



BASLOW AND BUBNELL PARISH COUNCIL

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BASLOW & BUBNELL PARISH MEETING NOTES

FOR THE MEETING BEING HELD ON 18th JUNE 2024 AT 7.00PM IN THE VILLAGE HALL, BASLOW

1. Attendees:

- Cllr Christopher Brown
- Cllr Richard Clark
- Cllr Jane Buckham
- Cllr Simon Chalk
- Cllr Nick Gilbert
- Cllr David Dawson
- Cllr Jonathan Holsgrove
- Rachel Brown
- Deborah Bax
- Tony Buckham
- Doreen Gridley
- Ray Gridley
- Graham Duncan
- John Hopkins
- Richard Plumb
- Lorraine Dale
- Graham Dale
- Cllr Susan Hobson
- Sarah Porter

2. Welcome

Cllr Brown welcomed everyone to the meeting and asked everyone to sign in. As he says each year, 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. Notes from the Parish Meeting on 30th January 2024 were noted

4. Update from Baslow and Bubnell Parish Council

The Parish Council has ten members. In the last year two new members have joined the Council and we currently have two vacancies. The Council meets six times a year- in September, November, January, March, May and July. We make use of working parties and committees where subgroups meet on specific issues – for example we currently have working parties for Keep Baslow Beautiful, Parking & Traffic and we are in the process of reforming the Woodland Park working party.

Councillors are also members of a number of outside bodies – Baslow Sportsfield, Baslow Charity, Festivals Group, Village Hall Committee and the Orchard Group.

What We Always Do:

- We have responsibility for maintaining a number of public areas in the village – The Old Ford, Woodland Park, Burial ground and various footpaths.
- We comment on planning applications in the village.
- We maintain the three defibrillators – which are outside the village hall, at the sportsfield and outside the Village Shop.
- The council provides a valuable communication function within the village, disseminating information and maintaining the Village Website.
- We are also good at complaining or lobbying – taking issues to the District & County Council

What We Have Done In The Last Year:

- We have worked with Chatsworth to improve the impact of the Christmas Market on the Village. This involved cones and signage in 2023 which made a difference over the weekends they were out. was deliberately escalated during the period of the Christmas Market, so we now know what works. As a result, this year's Christmas Market should be much better than last year as the restrictions will be in place for every weekend and will include some signage on Bubnell Lane.
- Speeding or at the least the perception of speeding, has for many years been an issue in the village. Last year we were finally able to do something about when we installed a Speed indicator Device at the Calver end of the Village. Feedback we have had from residents at that end of the village is that there has been a noticeable reduction in speed. We would be interested to know what your thoughts are on this.
- The Woodland Park continues to be well used and in the last year we have installed new swings and another bench. Some damage has been caused down there and we have had to replace some of the fencing. We are in the process of reinstating the Woodland Park working party to deal with ongoing issues such as improvements to the safety surfacing.
- We have taken steps to improve the Prince of Wales triangle at the top of School Lane – wooden stakes have been installed to prevent cars parking on it and an old Gatepost from School Lane was installed to preserve it for the village.

What We Have Supported:

- An issue we have supported and which will have a substantial benefit to the village for years to

come is the introduction of Full Fibre Broadband. This issue was raised by one of our new councillors, Nick Gilbert, who ran with it and worked with Openreach to bring a Fibre Community Partnership to the village. Nationally, there are not many of these schemes but we are one of them and by the end of the year we should have, or be very close to having, Full Fibre Gigabit Broadband. One thing I would like to stress is that if you have not yet registered your support, it is not too late. The more people who register their support will unlock more Government money to be used in the scheme. Therefore, more residents will be able to access full fibre broadband.

- We have supported the improvements to the land at the bottom of Eton Hill. For years this piece of land has been neglected. The owner of the land put forward proposals to build three properties for local people with part of the land becoming a new public space. These proposals were approved by the Peak Park, so watch this space.
- As we all know, there was significant flooding last October and the Council helped facilitate with the clear up and organised a public meeting to discuss the aftermath and see what could be done. Cllr Buckham and the Clerk, Sarah Porter, have attended some flood warden training with the County Council and Environment Agency. The Parish Council is updating their emergency plan especially around flooding.
- Finally, we have supported the provision of a history board at the Old Ford and hope to support the installation of some more in the coming months.

Finally, Can You Help?

- There is a working party to clean the benches and signs at Nether End on 29th June 2024 – If you are able to help please contact Sarah for details. The more the merrier.
- We are conscious that the Baslow Village Website may need its content up dating – Please have a look and if you are aware that its details need to be updated, please tell us.

A question was asked about speeding on the A619 by the Sports Field. Lomas distribution lorries especially are speeding at 4.30am. The Parish Council will write to Lomas Distribution. There was then a discussion about obstructions on signage. The Clerk has already reported and been chasing it up.

5. Updates from other groups:

- Baslow Village Hall – Richard Plumb – There is not a lot to report except some positives. The hall has staged three events - Live and Local, Voices from the Peak and Celebration of Simon and Garfunkel. All were very successful. Some grant applications have been submitted for ongoing maintenance such as the gent's toilet, the outside lights and outside paths. There are then some smaller items such as access to the loft especially for the Baslow Players, the PA system needs updating and the trustees are looking to couple it with a projection facility. The Hall AGM was yesterday. The finance trustee stood down and a new one appointed. There is a new marketing trustee. The premises trustee has to stand down at the end of his term and so the position needs to get filled asap. Generally speaking, sales during the year have been up. There has also been the first wedding reception held and another enquiry made. There has been a comment that the Hall is still smelly after the flood, but it has improved. More needs to be done with the harder to air spaces such as under the stage.
- Baslow Senior Citizens – Jane Buckham – June, the chair, is away so Jane has been asked to speak for Senior Citizen's. There are currently 54 members and around 30 attend each meeting which is pretty good. Members enjoy the meetings. The agenda is on the Village Hall noticeboard. In addition to the meetings, this is a summer outing and Christmas lunch. Costs are covered from membership fees and local grants. Volunteers help with the teas, and they do about 2 sessions a year each. If you'd like to volunteer, please contact June. Also, we could do with help putting chairs out on a Friday afternoon at about 1pm.
- Baslow Community Orchard – David Dawson – Still in same place with the same committee with 1 exception with a new member this year! Subscribers are between 20 and 25 people but only 6 or 8 of those who turn up for work parties. Fortunately, there is not a large amount to be done. Main event is Apple Day in October. Thanks to all other organisations who help support that. Financially things are stable. There are plans to put some new signage up this year to replace small ones at ground level.

General point there are the same few people that get involved in all these activities and if anyone has any suggestions on how to expand the volunteer stock of the village, please let us know.

- Baslow Environment Group – Graham Duncan – At this meeting last year, I floated the idea of some form of response to the challenges of biodiversity and climate change. He had a warm response so called a meeting in the Wheatsheaf for anyone who might be interested and 50 people attended. This was a good surprise. Things are moving in an encouraging direction. There have now been about 6 meetings of 30 to 40 people. There are 4 areas –
 1. Notion of hydropower from the weir – a group is looking at a feasibility study on that.
 2. Habitats and biodiversity and land which is looking at how we can improve the natural environment for wildlife and birdlife. The Landscape team at Chatsworth has been very supportive and have some very exciting ideas about making a piece of land available as a woodland and wetland.
 3. Brid group – most active group. Successful bird walks around the village.
 4. Transport and active travel. Buses is a big part of this and there is work going on to look at how

we can influence what the bus companies can do. Active Travel to help walk and cycle safely. Derwent Valley Trust has a project to put a cycle path from Shardlow (Derby) to Baslow. How can local communities help? Informal network of people.

About to form a community benefit society and are asking the Parish Council for funding to make that happen. The school is getting involved.

- Baslow Neighbourhood Watch – Jayne Rawlinson – Over the last year the NHW has contributed to the successful detections of several crimes in both Baslow and Bubnell, and also further afield in the Peak District and Hope Valley. A strong working relationship with other NHW groups and specialised units from Derbyshire Constabulary has contributed to the recent successes of the arrest, charge and remand to prison of ‘dwelling house burglars’ from South Yorkshire, who had been targeting the Peak District on a weekly basis. The Police Crime Commissioner, Mrs Angelique Foster contributed so very much by her support to the specialised units, in particular NACT - the North Acquisitive Crime Team and the Rural Crime Team, and also to financing two CCTV cameras in Baslow. We look forward to meeting the new Police Crime Commissioner very soon. Local residents continue to receive advice and support with all kinds of matters including home and business security, vehicle security, explanations of the laws of the land and police protocol, as well as signposting to the relevant police departments, and the management of expectations. Our Safer Neighbourhood Team gave reassurance to the victims of the dwelling burglaries on Bubnell Lane, and also supplied security devices and alarms, which NHW fitted. This was extended to as many residents as possible not just the victims and was very well received. Very recently a prolific shoplifting team ventured into our area on several occasions, but following thefts at Bradwell, Calver and Baslow the shoplifter was politely detained by Calver and Baslow NHW. 999 was called and an arrest was made, and the shoplifter was sent directly to prison for eight weeks. The team have not visited our area since this incident. NHW are currently facilitating ‘Cyber Crime Awareness’ presentations in the Peak District at various locations over the summer. The next being on Monday 29 July at Bakewell Town Hall. NHW would like to sincerely thank the Baslow & Bubnell Parish Council for their financial support this year of £250. Also sincere thanks to the PCC Angelique Foster, residents, local businesses and organisations who have contributed so kindly and generously. Thank you to Councillor Susan Hobson for her continued support. Thank you to our Safer Neighbourhood Team and Derbyshire Constabulary for their continued support and advice. NHW is a registered charity and receives no regular finance from any source.

- Police - Between 21.05.23 and 20.05.24 there have been following crime reported in Baslow and they are:
 - 8 Burglaries – Residential dwellings
 - 4 thefts – these include shoplifting and theft from a vehicle.
 - 3 public order offences
 - 1 Harassment
 - 3 assaults

In relation to the burglaries there have been arrests made with some enquires ongoing. Road Safety and Burglary continue as the Safer Neighbourhood Team priorities

- Baslow Sports Field – Difficult time in Covid. Thanks to Tony Buckham for keeping the facility going through this period. The Sports Field needs more support to keep it going. Numbers of users are increasing again especially in tennis, children’s events such as Triumph and Tag Rugby. We need more volunteers and a new Chair. Please do reach out. Thank you to all who use the facilities and support the Sports Field. There was a question “Do any of the profits from the café go to the Sports Field. Not all of it but a fee is paid”.

The meeting then moved to general questions and discussion:

- The Post Office – fortunate to have in the village. As happened before covid, the shop is not particularly viable. The post office doesn’t contribute to the business and so, without the shop being profitable, the post office could be lost to the village. It is a serious position. How can we encourage people who don’t use it, to use it? When you post an item, please also buy something. There was a suggestion that there needs to be better advertising including advertising that they sell local products. There was a suggestion about an advert being put in holiday homes or owners supply a welcome basket from the shop or vouchers to spend in the shop.
- Woodland Park – Cllr Dawson - Working party back together to look at the next steps for the park and wider area. The bike track area seems to be under used and sitting idle. Thoughts and ideas on what might be done with that area would be welcome. The latest response from Rospa suggested that the whole area should have 30cm depth of play grade woodchip to protect the children using the play equipment, this would cost something like £15,000. This would, mean an increase in the Council Tax if this has to be regularly funded. If it becomes unaffordable, it would need to close.
- Village Green – There is a big hole from the tree falling over and the cones are now gone. This is on the Keep Baslow Beautiful agenda. The Clerk explained that Derbyshire Dales District Council has not been able to do their normal weed spraying due to the wet weather. Please feel free to pull up any weeds!

DATE OF NEXT MEETING - May 2025