

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF BODFARI COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Held at The Woodlands Skills Centre, The Warren, Mold Road, Denbigh LL16 4DT on Tuesday 16th November 2021

Present:

Cllr Martin Shutt (Chair) (MS)
Cllr Julie Burnage (JB)
Cllr Heather Griffiths (HG)
Cllr Christine Marston
Cllr Rebecca Parrin (RP)
Cllr Alan Waterfield (AW)

Also present:

Antony Burnage (outgoing Clerk)
Mel ab Owain (incoming Clerk)

1. Apologies:

Cllr Sue Davidson
Cllr Naomi Luhde-Thompson

2. Declaration of interests:

Cllr Shutt item 7 (i)
Cllr Waterfield item 8 (ii)

3. Appointment of a new Clerk.

It was proposed that Mel ab Owain be appointed Clerk and RFO for Bodfari Community Council. Proposed **HG** Seconded: **MS**
RESOLVED: That M ab Owain re appointed Clerk.

4. To receive the minutes of the previous meeting. Proposed: **MS** Seconded **JB**
RESOLVED: That these minutes be accepted as a true record.

5. Matters Arising.

4(ii) Ceramic Map. It was suggested that the ceramic map could be sited behind the street name sign. **ACTION: JB** would set up a working party to get the map installed.

4 (iii) Noticeboard. The notice had been replaced. The rotten timber on the top of the gate still needs replacing. **ACTION: AB** and **JB** to replace.

4 (iv) Broadband. **HG** reported that 10 residents were now anxious to receive broadband. She had arranged a meeting with Philip Burrows of Denbighshire CC who would help apply for funding.

4 (v) New Park Access. **CM** was still pursuing Tim Towers of Denbighshire CC on this issue.

4 (vi) War Memorial. **MS** was still looking for two more quotes for this specialist repair.

4 (vii) Planning query on barn. **CM** reported that an enforcement notice had been placed on this site on 1st November by Denbighshire CC. The owner would either have to put in a planning application or restore the building to its previous condition.

4 (ix) Goal posts. **ACTION: JB** will obtain quotes.

4 (xi) Footpath stiles. **MS** confirmed had spoken to DCC and they confirmed that styles were the responsibility of the landowners. DCC also confirmed that they would be replacing them

with kissing gates in due course. **ACTION: MS** would see if DCC could give the Council a timescale for their replacement.

4 (xii) Boules Court. The back had been strimmed and the boules court sprayed twice. The hoeing had not been done. **AW** to review the park maintenance agreement and reimburse BCC any works not undertaken or completed

4 (xiii) New Park Shelter. **MS** is going to meet with the ANOB to discuss an application for a grant for a new shelter from the Community Development Fund.

6. County Councillors Report.

CM had circulated a written report (see appendix 1). In addition, she reported:

i) She had spoken with the Wildlife Trust about Himalayan Balsam who were working on its eradication in the area. They were trying to contact the owner of the fishery upstream in the Afonwen area as this was the likely source of the infestation.

ii) Denbighshire CC had allocated £1237.00 in commented sums for Bodfari in their latest round.

iii) Tony Hughes of the AONB was retiring now that he had turned 70.

iv)) Denbighshire will be introducing a new waste collection system over the next 18 months which will include a multi box system for recycling.

7 Planning and Highways

i) Planning:

41/2021/1097

MS declared an interest and left the room.

It was proposed that the council raise no objection to this application.

Proposed: **AW** Seconded **HG**.

ii) Highways:

Cracks had appeared on the A541 c3cm wide and 2m long. It looked like the road was subsiding.

ACTION: CM would speak to Tim Towers of Denbighshire CC.

8. Finance

i) Statements:

Community Account Balance: £7628.42

Deposit Account Balance: £4437.52

ii) The budget and precept would be on the next agenda.

iii) Payroll – the Clerk was asked to enquire as to the cost of having the PAYE done by a professional company.

9. Village Playground and Park.

i) The Chair would circulate the rota for park inspections by Councillors.

AW declared an interest and left a room.

ii) Removal of fence around park. Only one tender had been received from Bodfari Environmental for £1222.00 +VAT. This included removal of the old fencing and the briars that had grown around them. It was proposed that this bid be accepted

Proposed: **JB** Seconded: **RP**

RESOLVED: That this bid be accepted.

iii) Sign. The 'Danger – Access to Road' sign had been damaged.

ACTION: **RP** will take a picture and send to **AB** who see if he could find a more robust clip to fix the sign.

10. Correspondence None

11. AOB

i) Speeding through the village. MS suggested that the Council researches the situation in similar villages such as Bodfari (Aberwheeler and Llanrhayader DC) which have 30mph limits, comparing the number of accidents. The Council could then invite Ben Wilcox-Jones of Denbighshire CC to come to a meeting.

ACTION: HG would undertake the research.

ii) Verges. The Council discussed re-planting road verges around the village with wildflowers and noted that the Welsh Government had recently launched a 'Places for Nature' grant scheme which could help fund this.

ACTION: The Clerk would speak to the project manager to see if she could join a future meeting via zoom to explain more about the scheme.

iii) Church. MS expressed concern about the future of the Church. He had been impressed by a number of Churches which had taken out the pews and opened up the building as community spaces.

ACTION: MS would speak to the rector and possibly visit St Asaph Parish Church where this had been done.

iv) Outgoing Clerk. The Council expressed their thanks to Anthony Burnage for his hard work as interim Clerk over recent months.