

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 3rd October 2017

Present

Councillor K. Bailey	Councillor C. Johnson
Councillor P. Brown	Councillor S. Jones
Councillor K. Cook	Councillor R. Mulvany
Councillor L. Gettings	Councillor L. Rawson
Councillor G. Haigh	Councillor C. Taylor

93.0 Apologies for Absence

93.1 Apologies were received from Councillors Kimberley, Knight and Nixon.

94.0 Anti-Social Behaviour/Policing Issues/Speeding

94.1 PC Dennis attended the meeting and reported on crime figures for September, which continued to be low. There had been 3 burglary dwellings - fishing tackle stolen from a shed/keys and a vehicle stolen, but 2 males consequently arrested and charged/an unsecure property where 2 vehicles were stolen but recovered in Bradford. There had been 1 burglary other, which involved Birchfield Primary School, where an iPad and school mini bus had been stolen. The latter was recovered from the scene of a crash, and investigations were ongoing. There had been 2 thefts from vehicles, one of which was unsecure, and a wagon stolen while keys were left in the ignition. PC Dennis stated that there had been no reports of anti-social behaviour, and the 'dark night' patrols would continue.

94.2 Councillor Finnigan requested that the police monitor Flossmore Playground, as there had been reports of youths congregating in the area. PC Dennis confirmed that they were already aware of the situation.

95.0 Chair's Remarks

95.1 Vice Chair, Councillor Gettings, wished to notify the Parish Council that tickets were on sale for the Concert in aid of the British Legion Poppy Appeal. This was to be held on Saturday 11th November at Morley Town Hall. Tickets were £5.00

96.0 Minutes of Meeting held on 5th September 2017

96.1 The Minutes were agreed to be a true and accurate record.

96.2 There were no matters arising from the Minutes.

96.3 All points for action were in Agenda items.

97.0 Correspondence

97.1 Councillor Jones listed the correspondence for September.

97.2 Details regarding the Parliamentary Constituency Review. The Revised Proposals to be published on 17th October 2017, and open for consultation until 11th December 2017.

97.3 An email from Planning Enforcement regarding the caravans parked at 75 Branch Road, noting that the occupier had until the end of October to remove the remaining caravan.

97.4 An email from Naomi Eastwood, Senior Financial Manager LCC, regarding Council Tax Referendum Principles for Town and Parish Councils.

97.5 A notice about traffic restrictions on Town Street, with work due to completed by 6/10/17.

97.6 Morley North Ward Traffic Regulation Order regarding double yellow lining in Gildersome.

97.7 Highways Future Works : Town Street 9th October until 17th November/Street Lane junction with Reedsdale Gardens 23rd October to 3rd November.

97.8 A flyer for a Patient Participation Event on 20th October at Leeds United Football Ground.

97.9 An email from a resident Janice Bruce requesting help in advertising for governors at Birchfield Primary School. **It was agreed to put an article on the website.**

98.0 Speed Awareness Sub-Group

98.1 Councillor Bailey reported that a second SID unit was now in place at Scott Green, and he recommended that the first SID remain in situ on Town Street outside Gildersome Primary School, as this was a key area for speeding. There were no objections. Councillor Jones queried data retrieval from the SID, and **Councillor Bailey confirmed that he would try and access this.**

98.2 Councillor Bailey advised that a resident, Colin Roberts, was pursuing an issue with LCC regarding damage to his car as a result of speed bumps.

99.0 Planter Sub-Group

99.1 Councillor Haigh reported that a forward plan had been prepared by the Sub-Group and he distributed copies to councillors. Councillor Brown requested that the Item be removed from the Agenda until February, when the new plan would commence. This was agreed upon.

99.2 Councillor Brown confirmed that she had ordered the plants for autumn/winter planting, and these would be delivered on 15th October. She advised that it would be best to leave any planting until required.

99.3 Councillors Bailey and Taylor were in favour of siting any spare tubs at the Grove, and this was agreed upon. Councillor Finnigan advised that the Housing Panel may contribute towards planting costs, and **requested that details be sent to the Panel.**

100.0 Employment of an Enforcement Officer

100.1 Councillor Jones gave a resume of a meeting held regarding this matter, and details were distributed to all councillors. The key points were: this project was a trial, the first of its type in Leeds/the Enforcement Officer, a trained parking services officer, would commence work on 1st November, or sooner if possible/a working group of 3 people Councillors Finnigan, Jones ad

Hutchison would liaise with the Officer to plan work schedules/the Officer could only issue parking fines where there were lines or signs/ LCC would cover transport costs during the initial trial year/it was an annual contract, but not binding, and could be terminated at any time/the cost for Gildersome would be £7000 with invoices quarterly/this would provide one and a quarter days cover on a flexible rota basis.

100.1 Councillors were in agreement with the employment of an Enforcement Officer, though Councillor Bailey considered it disappointing that only lined or signed areas were eligible for penalty notices.

101.0 Safety Fencing for the Playground

101.1 Councillor Finnigan advised that this had been delayed slightly, but was now due to be installed in November.

102.0 MUGA Update

102.1 Councillor Bailey confirmed that he had forwarded all information on the project to Paul Cook, and the matter was ongoing.

103.0 Flossmore Way Park

103.1 Councillor Bailey reported that he had spoken to Jonathan Graves regarding the offer of a grant from the Parish Council. Jonathan gave his thanks but declined the offer. It appeared that he wished to undertake all work independently. Councillor Finnigan stated that if this was the case he would need to comply with Environmental Action's deadline of the end of October. It was agreed to take this Item off future agendas and leave the matter to Jonathan Graves.

104.4 Morley Arts Festival

104.1 Councillor Gettings advised that it had been a difficult year, mainly due to the organisation of the Festival. She confirmed that there were to be no school events, and only 34 people were attending the Gildersome Bronte evening.

105.0 Action Plan

105.1 Past/Future Events

Remembrance Sunday – Councillor Cook stated that the Brownies wished to make and donate 'poppy day buns' for the refreshments afterwards. It was agreed to serve both buns and biscuits, and have a donation box as usual. Councillor Cook was to contact the Police regarding restrictions to traffic flow during the service at the cenotaph, and it was confirmed that the flag would be lowered.

Light-Up Night – Due to the hall being occupied by a class until 6.30pm Light-Up Night would commence at 7.00pm. Arrangements for the BBQ were discussed, and councillors requested to meet at 2.00pm to help with preparation for the event.

105.2 Footpaths

In Councillor Knight's absence, Councillor Johnson read two emails relating to Footpaths 25 and 26. Footpath 26, Cricket Hill Farm to Gelderd Road, had been cleared by Parks and Countryside, but someone seemed to have cut down a bush to block it again. Regarding Footpath 25, a

resident at the top of Highfield View had complained about the footpath being resurfaced by another property. This was now apparently causing flooding problems. Councillor Finnigan to contact Bob Buckenham, at Parks and Countryside.

105.3 Landscape Project

Councillor Cook reported that Steven Heywood wished the wildflower area at Branch End to be cut back this month. Councillor Cook had also obtained some bulbs from the Duchy of Cornwall suitable for planting in boggy conditions, as was the case at Street Lane. Bulbs were also going to be acquired for the Griffin corner.

106.0 Planning

106.1 Councillor Cook listed all applications and decisions for September.

106.2 Councillor Cook stated that the application for the Paddock had been withdrawn.

106.3 Councillor Brown wished concerns regarding the recent Gas Board renewal work on Town Street to be minuted. This area had experienced flooding problems when previous work had been undertaken a few years ago, due to existence of a Victorian culvert. Councillor Finnigan to contact Stuart Peddar, Land Drainage, to investigate.

106.4 Councillor Cook stated that information was required regarding plans for Gildersome Meeting Hall. Councillor Finnigan advised that present plans proposed the closure of Gildersome Library, to be replaced by a mobile unit. This proposal would involve a consultation process, but should it be approved, there would then be a full refurbishment of the entire building, plus a small extension at the back, at a cost of £360,000. LCC, while still maintaining it, would prefer the Meeting Hall to be run by a community based group. Councillor Finnigan advised that it would be year to completion once approved, and all Ward Councillors wanted to ensure that the £360,000 came to Gildersome for the refurbishment.

Councillor Brown was strongly opposed to this proposition, stating that it was not value for money in view of what had been lost. Councillor Cook also disputed the lack of investment in the past by LCC in the Youth Centre and the Meeting Hall.

Councillor Jones summarized, that disagreeable as it was, the Parish Council may have to accept the situation, as it had always proved impossible to oppose Leeds. It was agreed that it was important to monitor the refurbishment programme and costings, and to be involved with the planning process.

107.0 Finance

107.1 The Clerk advised the balance on the Parish Council's **Current Account** currently stood at : £22,581.31

107.2 Cheques sent out this month are as follows:

P.May/August Pay/Back Pay	716.20
Colour Your Garden/Plants	302.28
Colour Your Garden/Plants	764.93
P.May/September Pay	<u>234.56</u>
	2017.97

107.3 Payments made via Bankline:

HMRC	179.00
Bankline Fee	0.40
TOTAL	2197.37

107.4 The balance on the Parish Council's **Reserve Account** currently stood at : £8241.31

108.0 Applications for Grants

108.1 There were no applications for grants.

109.0 Date of Next Meeting

109.1 The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, 7th November 2017 at 7.00pm in the Meeting Hall.