

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 5th December 2017

Present

Councillor K.Bailey	Councillor S.Kimberley
Councillor P.Brown	Councillor E.Knight
Councillor K.Cook	Councillor R.Mulvany
Councillor L.Gettings	Councillor C.Nixon
Councillor G.Haigh	Councillor L.Rawson
Councillor S.Jones	Councillor C.Taylor

Councillor R.Finnigan (MBI)

124.0 Apologies for Absence

124.1 Apologies were received from Councillor Johnson.

125.0 Anti-Social Behaviour/Policing Issues/Speeding

125.1 PC Dave Speight and PC McGregor attended the meeting to present the crime report for November. There had been 6 residential burglaries, and once again the common themes were entry due to poor locks, and the theft of car keys, usually for 'high end' vehicles. There had been 1 commercial burglary, 2 thefts from motor vehicles, and 4 incidents of vehicle interference. There had been a number of incidents of anti-social behaviour on Town Street, including damage to the Christmas tree lights, but PC Speight stated there was nothing of major concern. Councillor Brown considered that it was of great concern, and that this low level vandalism needed addressing now. Councillor Finnigan confirmed that the formation of gangs of youths appeared to be a growing problem all over Morley.

125.2 PC. Speight reported that lazer observations had taken place on Street Lane and Town Street, but no speeding had been identified. Councillor Gettings reported an incident of speeding outside the Meeting Hall.

125.3 PC McGregor distributed leaflets regarding the installation of secure locks. This information to be added to the website.

126.0 Chair's Remarks

126.1 Councillor Jones said that he was saddened to announce the death of Barry Gomersall, chair of the Garden Committee for many years, and someone who had worked so hard for the village.

127.0 Minutes of Meeting held on 7th November 2017

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

127.2 Matters Arising

Regarding the concerns of Susan Bunn Councillor Finnigan stated that LCC were awaiting an estimate for foundations in order to resite the container. He also hoped for a meeting to be arranged, preferably before Christmas, to discuss future plans for

the refurbishment of the Meeting Hall.

Item 113.2 Councillor Gettings advised that she has visited the Grove regarding placement of the tubs. Councillor Finnigan had not received any costings.

Item 114.2 Councillor Jones advised that the actual amount of CIL money from the Street Lane development would be £4,300.

128.0 Register of Interests

128.1 Councillor Jones requested any Councillors with changes regarding this matter to contact the Clerk.

129.0 Correspondence

129.1 Councillor Jones listed the correspondence for November.

129.2 In the Notification of External Auditor Appointments for the financial year 2018-19, Gildersome PC was once again allocated PKF Littlejohn LLP. This for a 5 year period.

129.3 A leaflet advertising war memorial cleaning, as 2018 was to be the World War I 100 Year Centenary. It was decided to give this more thought in 2018.

129.4 Proposed Highway works associated with development on land at Wakefield Road, Gildersome. Councillor Finnigan stated that the Parish Council would not receive CIL money, as planning permission had been granted a number of years ago.

129.5 A reponse from PC Aaron Dennis, Ward Manager, after forwarding the email received from Mr Martin Ward, regarding speeding and HGV's.

129.6 Annual Reporting Requirements: Community Infrastructure Levy Payments 2016/17.

129.7 An update from Yorkshire Water stating that there had been a delay in obtaining a new hydro brake required to alleviate the problem at Street Lane playing fields.

129.8 An email from the Morley and District Concert Band thanking the Parish Council for letting them be part of Light-Up Night, and for the doation of £50.

129.9 An update for future works on Highways : Church Street, Yorkshire Water, 18/12/17 to 19/12/17 and Church Street, The Vicarage, 06/02/18 to 08/02/18.

129.10 Highways Maintenance Programme 2018/2019. This indicated that work was planned for Scott Green to Scott Green Mount, Scott Green Mount to Scott Green, and Street Lane from Gelderd Road to Briarfield Gardens.

130.0 Speed Awareness Sub-Group

130.1 Councillor Bailey advised that there was nothing new to report.

131.0 Employment of Enforcement Officer

131.1 Councilor Jones confirmed that the Enforcement Officer was now working on a rota basis

between Morley, Drighlington and Gildersome. A copy of the rota was distributed to all Councillors. The Clerk advised that no photographic images used by the Enforcement Officer in the process of issuing fines, could be put on our Facebook page.

131.2 Councillor Gettings stated that she had many reservations about the use of Facebook in general. She reminded all Councillors of the Code Of Conduct, and considered it relevant in the use of social media. Discussion took place as to whether the Parish Council should continue with a Facebook page. Councillor Jones concluded that it should be moderated internally, and it was key not to respond to derogatory comments.

131.3 Councillor Jones thanked Councillor Nixon for organizing, and putting up the new anti-dog fouling posters. Councillor Nixon had worked with local school children to produce the posters.

131.4 Councillor Brown reported 2 incidents of fly-tipping. Councillor Finnigan stated that he would follow this up, but it was also a matter that the Enforcement Officer could deal with.

131.5 Councillor Brown proposed that the employment of an Enforcement Officer should be advertised, but the majority of the Council agreed with Councillors Kimberley and Mulvany's suggestion to wait 2 months before doing so.

132.0 Safety Fencing for the Playground/Upkeep of the Playground

132.1 It was confirmed that the safety fencing would now be installed in the new year. Councillor Finnigan stated that, once again, he would check on the delay in jet-washing the skateboard area, and the replacement of the safety matting.

132.2 Discussion took place regarding the purchase of 2 new seats for the playground. It was decided to go ahead and place the order, subject to receiving permission from LCC. Councillor Cook to contact Mick Waring for confirmation.

133.0 Action Plan

133.1 Past/Future Events

Remembrance Sunday – Councillor Jones thanked all Councillors who had helped, noting that there had been a huge attendance. The 'poppy buns' sold by the Brownies had raised £100, and £66 given in donations for refreshments. Councillor Gettings confirmed that the total £166 had been sent to the Royal British Legion.

Light-Up Night – Councillor Gettings confirmed that the collection for Children in Need had raised £120. In discussion and thoughts for the future a number of points were raised – there was a request for more donation buckets/that the mulled wine be served prior the the switch on, as were the other refreshments/Councillor Nixon suggested that to avoid running out of some refreshment items, more could be purchased, as the PTA at Gildersome Primary were willing to purchase any excess.

Councillor Knight advised that St Peter's Church, instead of organizing Carols Around the Tree, would be singing at different locations around the village on Wednesday 20th December.

Councillor Gettings stated that the new sleigh, made by Steve Aubrey, for the benefit of all groups in the village, would be used by Gildersome Primary School this year. Councillor Nixon confirmed the dates for the Santa Claus Run as 11th, 13th and 14th December. Councillor Brown suggested flying a Christmas flag throughout December. This was agreed upon.

Future Events – Easter Egg Hunt to be held on Sunday 1st April.

133.2 Footpaths

Councillor Knight reported that Footpath 44 remained closed, with another closure order pending. This was due to an ongoing dispute regarding ownership. The next stage would be a 6 months closure order, in which case a charge would be incurred to the landowner, and the matter may even go to court.

133.3 Landscape Project

Councillor Cook advised that there had been a delay in acquiring one of the trees requested by the Garden Committee. Councillor Mulvany stated that the 2 new wooden planters, donated by the Garden Committee, would be delivered on 12th January 2018.

134.0 Planning

134.1 Councillor Cook listed all applications and decisions for November.

134.2 Councillor Finnigan reported that the house building target had been reduced to 51,000. This would hopefully safeguard greenfield sites at the Highfields, Asquith Avenue, and land behind the Sports Club.

134.3 Councillor Cook proposed that this information should be put on the website. This was agreed upon.

135.0 Finance

135.1 The Clerk advised the balance on the Parish Council's **Current Account** currently stood at : £19,575.78

135.2 Cheques sent out this month were as follows:

S.Jones/Website Renewal (5yrs)	32.39
S.Jones/Website Moonfruit Renewal	72.00
B.Haigh/Garden Help	65.00
British Legion Poppy Appeal/Wreath	18.50
P.May/JTF Xmas Lights	23.98
P.Hird/Xmas Sign/Maintenance & Installation	480.00
P.May/Transfer to Petty Cash	100.00
D.Cowburn/Footpaths & Grass Cutting	2,600.00
P.May/November Pay	234.56
L.V.Hanson/Xmas Tree & Fireworks	<u>710.00</u>
	4,336.43

135.3 Payments made via Bankline:

HMRC	58.60
Bankline Fee	0.40

TOTAL 4,395.43

135.4 The balance on the Parish Council's **Reserve Account** currently stood at : £8241.52

136.0 Applications for Grants

136.1 There were no applications for grants.

137.0 Date of Next Meeting

137.1 The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 2nd January 2018 at 7.00pm in the Meeting Hall.

137.2 Councillor Jones requested all Councillors to contact the Clerk with regard to arranging a convenient Tuesday in January to hold an Extraordinary Meeting. This to discuss the future of the Meeting Hall, and it's management.