



BASLOW AND BUBNELL PARISH COUNCIL

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BASLOW & BUBNELL PARISH MEETING NOTES

FOR THE MEETING BEING HELD ON 30th MAY 2023 AT 7.30PM IN THE VILLAGE HALL, BASLOW

1. Attendees:

- Cllr Christopher Brown
- Cllr Richard Clark
- Cllr Jane Buckham
- Cllr Jayne Rawlinson
- Cllr Simon Chalk
- Ray Gridley
- Graham Duncan
- Stephen Brown
- June Powell
- Richard Powell
- Richard Plant
- Peter Skinner
- Bridget Skinner
- Mike Woffenden
- Elaine Blair
- Cllr Susan Hobson
- Paul Lobley
- Jeanette Lobley
- Otto Marples
- Sarah Porter

2. Welcome

Cllr Brown welcomed everyone to the meeting and asked everyone to sign in. We went round the room introducing ourselves.

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:

- Parking Working Party – Last year had a parking survey and formed a working party with residents to look at parking issues such as Wheatlands Lane and Eaton Hill. There has been a couple of meetings. The issues at West End area has been alleviated due to some more parking for residents being made available. The other issue on Bubnell Lane is due to the staff from Hulleys parking there. The Clerk has been trying to set up a meeting with them and has now managed to get a provisional meeting date in June. One of the working party members has looked at Eaton Place and whether double yellow lines could be implemented. He reported back that this does not have resident support. The final issue linked to Chatsworth events, Chatsworth is going to put cones in certain places during the weekends of the Christmas Fair and Derbyshire County Council are going to put some signage to reduce the flow of traffic up School Lane and Eaton Hill. A request has been made from the shop that it states businesses remain open.
- Speed Indicator Device – The Parish Council has purchased one for Calver Road but is still trying to obtain all the necessary permissions due to needing a contractor to erect it.
- Woodland Park is a huge success. There has been a request for some junior swings. The Parish Council is looking to raise some funds for this.
- Keep Baslow Beautiful is in its third year.
 - Planters are now all in place and planted up. Local businesses have agreed to help maintain these.
 - History boards – 3 locations are being trialled Goose Green, Church yard and Old Ford. They will be A3 size and have some illustrations and a small amount of text with a QR code which takes you for more information. Some quotes have been received and these 3 will be trialled before any more purchased.
 - Litter picks – Thank you to everyone who takes time to litter pick. It makes a big difference to the village. Litter picks are available from the Parish Council Clerk and can be collected from the Sports Field.
 - Benches on Village Green need a scrub and so a working party will look at completing this.
 - Reseeding the Prince of Wales triangle. The posts have gone in to prevent cars parking on the grass.
 - Pathfinder project is a County Council project to increase the biodiversity of the local verges. The Parish Council is trying to ascertain some more information about the exact locations included and concerns have been raised about the line of sight from junctions. Cllr Hobson is working with the Parish Council on this.
 - Quiet Lane status was discussed last year, and the Parish Council through the Keep Baslow Beautiful group followed this up. DCC would not support a Quiet Lane designation but has said that the Parish could put some signage on the key lanes designating them as Quiet Lanes on private land. 3 for signage on Wheatlands Lane and some felt that signage would be ignored. Over Lane is being looked at as a separate issue. The sharp bend is not navigable by large vehicles.

- 20mph zone is another item the Parish Council and Keep Baslow Beautiful has looked into. The Council has written to the County Council regarding a rural pilot. The County Council has two pilot areas in Long Eaton and Buxton. Cllr Hobson is supporting this.
- The Parish Council election year was this year but one wasn't needed as only 7 candidates came forward for 10 seats. Therefore, there are 3 vacancies. If anyone would like to be co-opted on to the Council please contact the Clerk by the end of June.

4. Updates from other groups and businesses

- Baslow Village Hall – In the last 12 months the hall has been regularly used for meetings by the WI, Senior Citizens, Luncheon Club, Garden Society, Choir, Flower Circle and History Group. Sadly, have lost the indoor bowls group, although still have the equipment if anyone wanted to set it up again. There are regular exercise classes such as yoga, Pilates, Zumba and cardio circuits. For the children there are after school dance classes and musical theatre classes. It also hosts birthday parties and school holiday activity groups. It has been a polling station, roller skating venue and has hosted two quiz nights, U3A group, Parish meeting and fashion shows. Entertainment is provided by the Baslow Players Pantomime which ran for two weeks this year, a Live and local event to raise funds and awareness of the Hall and a monthly comedy club which is getting great reviews. The Hall has been refurbished. The main hall is now called the Stockdale Hall and the Committee room is the Barbrook room. This was a brave move post covid but felt it was important to attract new business particularly weddings. There is an ongoing maintenance programme and currently looking for grants to resurface the access paths. Unfortunately, the bookings are still below pre covid figures and the electricity has gone up five-fold. The Trustees have reluctantly increased rates twice. Still without a marketing trustee and so have a marketing sub committee to try and cover the gap. Have a Facebook page and website. If not used it will go. Tried Open mornings, sold refreshments whilst the Gardens Group sold plants outside and having an Artisan market. The Committee has a paid booking clerk and good trustee team. All working very hard to maintain the hall for the parish and surrounding areas.
- Baslow Women's Institute – Baslow WI is a part of the National Federation of WIs (NFWI), the largest womens' organisation in the UK. The key purpose of the WI at all levels is to promote the education, understanding, personal development and involvement of women. One National Resolution is chosen each year for debate from a number of proposals put forward by local members. The national resolution is intended to inform the Government of the day on issues WI members feel most important at the time. The most recent National Resolution was focused on clean rivers, but previous resolutions have prompted more robust action on issues like "Keep Britain Tidy". Beneath the NFWI are 69 County Federations, which are run by elected Boards of Trustees. Derbyshire Federation of WIs (DFWI) is one of the County Federations and it has over 4,000 members spread across 148 local WIs, of which Baslow is one of the largest with over 75 members. Baslow WI has been active for over 100 years, recently celebrating it's 103 year anniversary. Baslow WI has a Leadership Team of 9 members, including the President, two Secretaries, one Treasurer, and a Green Ambassador. All Team members have a role to play in the running of our WI. The Leadership Team meet on the first Wednesday of each month, bringing together ideas for bookings and events through the current year and the next. An annual programme of events, speakers and details of members is produced. The Second Wednesday afternoon is our main meeting where we normally have a speaker, relevant reports from the Leadership Team and members, followed by a social time. WI members pay a subscription each year. This year its £46, which is split between the local WI, the County WI Federation and the National Federation to help with running individual groups and the organisation as a whole. New visitors can join us any time of the year with a reduced fee depending on the month they join. Locally, we offer 10 speakers per year. Over the last few years we have had speakers talk on various topics like DNA, Detective work, Canal Trust from Chesterfield Canal and conservation of Honeybees to name a few. Our Green Ambassador keeps us informed about the environmental issues that members are interested in through a bi-monthly Green Newsletter. Recent green initiatives have included Free Seeds in February, discussions and a "green board" on display at meetings. The current "green board" provides information on the Littered Landscape. Quite a number of our members are "greenies". We also have a WI Social Afternoon (WISA) each month where our members can just call for chat and tea or coffee. This allows members to bring in their pet projects. These include knitting, sewing and various crafts. We sometimes hold craft workshops covering topics like Bees wax wraps to cover food or a sewing machine mat, baby hats for Hospitals, sharing cookery hints and tips or gardening tips about veg or flower growing. We also have ad-hoc groups which meet each month. These include two walking groups, the Baslow Bikers cycling group, two Book Clubs and a Lunch group. We raise funds for charities, having one main charity a year and most of the other charities we support are local ones. In recent years we have raised monies for The Elm Foundation, Ashgate Hospice, Air Ambulance, Edale Mountain Rescue and Western Park Cancer Care etc. When invited, we also support local activities such as Apple Day and the Remembrance Service for example. The more members put in the more they get out. In short, we make friends, learn a lot and have a laugh! Have a look on our Website for more information or meet our members through Facebook Darlings and

Twitter. Biodiversity newsletter is available to look at on the website.

- Suggested Baslow Environmental Group – Graham Duncan Associate priest at St Anne’s the powerless you feel about the bad news about climate change, insect numbers dropping etc. What can one person do? What can one village do? Looking at trying to aggregate all the green activities already going on in the village such as the WI green ambassador, the Parish Council KBB and the pathfinder project because of all the verges collectively would make a big difference. St Anne’s repair café. Would people want to fix things rather than chuck it away. People volunteer their time to repair things and people bring things for repair. Joyous activity. Wildflower area in the Churchyard. Become a pollen rich area and bring it back to life. Bug Life national charity bee line map nectar rich areas across the country allow insects to migrate from one area to the next. Baslow is right in the middle of a nectar area. Is anyone interested in joining together to look at what can be done and help educate others and promote and provide information? Eg, is it cost effective to put in a ground source heat pump. Fortunately, some really good examples in other villages. Tideswell has an environmental group. Know which verges should be mown and which should be left. Run a repair café. A formidable group. Rural community at the heart of the climate change. Hope Valley Climate Action Group. Phenomenal. 800 active members, 50000 trees planted in hedgerows, visit schools to educate younger people who are really interested in this, working with farmers. Start with what we are already doing and aggregating it to share and improve. DDDC is very supportive of this and would happy to be involved too. Baslow Gardens society would like to be involved. David Dawson has helped identify groups to come together.
 - Otto Marples – Eaton Hill land. Dad died last year and owns the piece of land on the corner of Eaton Hill. Going through his affects discovered a folder with information about this area and also information about the land behind which was sold to a development company. There was clearly a vision to give back to the village and this scheme is the culmination of this. The proposal is for 3 eco one-bedroom homes and then the rest of the site being given back to the community as a green space. He has a report about this area showing the biodiversity planned, how the flood plain area is managed, a natural amphitheatre. Parking for the units would be through the existing gate by Eaton Place. The planning application has yet to be submitted as want to make sure this is done sensitively and with the community being fully aware. Houses sold or rented. They will be affordable housing for first time buyers. There is a covenant on them that they can only sell it for 70% of market value and for local people only. Area planned to gift to the village can be developed with the Parish Council. Currently a terrible eye sore and so supportive of this scheme. Could something be put on to stop owners from renting it out. Working with architects who looked at the previous application which was refused about 10 years ago. 2017 this scheme was first thought about but then covid and ill health stopped things. Architect has made sure the concerns raised by the previous application have been addressed.
 - Cllr Hobson tries to come to most meetings of the Parish Council and has a good relationship with the Parish Council. Is trying to get 20mph scheme supported and now has an email address for the pathfinder verges@derbyshire.gov.uk for sharing views on the project. Some residents are cutting verges themselves. Cut some of the verge to help line of sight.
 - No other contributions
5. Suggestions for next year – Most of us on tablets and packaging can be recycled via Baslow WI or Dukes Barn in Beeley. Suggested that there could be a collection point at Doctors and Baslow PTA could get involved.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING - May 2024