

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 6th March 2018

Present

Councillor K. Bailey	Councillor C. Johnson
Councillor P. Brown	Councillor S. Jones
Councillor K. Cook	Councillor E. Knight
Councillor L. Gettings	Councillor C. Taylor
Councillor G. Haigh	

167.0 Apologies for Absence

167.1 Apologies were received from Councillors Finnigan, Kimberley, Nixon, Mulvany and Rawson.

168.0 Anti-Social Behaviour/Policing Issues/Speeding Issues

168.1 PC Wilson and PCSO McGregor attended the meeting to present the Crime Report for February. PC Wilson reported that there had been 3 burglary dwellings, 1 of which involved a vehicle being stolen. This was later recovered in Pudsey, and enquiries were ongoing. 3 commercial burglaries had taken place, with CCTV images of the suspects at the burglary on Gildersome Spur Industrial Estate, and forensic evidence recovered from the burglary at the Meeting Hall. There had been 2 reports of vehicles being broken into. The target of both offences appeared to be power tools, and windows had been smashed on another 2 vehicles. There were 2 reports of anti-social behaviour, one involving youths in a garden, and another an incident of snowballs being thrown at passing vehicles. PC Wilson advised that investigations were still continuing regarding the nuisance driving on the grassed area at Church Avenue, with a focus on a 4x4 vehicle, possibly using false number plates. PC Wilson concluded his Crime Report by informing the Council that a cannabis farm had been located at an empty house on Bradford Road. A large amount of cannabis had been recovered, and enquiries were ongoing.

169.0 Chair's Remarks

169.1 Councillor Jones advised that there were none.

170.0 Minutes of Meeting held on 6th February 2018

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

170.2 Matters Arising.

Referring to Item 153.2 Councillor Cook reported that following a meeting with LCC it had been decided to put railings at the bottom of the grassed area at Church Avenue.

Referring to Item 154.3 Councillor Cook stated that with regard to the MUGA an application for funding had been sent to the Community Committee for Area South, and Paul Cook was also pursuing another possible area of funding.

Referring to Item 155.2 Councillor Cook advised that a meeting with the allotment users had been arranged for 20th March.

Referring to Item 161.3 Councillor Jones reported that Councillor Finnigan had made enquiries about the trees located on the Green and Town Street. Forestry were to arrange a tree condition inspection.

171.0 Register of Interests

171.1 Councillor Jones requested that the Clerk be notified of any changes.

172.0 Correspondence

172.1 Councillor Jones listed the correspondence for February.

172.2 An email from Katy & David Quilter expressing their thanks to the Parish Council for helping to resolve the problems regarding the collapsed wall on Footpath 44.

172.3 Lawrence Hodgson sent an email informing the Parish Council of an accident at the Finkle Lane/Street Lane junction. The Clerk updated Mr Hodgson about the proposed yellow lines at this junction, and also explained the position regarding an HGV ban.

172.4 A resident reported a dog walker letting his dog off the lead, and allowing it to foul on the grassed area at Park Crescent. The Enforcement Officer had been informed.

172.5 Notification from the Licensing Authority of an application by the Co-op to extend the hours for the sale of alcohol.

172.6 A thank you email from Chris Davis regarding the nuisance driving at Church Avenue.

172.7 A resident's report of rubbish dumped outside her house. It transpired that the tax disc amongst the rubbish was from a stolen vehicle, which had since been recovered.

172.8 Notification from the Licensing Authority regarding an application made by the Conservative Club for 3 temporary events notices.

173.0 Safety Fencing for the Playground/Upkeep of Playground

173.1 The Clerk reported that work to erect the fencing was due to commence this week. She confirmed that Councillor Finnigan had contacted Parks and Countryside repeatedly over the past month regarding the state of the playground. As three attempts at jet washing had failed, Councillor Finnigan requested that a heavy-duty pressure washer now be used. The Clerk stated that there were no updates regarding the safety matting, or on the installation of the new seats.

174.0 2018 Newsletter

174.1 Councillor Gettings requested that all items for the Newsletter be sent to her by the 30th March. She confirmed the timescale as follows – 6th April copy to printers/ 12th April Newsletter to distributor/13th April distributed in Gildersome. Discussion took place regarding format and allocation of items.

174.2 During the above discussion the proposed closure of Gildersome Library was mentioned, and a resident present at the meeting made comment that he was unaware of the closure. The Clerk explained that LCC Executive Board had taken the decision in February.

174.3 The website was also mentioned, and Councillor Jones advised that our new up-dated website would be online shortly, with Councillor Nixon and the Clerk overseeing its content.

175.0 Christmas Lights/Decorations for Street Lane Shops

175.1 Councillor Brown reported that she had been unable to discuss the proposal with all of the business owners. She had costed brackets for the installation of the decorative trees at £25 each. Councillor Bailey considered that clarification was required regarding the type of decoration, and who would be responsible for the cost and installation - the shopkeepers or the Parish Council? Councillor Gettings thought it wise to look at our overall budget, and the amount we wished to spend on Christmas. Councillor Jones proposed that a decision should be left until all of these issues had been addressed.

175.2 The Clerk advised that she had spoken to Councillor Andy Hutchison regarding putting Christmas lights on some of the village trees. He stated that the Drighlington lights were powered by underground cables, at a cost of £4,500, but it was possible to run cables overhead from the lamp posts. He advised that LCC have to be contacted regarding the mains supply, but his company could connect and put the lights in the trees. Councillor Hutchison was willing to help, and give a quote if we indicate which trees we wish to illuminate. Councillor Jones considered that, as with the Street Lane decorations, we should consider costing and budget prior to making a decision.

175.3 Councillor Bailey suggested that, while discussing Street Lane shops, it would be advisable to raise the wooden planters off the pavement. This would preserve them and give them a longer life. It was agreed that Councillor Bailey would look into putting tanalised timber supports at the corners of the planters.

176.0 Morley Literary Festival

176.1 Councillor Gettings stated that Rachel Kennedy, the new Director of the Literary Festival, had already begun to organise speakers for the Festival. Councillor Gettings hoped that, this year, the local primary schools would be involved, and there would be a Gildersome event, wherever it might be held.

177.0 Action Plan

177.1 Past/Future Events

Councillor Brown confirmed that she had purchased the new bunting and a flag. She thought it advisable to save the new flag for Remembrance Sunday, in view of the Commemoration of the end of WW1. This was agreed upon. Councillor Brown also suggested the purchase of a 'Tommies' aluminium statue to mark the event. This to be sited near the cenotaph. The statues were being launched nationally. Discussion took place regarding cost and the safety issues of installing such a statue. Councillor Jones asked the Council to give the matter some thought, in order that they might make a decision at the next meeting.

As Councillor Nixon was absent the Clerk was asked to contact her regarding the Easter Egg Hunt and the Litter Pick.

177.2 Footpaths

Footpath 43 : The Clerk reported that the latest correspondence from Helen Burrough indicated that the contractors were looking to re-open the footpath by the end of April, with work due to commence

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on site again in July.

Footpath 44 : The Clerk advised that after lengthy negotiations with Nigel Manning at Legal Services, LCC had agreed to rebuild the wall, but were not at this stage accepting liability.

177.3 Landscape Project

Councillor Cook stated there was nothing to report.

178.0 Planning

178.1 Councillor Cook listed all applications and decisions for February.

178.2 Councillor Cook advised that the planning application for the Paddock was still ongoing. Councillor Brown expressed concerns regarding the building materials to be used on this development.

178.3 In response to a query about the future use of the old post office building, Councillor Cook stated that an application had not been submitted for change of use.

179.0 Finance

179.1 The Clerk advised that the balance on the Parish Council's **Current Account** currently stands at : **£13,543.25**

179.2 Cheques sent out this month are as follows :

LCC/Meeting Hall Hire Charge	55.00
Earth Anchors Ltd/2 New Seats for Playground	1492.80
4 th Morley(Gildersome)Scouts/Grant	<u>250.00</u>
	<u>1797.80</u>

179.3 Payments made via Bankline

HMRC	58.80
Bankline Fee	<u>0.40</u>
	59.00

TOTAL 1857.00

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

180.0 Applications for Grants

180.0 There were no applications for grants.

181.1 Date of Next Meeting

181.1 The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 3rd April 2018 at 7.00pm in the Meeting Hall.

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