaths
 - Paint telephone box, post boxes and iron railings
 - Dig out the verge along Bubnell Lane
 - Improve DDDC grass cutting
 - Persuade farmers to reduce loads (especially manure)



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Improve the Old Ford Area

- 14 Responses:
 - 12 *For* improvement 2 *No change* (ducks)
- Suggestions:
 - Improve approach path
 - Add self-closure mechanism to the gate
 - Cover concrete slab and old pipe
 - Provide additional seating
 - Provide heritage interpretation boards
 - Reclaim land behind Toll Bar Cottage and convert to community garden
 - Remove tree saplings along the river bank
 - Remove wood debris around the bridge



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Traffic Problems around the Co-op

- 11 Responses
- Issues Raised:
 - HGV noise and idling outside Co-op
 - Speeding
 - Difficulties in crossing the road
 - Disturbance at night because of security lights
- Suggested Improvements:
 - Introduce 20mph limit
 - Install Zebra crossing
 - Extend double-yellow lines
 - Divert HGVs through Hassop
 - Ask Co-op to dim security lights



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A Range of other Suggestions

- Introduce Planters on Calver Road
- Repair collapsing stone walls
- Interpretation panel and seating at the Weir
- Cull Jackdaws
- Reinstate the Rose Walk in the Churchyard
- An Open Gardens Day
- Annual Baslow Heritage Day
- Create a riverside walk to Calver +/- Chatsworth



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Parish Council Recommendations

- **Short Term**

- Actions already in the KBB scheme
 - Street cleaning, litter picks, grass verge along Bubnell Lane
- Watchman's Hut renovation
- Painting phone box, etc.
- Simple improvements to Old Ford
 - Path clearance, improve grassed area, gate closure
- Representations to DDDC, DCC and Highways
 - Double-yellow lines
 - Speed restrictions

- **Medium Term**

- Replace wooden bollards outside shops with planters
- Site new planters at entrance to churchyard (where benches once were)
- Erect Heritage Boards at Old Ford and other suitable places

- **Long Term**

- Develop scheme for a raised platform at the Old Ford to cover the concrete slab/pipe and allow additional seating
- Consider illumination the Bridge and Hut in the evenings
- Consider "Bus Only" access to the Bridge
- Liaise with PCC about improvements to Churchyard and river bank
- Clear river bank of saplings to improve view



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Questions

- Have we drawn the correct conclusions?
- Is anything missing?
- Are the priorities correct?
- Who might be willing to help?



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BUBNELL CAR PARKING (1)

- **The Problems**
 - Congestion on Bubnell Lane bus route
 - Inadequate parking provision for properties, especially on Wheatlands lane
 - Daytime parking by Hulley's drivers
 - Visitor parking
 - Bubnell Lane has a pinch-point to the north of the Bridge
- **Possible Solutions**
 - Residents-only parking
 - Parking charges for visitors
 - Encourage use of public transport
 - Additional parking spaces



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BUBNELL CAR PARKING (2)

- **Some Issues with additional spaces**
 - There is no consensus. 15 respondents to the questionnaire wanted to increase parking spaces; 6 to decrease them
 - There are discrete problems in different areas and no single solution will work for everyone
 - No solution is simple – all will have dissenters as well as proponents
 - Land ownership is split between householders, Chatsworth and Platform Housing
 - PDNPA, DDDC, DDC and Highways will have to be consulted
 - We would need to ensure any extra space is not taken by additional visitor parking



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Potential sites for additional parking



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What Happens Next?

- Is it right for the Parish Council to get involved in this at all?
- If so, what help can we be?
- How do we reach consensus on a solution(s)?
- Which residents are willing to help us?



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