

# MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 3<sup>rd</sup> April 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 C. Johnson	
Councillor R. Finnigan (MBI)	

## 182.0 Apologies for Absence

182.1 Apologies were received from Councillors Jones and Knight.

## Attendance of a Resident

Councillor Gettings outlined the procedure for members of the public to observe when attending a Council Meeting. Mr Slater stated that he wished to raise his concerns regarding a tree opposite the Baptist Chapel, which was being engulfed by other shrubs and undergrowth. As it was considered to be LCC land Councillor Finnigan stated that he would ask Parks and Countryside to address the situation.

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

183.1 PC Wilson and PCSO's Fogg and Lindley attended the meeting. PC Wilson reported that there had been 5 residential burglaries - at Vicarage Avenue, Street Lane, Parkway, Branch Road and Finkle Lane. With regard to the Branch Road burglary there was forensic and possibly CCTV evidence, and enquiries were ongoing. PC Wilson stated that in the 3 commercial burglaries, 2 involved the theft of tools and equipment, with £21k of equipment being stolen from Gildersome Auto Repairs. There had been 1 theft of a motor vehicle. This vehicle was later recovered and a person arrested. There had been no thefts from motor vehicles. PC Wilson stated that a suspect had been arrested for the Meeting Hall burglary, and was currently awaiting charges.

183.2 In reply to Councillor Johnson's enquiry regarding the cannabis farm on Bradford Road PC Wilson reported that enquiries were still ongoing, due to a delay in forensics.

183.3 Councillor Cook referred to a burglary at the Cricket Club, stating that stolen items had been burnt outside.

183.4 Councillor Cook requested further information regarding a 'lock down' at Birchfield School. PC Wilson stated that around 246 bomb threats were sent randomly around the UK. Birchfield had received such a threat, and taken the 'lock down' decision.

183.5 Councillor Brown suggested that the PCSO's should interact more with the children when they are on duty in the village.

## 184.0 Chair's Remarks

184.1 Councillor Gettings chaired the meeting in the absence of Councillor Jones. She thanked Councillor Nixon for organising the Easter Egg Hunt, and everyone who had helped. Councillor Gettings considered it to have been a very successful event.

## **185.0 Minutes of Meeting held on 6<sup>th</sup> March 2018**

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

185.2 Matters Arising.

Referring to Item 170.2 Councillor Cook reported on a meeting held with allotment users, Councillor Finnigan and Highways. It was confirmed that problems regarding parking would hopefully be resolved by constructing a parking ‘pull-in’, when the contractors commenced Phase 2 of the industrial development.

## **186.0 Correspondence**

186.1 Councillor Gettings listed the correspondence for March.

186.2 Confirmation from LCC that the Precept and LCTS Grant for 2018/19 would be paid into the Parish Council’s bank account on 3<sup>rd</sup> April. This totalled £23,969.

186.3 Confirmation from YLCA that our application to the Smaller Authorities Transparency Fund had been approved, and we would receive £2,971.84

186.4 An email from Nigel Manning, Senior Legal Officer for LCC, agreeing that in future, issues such as the Finkle Lane footpath problem, it would be helpful if LCC officers worked more closely with the Parish Council.

186.5 Notification from the Licensing Authority that the objection from the residents of the Grove to the Co-op’s application for an extension of hours had been withdrawn, after the Sunday hours had been amended. In view of this, the Parish Council had also withdrawn their objection.

186.6 An update from the Red Cross.

186.7 Highways Updates – Branch Road closure / Network Gas, 9<sup>th</sup> April to 14<sup>th</sup> May. Scott Green junction with Ashwood Gardens. 3<sup>rd</sup> to 5<sup>th</sup> April /Yorkshire Water. Street Lane adjacent to the nursing home 6<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup> April/Yorkshire Water.

186.8 An update regarding the Dean Wood enquiry sent to Andrea Jenkyns MP. Land Registry to be contacted by the MP’s office to ascertain ownership of various areas of Dean Wood.

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

187.1 Councillor Finnigan advised that LCC had accepted the fact that they had ordered the wrong fencing, and would replace it with the correct 6 foot fencing. Councillor Finnigan stated that he had also suggested the use of some supplementary netting above the fencing.

## **188.0 2018 Newsletter**

188.1 Councillor Gettings advised that Councillor Nixon and herself had almost completed work on the 2018 Newsletter, and it would be sent the printers by 6<sup>th</sup> April. She suggested that next year’s Newsletter might be in the form of a booklet, to allow more content.

## **189.0 Christmas Lights/Decorations for Street Lane**

189.1 Extensive discussion took place regarding the addition of Christmas lights on Street Lane, and while a number of Councillors were in favour of extra lights, there were many concerns raised. These included the input and agreement of the shopkeepers, responsibility for cost and maintenance, and the type of lighting fixture. It was proposed, and finally agreed upon that a letter/questionnaire be sent out to all shopkeepers and property owners. This to be composed by Councillor Gettings and the Clerk.

189.2 The Clerk advised that Councillor Andy Hutchison had looked at the possibility of putting lights in some of the trees around the Meeting Hall and the Green, and checked on the location of lamp posts. He was to provide an estimate of costs.

## **190.0 Planter Sub-Group**

190.1 Councillor Haigh reported on the current situation regarding the container planting, stating that while originally planning a reduction in numbers, there had actually been an increase, with 7 wooden planters, 11 stone troughs and most of the original tubs. It was decided that as the current tubs disintegrated some would be replaced with the 3 spare tubs. Councillor Kimberley considered it still advisable to keep to the original plan for the village, and review the situation as the need arose.

190.2 Councillor Brown confirmed that the 'summer planting' would take place at the end of May.

190.3 Councillor Bailey advised that he would look at the problem of raising the wooden planters when the weather improved.

## **191.0 M.U.G.A Update**

191.1 Councillor Cook reported that yet another attempt to gain funding had been unsuccessful. Councillor Finnigan advised that there would be a further round of grants available from LCC Executive Board in summer, and that the application be resubmitted.

## **192.0 Action Plan**

### **192.1 Past/Future Events**

Easter Egg Hunt - Councillor Rawson felt, that while the Easter Egg Hunt had been a great success, more help was needed at this event. It was suggested revising the date next year.

Scarecrow Festival – Councillor Cook suggested increasing the price of the Scarecrow Brochure, stating that the price had remained at £1 for 9 years, and the additional money raised could be put towards the refurbishment of the Meeting Hall. Extensive discussion took place regarding the proposed increase, and linking it to the refurbishment. A vote was taken, resulting in a decision to increase the brochure price to £2. Councillor Bailey suggested that the competition prize money might be increased to encourage people to buy a brochure.

Remembrance Service – The purchase of a 'Tommy Statue' discussed at the March meeting was proposed and agreed upon. The statue to be sited near the cenotaph.

Councillor Brown suggested that at future events the Parish Council should be seen to be more eco-friendly, using alternatives to polystyrene or plastic cups. It was agreed to do so once the

present stock of cups had been used. Councillor Brown also suggested using the china beakers after the Remembrance Service.

#### 192.2 Footpaths

In Councillor Knight's absence there was nothing to report.

#### 192.3 Landscape Project

Councillor Cook advised that work was re-commencing at Branch End. 3 trees had been ordered and these would be planted at the beginning of April. David Cowburn would then remove the turf around the wild flower meadow, and this would be replaced with boulders and perennial planting.

### 193.0 Planning

193.1 Councillor Cook listed all applications and decisions for March.

193.2 Councillor Cook advised that an inspection of the trees at St Peter's Church had revealed that a number required attention and removal.

### 194.0 Finance

194.1 The Clerk advised that the balance on the Parish Council's **Current Account** currently stands at : **£16,221.53**

194.2 Cheques sent out this month are as follows :

P.May/February Pay	234.56
P.May/Avast Security	49.99
P.May/March Pay	<u>234.56</u>
	519.11

194.3 Payments made via Bankline

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

**TOTAL 578.11**

194.4 Payments Received

YLCA Transparency Fund	2,971.84
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194.5 The balance on the Parish Council's **Reserve Account** currently stands at : **£8241.52**

### 195.0 Applications for Grants

195.1 There were no applications for grants.

### 196.0 Date of Next Meeting

196.1 The next meeting to be held on Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> May 2018 at 7.00pm in the Meeting Hall. This will be the AGM followed by the Parish Council Meeting.

Prior to that the Annual Parish Meeting to be held on Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> May 2018 at 7.00pm.

