

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 6th June 2017

Present

Councillor K. Bailey
Councillor P. Brown
Councillor K. Cook
Councillor L. Gettings
Councillor G. Haigh
Councillor C. Johnson

Councillor S. Jones
Councillor S. Kimberley
Councillor R. Mulvany
Councillor C. Nixon
Councillor L. Rawson
Councillor C. Taylor

Councillor R. Finnigan MBI

43.0 Apologies for Absence

43.1 Apologies were received from Councillor Knight.

44.0 Anti-Social Behaviour/Policing Issues/Speeding Issues

44.1 PC Dennis attended the meeting and reported on crime figures for May. These were once again very low, with 2 burglary dwellings, in which investigations were ongoing. There had been 3 vehicle thefts, but no burglary others, no thefts from vehicles, and no reports of unsociable behaviour. PC Dennis stated that night patrols were continuing, and the PCSO's would attend the Scarecrow Festival.

44.2 Councillor Jones raised the concerns regarding parking at the junction of Finkle Lane and Street Lane. PC Dennis advised that the PCSO's would look into this. Councillor Johnson enquired about the possibility of double yellow lines. Councillor Finnigan explained that this was under LCC's control, it required a traffic regulation order, and proof was usually required that an area presented a dangerous situation. Councillor Finnigan stated that LCC had looked at the problem at Finkle Lane a number of times in the last 5 years but did not consider it relevant to implement yellow lines. He would contact LCC Traffic Management again regarding the situation.

45.0 Chair's Remarks

45.1 There were none.

Statement by Residents

Michael Thomas and Lisa Woodhead, residents from Flossmore Way, attended the meeting to raise concerns with Councillor Finnigan regarding the state of Flossmore Park. They wished to know what powers he possessed to force the owner to maintain it properly, as they considered the park to be in a very run-down state. Councillor Finnigan explained that under the 106 Agreement the owner of the park is obliged to provide an open, useable, green space, and no legal action can be taken until it goes before the magistrate's court to prove otherwise. Discussion took place between Councillor Finnigan and the residents regarding the situation. Councillor Finnigan stated that he would discuss the matter with the Parish Council, and contact the residents in due course to inform them of any proposals.

Update on Street Lane Youth Centre : Councillor T Leadley MBI

Councillor Leadley attended the meeting to advise the Parish Council of his concerns regarding the sale, planning applications and demolition of the former Youth Centre. Councillor Leadley considered that LCC and Riva Homes had not followed the correct procedures, and gave a detailed account of the enquiries he had made. He stated that the matter may be taken to the External Auditor, and fines could be issued. He stressed that even though the Street Lane Centre had been lost, this was important for the future conservation of other buildings in Morley. Street Lane resident Mrs Walker, also attended the meeting and stated that, she too, was pursuing the matter as the conduct of LCC and Riva homes was highly suspect. The Planning Officer was now making a decision on the latest application from Riva Homes.

46.0 Minutes of Meeting held on 2nd May 2017

46.1 The Minutes were agreed as a true and accurate record.

46.2 Referring to Item 30.2 Councillor Brown advised that another resident in Gildersome had not received a Newsletter.

46.3 Referring to Item 31.8 Councillor Finnigan stated that he had not received a reply to his enquiry regarding 'blocking gates'. Councillor Cook also raised the point that there was no longer a 'No Horses' sign on the football field. **Councillor Finnigan to address this.**

46.4 Referring to Item 37.1 Councillor Finnigan stated that he was still awaiting a reply from Mick Waring regarding the playground fencing.

46.5 Referring to Item 38.1 Councillor Jones thanked Councillor Mulvany for arranging the sale of the BBQ, raising £30.

47.0 Correspondence

47.1 Councillor Jones listed the correspondence for May.

47.2 An email from resident Graham Powell regarding parking in the village, particularly at the top of Finkle Lane. This matter had been discussed in Item 44.

47.3 Ongoing correspondence regarding Forest Bank. Councillor Finnigan continued to liaise with residents and LCC.

47.4 An email from resident Nathan Bean regarding the siting of the second S.I.D. outside his home at Scott Green. Councillor Johnson considered that it would be insensitive to pursue the matter further, and proposed that the device be sited elsewhere. **Discussion took place and it was decided that the Speed Awareness Sub-Group investigate another site.**

47.5 Details from Highways Assets regarding a 2017/18 Pothole Fund. **Following discussion it was decided that the Speed Awareness Sub-Group should make an assessment of any roads requiring urgent repair.**

47.6 Highways - Future Works : Town Street 28/08/17 until 06/10/17.

47.7 Details of Merchant Navy Day 3rd September 2017/ Fly the Red Ensign.

48.0 Speed Awareness Sub-Group

48.1 Councillor Jones considered that all issues relating to this Item had been discussed and agreed upon in Correspondence.

49.0 Planter Sub-Group

49.1 Councillor Jones thanked the Sub-Group for the excellent work in organising and planting the stone troughs. All Councillors agreed that they were an asset to the village. Councillor Jones asked if anymore were required. Councillor Mulvany proposed an additional one near the Tree Statue, and one opposite Bownass Newsagents. This was agreed upon. **Councillor Brown to place the order.**

49.2 Councillor Haigh reported that 13 tubs had been removed, with 7 scrapped, to make way for the stone troughs and new wooden planters. The latter were due on 12th June, with 4 being sited on Street Lane and 1 outside the Co-op. Councillor Haigh stated that the suppliers would bring compost and fill the planters, or we could buy our own and fill them. **It was decided that Councillor Mulvany look into both options and make arrangements accordingly.**

50.0 3gs Enforcement

50.1 Councillor Jones stated that Councillor Andy Hutchison, Drighlington Parish, had informed the Parish Council that there had been a hold up, mainly because of issues with Leeds City Council. Councillor Finnigan confirmed this, stating that there were a few legal matters with the 3gs Group operating outside the city centre, but that they were hoping to move forward within the next week.

50.2 Councillor Brown raised a fly tipping problem at Ashwood Parade. **Councillor Finnigan to have a penalty notice issued.**

51.0 Safety Fencing for the Playground

51.1 This matter had been addressed in Item 46.

52.0 MUGA Update

52.1 Councillor Jones advised that there had been no further progress. Councillor Finnigan was to arrange a meeting with the Lottery Fund, and the local MP after the General Election.

53.0 Flossmore Way Park

53.1 Councillor Finnigan stated that he was greatly concerned regarding the problems with the new ownership and the residents at Flossmore Way. The new owner, having initially painted and improved the play equipment, had taken a step back, possibly because of negativity and even hostility from other residents. The entire park did now require some major maintenance work. Councillor Finnigan asked if the Parish Council could help with this initial clearance, and maybe in the future work together with LCC and residents on a community project for the area. Councillors were concerned regarding the huge financial commitment, and the negativity of

some residents. Councillor Gettings proposed that, initially, the Parish should acquire 3 quotes for the clearance work, and discuss the matter at the next meeting. This was agreed upon.

54.0 Action Plan Update

54.1 Past/Future Events

Councillor Cook stated that all arrangements were in place for the Scarecrow Festival, with the trail having a total of 93 scarecrows. **Councillor Haigh to arrange a BBQ rota.** Councillors Bailey and Gettings were organising the purchase of a bain-marie, and had decided on the smaller model at £135. **Councillor Gettings to order.**

54.2 Footpaths

There was no footpath report.

54.3 Landscape Project

Councillor Jones thanked Councillors Cook and Gettings for helping with the planting on the Street Lane landscape project. All Councillors agreed on how good the planting scheme looked. Councillor Jones also thanked Councillor Haigh, and his wife for clearing the rose bed at the Meeting hall. Councillor Cook advised that there were one or two adjustments to make in the landscaping at Branch End.

55.0 Planning

55.1 Councillor Cook listed all applications and decisions for May.

55.2 Councillor Gettings enquired about plans for the Paddock. It was agreed to obtain paper copies of plans for the Paddock, and also Street Lane.

56.0 Finance

56.1 The Clerk advised that the balance on the Parish Council's **Current Account** currently stood at : **£32,986.12**

56.2 Cheques sent out this month are as follows :

Brosnans/Payroll	30.00
Natural Stone/Troughs	1400.00
Gtflowers/Plants	485.98
P.Brown/Plants/Compost	99.08
Ron Smith/Wildflower Turf	960.00
LCC/Meeting Hall Hire	76.00
P.Hird/Scarecrow Banner	120.00
P.May/May Pay	<u>158.40</u>
	3329.46

56.3 Payments made via Bankline

HMRC	39.60
Bankline Fee	<u>0.80</u>
	40.40

TOTAL 3369.86

56.4 Payments Received

Sale of BBQ	30.00
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56.5 The balance on the Parish Council's **Reserve Account** currently stood at :
£8,241.10

57.0 Applications for Grants

57.1 An application had been received from 4th Morley(Gildersome)Cub Pack for £250, to purchase new tents, as their numbers have doubled with the formation of a 2nd Pack. The grant was approved.

58.0 Date of Next Meeting

58.1 The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 4th July 2017 at 7.00pm in the Meeting Hall.