

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 6th February 2018

Present

Councillor K. Bailey	Councillor S. Kimberley
Councillor P. Brown	Councillor R. Mulvany
Councillor K. Cook	Councillor C. Nixon
Councillor L. Gettings	Councillor L. Rawson
Councillor G. Haigh	Councillor C. Taylor
Councillor S. Jones	
Councillor R. Finnigan (MBI)	

152.0 Apologies for Absence

152.1 Apologies were received from Councillors Johnson and Knight.

Attendance of Residents at the Meeting

Ken Kitney wished to update the Parish Council on the area of land near Moorland Avenue, which he had made into a small productive garden. He stated that he grew flowers and fruit which any resident could pick. He thanked the Parish Council for their support, and hoped that other people might take on such a project in the future. Councillor Jones thanked Mr Kitney for all his efforts, and the Clerk suggested putting information and photographs of the garden project on the Notice Board and the website.

Chris Davis attended the meeting to comment on the nuisance driving at Church Avenue, which had resulted in considerable damage to the grassed area. Councillor Jones suggested that he stay to listen to the Police Crime Update, as the matter had been reported to them by the Parish Council.

153.0 Anti-Social Behaviour/Policing Issues/Speeding Issues

153.1 PC Tolhurst, PC Wilson and PCSO Radcliffe attended the meeting to present the crime report from 2nd January to 6th February. PC Wilson advised that he had taken over from PC Coates. He stated that there had been 5 burglary dwellings, 3 of which involved snapping euro profile locks. 4 commercial burglaries had taken place, with 2 at Birchfield School. PC Wilson confirmed that there was good CCTV footage for the latter, and a conviction was likely. He stated that while there had been no thefts from motor vehicles in Gildersome, there had been a huge upsurge in the theft of tools from vans in Morley and he urged people to be vigilant. 2 motor vehicles had been stolen, one of which was a digger from the recent roadworks in Town Street. PC Wilson also reported that a lone female had been surrounded by a group of up to 20 youths on Flossmore Way. She had rung her husband for help, and on his arrival they had shouted abuse at him. The Police were investigating. Anti-social behaviour involving stones being thrown at vehicles travelling along Gelderd Road had been reported near the Cottingley Springs travellers site. PC Wilson advised that the 'Darker Nights' Initiative would continue. An ongoing burglary investigation from 2016 had resulted in the arrest of an adult male from Batley, when he was found driving a stolen car.

153.2 In response to Councillor Jones' enquiry regarding the nuisance driving and damage at Church Avenue PC Tolhurst stated that the Police would continue to patrol the area, but at

present they had no indication of the perpetrators. Councillor Finnigan also confirmed that he would also look into this matter.

154.0 Chair's Remarks

154.1 Councillor Jones had no remarks but Vice Chair, Councillor Gettings wished to mention two points.

154.2 Firstly, she wished all councillors to give thought to the format and content of the 2018 Newsletter.

154.3 Councillor Gettings advised that at a Children and Families Sub-Committee Meeting for Area South, Councillor Bob Gettings had raised the issue of a lack of facilities for the youth in Gildersome. It was agreed that Paul Cook should contact Carl Hinchcliffe with a view to solving the problems around having a M.U.G.A installed in Gildersome.

154.4 Councillor Jones invited Ward Councillor Leadley to give an update on Leeds City Council's Site Allocations. Councillor Leadley distributed copies of LCC's Revised Submissions, and stated that due to a reduction in new housing target figures, 3 sites in Gildersome would be re-classified as 'broad location sites', and in effect revert to greenbelt. These consisted of the land behind Highfield Drive, the land to the rear of East View and the land between the Woodlands Hotel and Asquith Avenue. Only the Finnings Depot would be left on the SAP, and that was brownfield.

154.5 Councillor Jones asked if the industrial development site on Gelderd Road could ever be changed to residential use. Councillor Leadley considered this highly unlikely, as this 70 acres formed an essential part of LCC's Urban Development Allocation. Councillor Leadley did, however, suggest that the developers might be having problems in finding a potential buyer for the huge distribution site due to the pollution fines to be enforced in Clean Air Zones.

155.0 Minutes of Meeting held on 2nd January 2018

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

155.2 Matters Arising. Referring to Item 142.7 Councillor Finnigan stated that he would arrange for a visit by Highways, but the Allotment users would need to offer an alternative narrative to the yellow lines and parking problems. Councillor Cook to liaise with the Allotment users.

156.0 Minutes of Meeting held on 9th January 2018

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

157.0 Correspondence

157.1 Councillor Jones listed the correspondence for January.

157.2 An email from Dean Freeman, NCS The Challenge, thanking us for our response and requesting that we let him know if there were any projects suitable for his young volunteers to be involved with in the future.

157.3 An email from ITV requesting help to find grandparents to take part in a future programme. This was posted on our Facebook page.

157.4 Interim Stats from the Enforcement Officer dated 12th January (Week 8) indicated nearly 100 notices had been issued across the 3 areas.

157.5 First Aid information from the Red Cross.

157.6 LCC Amendment to Proposals in the Traffic Regulation document sent out last month. The requested restrictions at the Finkle Lane/Street Lane junction have now been added.

157.7 An email from Chris Davis re nuisance driving on the grassed area at Church Avenue. Mik Burton also emailed on this subject. This was discussed in Item 153.2

157.8 A document from SLCC regarding the new Data Protection Regulations.

157.9 An email from Paris Starr, an ITV researcher looking for prospective contestants for Come Dine With Me.

157.10 Future Works on Highways : 1st to 9th February – Street Lane outside the Riva Homes development/Northern Power Grid. 9th April to 11th May – Lane Closure between Branch End and Hawthorn Drive/Northern Gas.

157.11 An email to Andrea Jenkyns MP re Dean Wood, requesting funding via the government's Greener Britain Programme to reinstate and manage this ancient woodland for community use.

157.12 An email from Jonathan Pickles requesting the replacement of the planters at Mill Garth. To be discussed at our next meeting.

158.0 Safety Fencing for the Playground/Upkeep of Playground

158.1 The Clerk reported that the 2 new seats had been delivered to Parks and Countryside, and the installation of these, plus the new safety fencing had been moved onto April. The promised jet washing had not been carried out yet, but was expected by the end of March. Mick Waring had confirmed that a playground repair manager was going to inspect the safety matting.

158.2 Councillor Finnigan was unhappy with these delays, and stated that he would make enquiries.

159.0 Purchase of New Flag

159.1 Councillor Brown requested that the Council consider the purchase of a new flag. There were two options – a cheaper nylon flag, or a better quality material flag. All agreed on the purchase of the latter, size 6'x4'.

159.2 It was also agreed to purchase extra bunting.

160.0 Christmas Lights/Decorations for Street Lane Shops

160.1 Councillor Brown reported that there had been a request from the Hairdressers on Street Lane to have some Christmas decorations and lights in that part of Gildersome. Discussion moved onto also extending the Christmas lights to incorporate the trees on the Green. Councillor Finnigan suggested contacting Councillor Andy Hutchison, at Drighlington, an experienced electrician, who had organized the Drigmass lights. The Clerk to do so, and Councillor Brown to contact the shopkeepers at Street Lane.

161.0 Monthly Litter Pick

161.1 Councillor Nixon proposed the organization of monthly Litter Picks, to be advertised on Facebook. There were concerns by some council members that the local community would not become involved, that many areas no longer had a litter problem, and weather-wise it was too early in the year. Councillor Jones concluded that Councillor Nixon should take it on board, advertise on Facebook and see if there was a response from residents.

161.2 Councillor Cook reported that a resident had attempted to remove a branch overhanging the grassed area on Town Street. A local gardener had offered to complete the job and tidy the area.

161.3 Councillor Bailey considered that a number of trees on the Green and Town Street required attention. Councillor Finnigan to arrange for the Tree Officer to inspect.

162.0 Action Plan

162.1 Past/Future Events

Councillor Nixon advised that the Easter Egg Hunt on 1st April would be held between 1.00pm and 3.00pm, with stalls as last year. There would be an Easter Bonnet Parade, but without overall winners. The hall was booked from 11.00am for preparation.

162.2 Footpaths

The Clerk reported on two footpaths with Closure Orders in place.

Footpath 43 : The Parish Council had received notification from Helen Burrough, Enforcement Officer for PROW, that this footpath would remain closed due to the contractors still being on site. As this was untrue the Clerk had written to Helen Burrough, and a number of other involved parties, informing them of the true situation. The Clerk also pointed out that the access via Treefield Estate was no longer required as the main access on Gelderd Road was in place. This access was mentioned in the developer's own document "Means of Access for Construction Traffic". It was proposed that a concerted effort be made to have Footpath 43 reopened after the Temporary Closure expired on 5th July.

Footpath 44 : Roger Oldfield, Building Control Manager, and Nigel Manning, Senior Legal Officer LCC, were trying to establish ownership of the collapsed wall. The occupants of No 23 and 29 Finkle Lane were still contesting this issue, and there appeared to be no clarity from documents obtained so far. A site visit was to be arranged by LCC, but the footpath would remain closed.

162.3 Landscape Project

Councillor Cook stated that Stephen Heywood and the University students were involved with a project at Kew Gardens, and wished to put forward the landscape work undertaken in Gildersome as part of this project.

Councillor Gettings advised that LCC had a spare mountain ash which could be planted in the village. It was suggested that this tree could replace one that had died at the end of Ashwood Gardens.

163.0 Planning

163.1 Councillor Cook listed all applications and decisions for January.

163.2 Councillor Cook stated that a modification to the planning application for the Paddock had been submitted. This was for 3 additional flats, to the existing 18 proposed.

164.0 Finance

164.1 The Clerk advised that the balance on the Parish Council's **Current Account** currently stands at : **£15,234.25**

164.2 Cheques sent out this month are as follows :

K.Cook/Compost/Plants/JTF	121.48
Brosnans/Payroll	36.00
SLCC/Membership	84.00
Eglen Engravers/Plaques	54.00
P.May/January Pay	<u>234.36</u>
	529.84

164.3 Payments made via Bankline

HMRC	58.60
Bankline Fee	<u>0.40</u>
	59.00

TOTAL 588.84

164.4 Payment Received

LCC/MICE Payment/Planters	75.00
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164.5 The balance on the Parish Council's **Reserve Account** currently stands at : **£8241.52**

164.6 The Clerk confirmed that the 2018/19 Precept Return had been sent to LCC.

The 1% increase would set the Precept at £22,504 and a Band D Council Tax charge of £12.28

164.7 Councillor Jones outlined details of an Application for Transparency Funding. This Fund had been set up to help Parish Councils to comply with the Transparency Code of 2015. Financial assistance could be given to help with website set up costs and the purchase of equipment. Councillor Jones advised that some changes needed to be made to our website to comply with the Transparency Code. All Councillors approved the Application for Funding.

165.0 Applications for Grants

165.0 There were no applications for grants.

166.1 Date of Next Meeting

166.1 The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 6th March 2018 at 7.00pm in the Meeting Hall.

166.2 Councillor Jones requested the approval for alterations to the May meeting dates. All approved and they were agreed as follows :

Annual Parish Meeting	Tuesday	1 st May
AGM/Council Meeting	Tuesday	8 th May

