

## MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 7<sup>th</sup> November 2017

### Present

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

Councillor R.Finnigan (MBI)

### 110.0 Apologies for Absence

110.1 Apologies were received from Councillor Brown.

### Attendance at the Meeting of a Member of the Public

Sue Bunn, Leader of the 4<sup>th</sup> Gildersome Brownie's, attended the meeting to raise her concerns regarding the treatment of the various groups, and the difficulties they were having to endure since the closure of the Youth Centre. Two main concerns were the length of time LCC were taking to make decisions regarding the refurbishment/extension of the Meeting Hall, and the fact they were ignoring all requests to resite the storage container at the Primary School.

Councillor Finnigan responded by saying that he agreed with some of her comments, but not all. He stated that there was a strong possibility that the Library would close, and be replaced with a mobile unit. This, however would require a consultation period, but he hoped that this could be implemented quickly. Councillor Finnigan advised that the £365,000 from the sale of the Youth Centre would be used to refurbish the Meeting Hall. He considered that LCC would not want to run the Meeting Hall indefinitely, and would prefer a community based group to take over. As regards to the storage container he stated that he would make further enquiries.

Discussion took place regarding all implications involved in the closure of the Library, the running of the Meeting Hall and the plans for its refurbishment. Councillor Johnson asked Sue Bunn how she felt about LCC's response. She stated that she felt let down and misled. Councillor Cook stated that she was disgusted at the way the children and the volunteers had been treated by LCC.

Councillor Jones considered that there was still much to be discussed regarding this issue, and proposed that an extraordinary meeting be arranged for this sole purpose. This was agreed upon. It was also agreed that the Clerk should send an email to LCC expressing the concerns of the Parish Council, and indicating their full support for Sue Bunn in this matter.

### 111.0 Anti-Social Behaviour/Policing Issues/Speeding

111.1 Sgt. Richard Abbott attended the meeting and introduced PCSO Joshua Tolhurst, one of two new trainees in Gildersome and Morley. Sgt.Abbott outlined reported crimes for October. There were 6 residential burglary offences, 4 of which involved damage to locks. Vehicles were

the target in 3 cases. Just car keys were stolen in one case, one vehicle was recovered immediately, but an Audi A1 was still outstanding. Councillor Gettings enquired about 2 burglary attempts at the Coach House. There was an Audi and VW at the property but neither were stolen. Sgt. Abbott stated that it was believed that the offenders targeting high value cars were from Bradford, and that the Morley Police were liaising with colleagues in Bradford. There had been 2 commercial burglaries, and in an armed robbery at Gildersome Co-op cash and cigarettes had been stolen. 1 theft from a motor vehicle had taken place. 9 incidents of anti-social behaviour had been reported.

Sgt. Abbott advised that the 'Darker Nights Initiative' was ongoing until Christmas. This involved additional officers, on other duties, being made available if necessary between 6pm and 4am. The Police were also identifying 10 top streets in each area, where officers would contact all residents. In addition, a holiday security pack was available to borrow from the Police. PCSO Tolhurst would now be the point of contact for Gildersome Tel No. 07711 391324.

111.2 Councillor Bailey reported that he had witnessed dangerous driving by two vehicles at Spring Villas. Sgt. Abbott stated that they were aware of the residents involved, and the Police made regular site visits.

111.3 Councillor Johson enquired about the burglary at Birchfield School in September. Sgt. Abbott reported that there had been no arrests.

111.4 Councillor Cook enquired if the PCSO's would be present at the Remembrance Service. This was confirmed.

## **112.0 Chair's Remarks**

112.1 There were none.

## **113.0 Minutes of Meeting held on 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2017**

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

113.2 Matters Arising

Item 97.3 The remaining caravan had now been removed from 75 Branch Road.

Item 97.6 It was confirmed by Bobby Viridi, LCC, that double yellow lines would be in place at the Finkle Lane/Street Lane junction within 4-6 months.

Item 97.9 Following an article on our website Birchfield School now had new governors.

Item 99.3 Regarding the tubs to be placed outside the Grove, Councillor Finnigan asked the Parish Council to email him with costings. Councillor Gettings also thought it advisable to contact the warden at the Grove.

Item 106.3 Councillor Finnigan had contacted LCC regarding the culvert on Town Street.

113.3 All other points for action were in Agenda items.

## **114.0 Correspondence**

114.1 Councillor Jones listed the correspondence for October.

114.2 An email from resident Rachel Halse regarding projects for the village, had suggested improvements to the Playground. Councillor Finnigan to contact Mick Waring regarding new

safety matting and jet-washing the skateboard area. Councillor Finnigan advised that CIL money of £21,000 would be available from the Street Lane development, and some of this might be used for improvements.

114.3 Notice of a Joint Review of Polling Arrangements.

114.4 An update from Yorkshire Water re the sewage leak on Street Lane Playing Field.

114.5 An email from Martin Ward regarding speeding in general, and also contractor's HGV's travelling through Gildersome. It was agreed that the Clerk forward Mr Ward's email to the Police.

114.6 Details of the Parliamentary Review, whereby we will be joined with Batley.

114.7 The 2018/19 Council Tax Precept Timetable. Councillor Jones proposed that the Precept be discussed at the January meeting. This was agreed upon.

114.8 Correspondence from Sue Bunn and Councillor Finnigan regarding the situation of the ex-users of the demolished Youth Centre. Sue Bunn attended the meeting.

114.9 Highways Update : Street Lane/ Reesdale Avenue Junction 6<sup>th</sup> Nov to 17<sup>th</sup> Nov. Northern Gas Networks.

## **115.0 Speed Awareness Sub-Group**

115.1 Councillor Bailey reported that he had downloaded data from the SID on Town Street, though as roadworks were in place at the time he was not sure how it related to normal traffic flow. The data indicated that 99% of vehicles travelled at 30mph or less, 55% at 20mph or less, with 1% over 30mph. Councillors Mulvany and Kimberley were of the opinion that the SID should now be moved to Street Lane, as there had been a request from many residents for one to be sited on this road. Councillor Bailey was reluctant to move the Town Street SID, and discussion took place regarding the purchase of a 3<sup>rd</sup> device. Councillor Jones proposed that this option should be discussed more fully at next month's meeting, and this was agreed upon.

## **116.0 Employment of Enforcement Officer**

116.1 Councillor Finnigan stated that there had been a delay in training the Officer, due to the absence of the Cleaner Leeds Manager.

## **117.0 Safety Fencing for the Playground/Upkeep of the Playground**

117.1 The Clerk advised that the fencing was still due to be installed this month. The upkeep of the Playground had been discussed in Item 114.2.

## **118.0 Gildersome Garden Committee Donation**

118.1 Councillor Cook reported that the Garden Committee were to donate £1500 to the Parish Council to buy two wooden planters and three trees. A plaque in recognition of this, and of Barry Gomersall's work for the Committee, would be put on the existing planter outside the Co-op. The two new planters would be sited outside St Peter's Church, and at Church Corner outside

Springfield House. There was a request for one tree be sited on the grass verge opposite Harthill, but Highways would have to be contacted regarding this location. Councillor Cook suggested Branch End as a possible site for the other two trees. Councillor Mulvany to place the order for the wooden planters with Urban Planters.

118.2 Councillor Cook suggested that as Urban Planters would be coming to Gildersome with this delivery, it would be an opportunity to make enquiries about the damaged planter on Street Lane.

## 119.0 Action Plan

### 119.1 Past/Future Events

Remembrance Sunday – It was confirmed that the start time for preparation would be 9.00am onwards. The wreath was organized, the Brownies were making the 99 'poppy buns', and the scouts were to lower and raise the flag. Councillor Gettings to contact Liz Pearce. Richard Clough would attend the Service as the Deputy Lieutenant's representative.

Light-Up Night – Discussion took place regarding the organisation of this event with confirmation of a start time for preparation on Friday of 2.00pm. A check would have to be made with Lettings that the Hall would be available from 6.30pm onwards.

### 119.2 Footpaths

Councillor Knight reported that Footpath 44, the Finkle Lane/Street Lane footpath, had been closed due to a collapsed wall. There was an issue with the ownership of the wall, so a 21 day Closure Order had been put in place. LCC were making enquiries with Land Registry to ascertain ownership. Councillor Knight considered that it could take some time to resolve, which was a great pity with such a well-used footpath in the centre of Gildersome.

Following on from his enquiries regarding flooding issues with Footpath 25, Councillor advised that it was an matter between the residents at the farm and the house on Highfield View.

Councillor Knight stated that Footpath 43, at the side of the new industrial development on Gelderd Road, was likely to remain closed for some considerable time. It was down to the developers to reinstate it on completion of the site, but after 18 months preparation work construction of the units appeared to have come to a halt.

### 119.3 Landscape Project

Councillor Cook reported that a large number of bulbs had been planted in the landscaped areas at Street Lane and Griffin Corner.

## 120.0 Planning

120.1 Councillor Cook listed all applications and decisions for October.

## 121.0 Finance

121.1 The Clerk advised the balance on the Parish Council's **Current Account** currently stood at : £21,171.54

121.2 Cheques sent out this month were as follows:

LCC/Meeting Hall Hire	10.00
Brosnans/Payroll	36.00

P.Brown/Plants	306.40
P.Brown/Xmas Lights	206.93
P.May/October Pay	<u>234.56</u>
	793.89

121.3 Payments made via Bankline:

HMRC	58.60
Bankline Fee	0.40

**TOTAL      852.89**

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

121.5 Copies of the Proposed Budget for 2018/19 were distributed to all Council members. Councillor Jones itemised each area of the budget, highlighting any increases. He proposed its acceptance as the new budget for the next financial year. All Councillors were in agreement.

## **122.0 Applications for Grants**

122.1 An application from the 4<sup>th</sup> Morley (Gildersome) Scout Group to enable two of its young leaders to attend a World Scout Jamboree in 2019 was considered by the Council. It was decided to pledge £250, to be paid in 2018, as and when required.

## **123.0 Date of Next Meeting**

123.1 The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> December 2017 at 7.00pm in the Meeting Hall.