

# MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 5<sup>th</sup> September 2017

## Present

Councillor P. Brown	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

## 75.0 Apologies for Absence

75.1 Apologies were received from Councillors Bailey and Finnigan (MBI).

75.2 Councillor Bailey arrived at the meeting during Item 81.0

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

76.1 PC Dennis attended the meeting and reported on crime figures for August. These were once again relatively low, with 4 burglary dwellings, 2 of which had been unsuccessful attempts. One burglary was at an unsecured property, and a vehicle was stolen. There had been 1 commercial burglary on Treefield Estate, but nothing stolen. In the 2 thefts from vehicles tools had been the target. There were no reports of anti-social behaviour. PC Dennis stated that plans were being put in place to organise night patrols, as gangs from outside the area usually were usually more active during the longer darker nights.

76.2 PC Dennis reported that PC Doolan was leaving the PCSO team in Gildersome to become a serving Police Officer. It was agreed that he had been an excellent PCSO.

76.3 Councillor Gettings enquired if there was any further information regarding the incident on the Hawthorns. PC Dennis reported that he was not aware of the incident, but would investigate the matter.

76.4 Councillor Johnson asked for information regarding a burglary on Suffield Drive. PC Dennis stated that he would forward a copy of the July Crime Report to the Clerk.

76.5 Concerns were raised regarding the double parking, usually involving a Roadstar camper van, on a sharp bend on Parkway. PC Dennis said that he would have this checked out.

76.6 Councillor Nixon raised concerns regarding speeding vehicles down Finkle Lane. PC Dennis stated that registration details would be required in order to act on these reports.

## 77.0 Chair's Remarks

77.1 Councillor Jones hoped that everyone had enjoyed the summer break.

## 78.0 Minutes of Meeting held on 4<sup>th</sup> July 2017

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

78.2 Points of Action noted were:

**Item 64.1** The Clerk had contacted Drighlington PC , and it was confirmed that they had paid £2,700 for 2 SID devices, and have an agreement with Highways to relocate them every 2 months at a cost of £960 per annum.

**Item 65.2** The plaque had been purchased and placed on the stone trough.

**Item 70.1** Requests for ideas had been put on the website, but so far no replies

**Item 70.3** Councillor Cook was consulting with Steven Heywood regarding Branch End.

78.3 There were no matters arising.

## **79.0 Correspondence**

79.1 Councillor Jones listed the correspondence for July and August.

79.2 Planning Enforcement confirmed that the unauthorised sign had been removed from Bowness News. This had been replaced by a Post Office sign, which was in order.

79.3 Notification of a LCC HGV Video Survey to have taken place on 11<sup>th</sup> July, on Street lane and Town Street. The Speed Awareness Sub-Committee had not received any feedback from this.

79.3 An email from Paul King, Environmental Action Officer, regarding a resident at Brierfield House, who allows her dog to foul on the playing field. Councillor Cook reported that a warning letter had been sent to the lady in question.

79.4 Following an Electoral Review it has been confirmed that a Parish Council Election will not be held until 2019.

79.5 An email from Mr & Mrs Walker, Street Lane, concerned about the removal of the yellow zig-zag lines near to Birchfield School. The Clerk forwarded the email to Craig Williams and the Speed Awareness Sub-Group. The latter had recommended keeping the lines.

79.6 An email from Lisa Sunderland confirming the clearance of Footpath 16.

79.7 Lee Davidson sent detailed investigations regarding Footpaths 24 and 26. Councillor Knight reported that he had been following this up with Bob Buckenham, of Parks and Countryside, and hoped for some improvements regarding signposts and clearance.

79.8 Sarah Hall, Planning Compliance, sent details of a letter she had issued to Mr Pitts, 75 Branch Road, regarding the unauthorised storage of caravans at the property.

79.9 The latest update regarding the sewage leak on Street Lane Playing Fields.

79.10 LCC Highways Update : Town Street 28/08/17 to 06/10/17, Street Lane 02/10/17, Street Lane 23/10/17 to 03/11/17, College Road 16/10/17 to 20/10/17

79.11 Information regarding a Paper Recycling Campaign running in Leeds for the next 4 weeks

79.12 A request from Morley and District Concert Band to be involved in Light-Up Night.

## **80.0 Register Of Interests**

80.1 There were no changes reported.

## **81.0 Speed Awareness Sub-Group**

81.1 Councillor Knight advised that in the purchase of a second SID Gildersome seemed to have lost its place in the queue because of deliberation over the siting. The Group were awaiting a meeting with Bobby Viridi before they could move forward. Scott Green was a possible location. It was proposed that the present SID should be moved. Councillor Mulvany considered that Street Lane had been neglected, and this would be a suitable location. The idea of having a contract with Highways to relocate the devices on a more regular basis may be discussed in the future.

## **82.0 Planter Sub-Group**

82.1 Discussion took place regarding the purchase of more wooden planters and stone troughs. Councillor Haigh suggested looking at replacing the tubs at the New Inn/Scott Green side of the village. Councillor Jones proposed that the Sub-Group prepare a forward plan to be discussed at the next meeting. Councillor Jones considered that the replacement programme so far had transformed the village.

82.2 Councillor Gettings enquired if any tete-a-tete bulbs were required for the planters, and this was confirmed.

82.3 It was agreed that Councillor Brown source replacement plants for the Autumn planting.

## **83.0 3gs Enforcement**

83.1 Councillor Jones reported that the 3gs Enforcement Team were no longer being considered. A contract was now being discussed with LCC to employ a full-time trained Civil Enforcement Officer, who is able to issue parking fines. He would also be trained by the Cleaner Neighbourhoods Team to issue FPN's for littering and dog fouling. He would work under Morley, Gildersome and Drighlington's direction. The estimated cost was £28,000 per year, with successful fines contributing towards the cost. Councillor Jones stated that this was an update from the beginning of July, but that we had heard nothing since.

83.2 Regarding the issue of dog fouling, Councillor Nixon stated that she had received an enquiry via Facebook as to whether the Parish Council would involve local school children in the poster campaign. It was pointed out that this had been done before, but Councillor Nixon requested that it was repeated. This was agreed upon, and Councillor Nixon offered to liaise with the schools.

## **84.0 Safety Fencing for the Playground**

84.1 Councillor Jones provided an update on the matter, advising that there appeared to have been delays due to the summer holidays. It was now estimated that the work would be undertaken by the end of September.

## **85.0 MUGA Update**

85.1 Councillor Bailey advised that he had been working with Paul Cook and investigating different suppliers. To this end he had received quotes in the region of £40-£60,000, which were much more cost effective, and achievable. They were hoping to put a package together by asking for assistance from local companies eg. Finnings and Mone Bros.

## 86.0 Flossmore Way Park

86.1 The Clerk advised that there still seemed to be very much an impasse between all concerned. Discussion took place, and Councillor Gettings considered it advisable to find out if Jonathan Graves was aware of the £250 grant available from the Parish Council, towards the pruning of the shrubbery. Councillor Bailey thought that it was best to speak to Jonathan Graves personally, rather than send a letter. **It was agreed that Councillors Bailey and Mulvany discuss the matter with Jonathan.**

## 87.0 Morley Arts Festival

87.0 Councillor Gettings stated that there were some concerns regarding organisation of the Festival this year. She confirmed that it was a Bronte based event in Gildersome, to be held at the Meeting Hall on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> October. Councillor Gettings noted that the Parish Council usually give up to £500 to fund the Literary event in the schools, but as yet she did not have any details regarding this event, or which schools would be involved.

## 88.0 Action Plan Update/Future Projects

### 88.1 Past/Future Events

Light-Up Night was confirmed as Friday 17<sup>th</sup> November, and Councillor Brown offered to organise the 'guest costume'. **The Clerk to contact the schools.** Discussion took place regarding Morley and District Concert Band's request to play on Light-Up Night, and it was agreed to contact them. **Councillor Jones to visit them on band practice night.** If they play on Light-Up Night it was agreed to give a donation.

### 88.2 Footpaths

Councillor Knight stated that Enforcement were make the landowners adjoining Footpath 139 cut back overgrown foliage as soon as the nesting period had finished.

### 88.3 Landscape Project

Councillor Cook advised that extra plants had been added to the wildflower meadow at Branch End, and there were plans for the planting of trees. She stated that Steven Heywood and his University students were aiming to work with groups of children from Gildersome Primary School on various projects within the village. Councillor Cook remarked on how many good comments there had been from residents following the recent landscaping at the Griffin corner.

### 88.4 Future Projects

There were two proposals for future projects. Councillor Cook suggested the installation of a village clock, and Councillor Bailey proposed that a contribution towards the MUGA might be more essential at this moment in time. The latter proposal would be considered in due course.

## 89.0 Planning

89.1 Councillor Cook listed all applications and decisions for July and August

## 90.0 Finance

### JULY

90.1 The Clerk advised that the balance on the Parish Council's **Current Account** currently stands at : **£23,129.49**

90.2 Cheques sent out this month are as follows :

J.Thompson/Gildersome Rounders Team/Grant	250.00
Brosnans/Payroll	36.00
P.May/July Pay	158.00
P.May/Petty Cash	100.00
PKF Littlejohn LLP/External Audit	<u>240.00</u>
	544.40

90.3 Payments made via Bankline

HMRC	39.60
Bankline Fee	<u>0.40</u>
	40.00

**TOTAL 584.40**

90.4 The balance on the Parish Council's **Reserve Account** currently stands at : **£8241.10**

## **AUGUST**

90.5 The Clerk advised that balance on the Parish Council's **Current Account** currently stands at : **£23,831.09**

90.6 Cheques sent out this month are as follows:

P.Brown/Plants ( To replace a lost cheque 894)	79.63
P.Brown/Plants	9.99
Eglen Engravers/Plaque	<u>119.62</u>

90.7 Payments made via Bankline

HMRC	39.60
Bankline Fee	<u>0.40</u>
<b>TOTAL</b>	159.62

90.8 Payments Received:

Ron Smith/Refund for Wildflower Turf	1000.00
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90.9 The balance on the Parish Council's **Reserve Account** currently stands at: **£8,241.31**

## **91.0 Applications for Grants**

91.1 There were no application for grants.

## **92.0 Date of Next Meeting**

92.1 The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2017 at 7.00pm in the Meeting Hall.

