

CURBAR PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Thursday 6 January 2022 at 7.00pm at the Wesleyan Reform Church.

Cllrs present:	Martyn Games (Chair)	Charlotte Cooper
	Tony Crook (Vice chair)	Mark Carroll
	Caralyn Denver	
Others present:	PSCO Anthony Boswell	Susan Hobson (DCC)
	Simeon Earl	Robert Scott

0122/01 Apologies for absence - Apologies were received from: Pip Gilbert (Clerk) (Councillor Crook agreed to take minutes) and Councillors Froggatt (DDDC) & Potter (PNPA)

0122/02 Variation of Order of Business – It was agreed not to vary the order of business

0122/03 Declarations of interest Councillor Denver advised that she was related to one of the applicants for the council vacancy and would not take part in the discussion and decision on the vacancy

0122/04 Any item to exclude public None

0122/05 Public Participation:

- a. PCSO Boswell reported that: (i) no crimes had been reported in Curbar in December; (ii) complaints had been received about parking infringements on Curbar Gap during the festive period and 20 parking tickets had been issued for obstructions of double yellow lines; (iii) there had been several burglaries of outhouses of domestic properties and vehicles and bicycles had been stolen: he requested that when anything suspicious was observed, members of the public should contact the police e.g. via calling 101.
- b. Cllr Hobson reported that: (i) the county council has active snow warden support; (ii) that she had funds available to support Parish Council activities including for HM Queen's Platinum Celebration. Requests should be made to her via the Clerk; and (iii) that repairs are shortly to be carried out at Calver new bridge.

0122/06 Minutes of the Parish Council meeting of 4 November 2021 It was resolved to confirm these as correct records.

0122/07 Councillor vacancy Both applicants for the council vacancy addressed the meeting explaining their backgrounds and desire to help the Council. After thanks were given to both for their interest, it was agreed to appoint Robert Scott to the vacancy and to request the Clerk to ensure all the key paperwork was completed so the new Councillor could take up office as soon as possible.

0122/08 Communications received not reported elsewhere on the agenda None

0122/09 Planning applications:

- a. NP/DDD/1221/1330 White Edge, The Bent: it was agreed to object to the proposed garage which had not been part of the original planning application and is inconsistent with the basis of that applications
- b. NP/DDD/1121/1279 Moorside, The Bent – Two storey rear extension: no objections were raised about this application
- c. NP/DDD/1221/1409 Stanton Ford House, Baslow Road: this was considered a well thought out and designed proposal and would be supported by the Council;
- d. NP/NMA/1121/1258: Barn Croft, Pinfold Hill: there were no comments on this application.

0122/10 Burial Ground Committee - The proposed fees schedule was approved and it was agreed that these should be posted on the burial ground notice board

0122/11 Playing field update:

- a. the purchase of new seats for the swings was agreed and also agreed that prices should be sought by the Clerk for a replacement of the surface;
- b. it was noted that the company that had provided and installed the new equipment has not yet provided any documentation for their operation and maintenance and it was agreed to ask the former chair of the council to provide the Clerk with the necessary documents about the purchase so this could be followed up
- c. it was further agreed to place the matter of further improvements on the agenda for the next meeting of the council.

0122/12 Snow and gritting update – it was agreed that the gritting contractor had done an excellent job clearing roads after the recent snowfall; Councillor Denver reported the challenges of securing new grit but this has been now provided and she was in touch with the relevant team at the county council.

0122/13 Defibrillator update - the response from the heritage and planning staff at the Peak National Park Authority was noted and it was agreed that a defibrillator should be acquired and placed adjacent to the trough (to the right of the rubbish bin and on the Hillock.). Proposals for the specific equipment to be acquired and its installation would be discussed at the next Council meeting.

0122/14 Payroll outsource provider - it was agreed to terminate the contract with effect from April 2022 saving the Council £39 per quarter and it was noted that relevant payments would be part of the regular reporting of financial matters to the Council

0122/15 Current financial position - it was noted that the Council has £14,395 as at the end of December 2021 and that accounts are reconciled to the last bank statements of 15th Dec 2021

0122/16 Council precept: it was agreed to approve an increase of 5 percent for 2022-2023, an increase consistent with predicted inflation; it was noted that whilst the financial position was adequate the council was planning significant expenditure in the interest of the Parish community, including the defibrillator and playing field improvements and this warranted a precept increase to help cover regular as well as new expenditure.

0122/17 Invoices for payment - the following were approved:

- a. Harry White for snow ploughing etc.: £295.20
- b. GE Davies for burial ground mowing: £90.00
- c. Dean Hill for burial ground and footpath strimming: £400.00
- d. It was also agreed to ensure that the backlog of arrears payments due to the Clerk related to the extra work undertaken in taking over the role and setting up new systems etc. should be paid by the financial year-end.

0122/18 Annual Audit of Accounts: it was agreed to appoint David Turner, CIPFA to undertake the audit for the financial year 2021-2022

0122/19 Date of next meeting – agreed as 7pm on Thursday 3 March 2022. It was also formally agreed that all future meetings would start at 7pm

The Chair closed the meeting at 8.05 pm.