

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 4th September 2018

Present

Councillor P. Brown	Councillor S. Kimberley
Councillor K. Cook	Councillor E. Knight
Councillor L. Gettings	Councillor C. Nixon
Councillor C. Johnson	Councillor L. Rawson
Councillor S. Jones	Councillor C. Taylor

Councillor R. Gettings (MBI) Councillor T. Leadley (MBI)
Councillor R. Finnigan (MBI Caseworker)

65.0 Apologies for Absence

65.1 Apologies were received from Councillors Bailey, Haigh and Mulvany.

Attendance of a Resident

Mr Barry Robertshaw raised concerns regarding the excessive number of vehicles parked outside MT Motors at Town End. He considered that this was a safety hazard, particularly to pedestrians, as the vehicles were often parked on the pavement, causing people with prams and young children to walk on the road. The parked vehicles also restricted the line of site for traffic coming out of Harthill Rise. Councillor Brown confirmed that this had been an ongoing problem for some time.

PCSO Tolhurst stated that there should be a metre gap on the pavement, and the matter would be investigated.

66.0 Anti-Social Behaviour/Policing Issues/Speeding Issues

66.1 PC Chaplin and PCSO Tolhurst attended the meeting. PC Chaplin gave an overview of crime in Gildersome between 3rd July and 4th September. He reported that there had been 5 residential burglaries consisting of 4 dwellings and 1 shed. 2 burglaries had taken place at commercial properties, Gildersome Cricket Club and Gildersome Spur. There had been 3 thefts from motor vehicles, 2 on Gelderd Road and 1 at East View. The latter involved the theft of power tools from a van, and a suspect was later arrested on suspicion of handling stolen goods. A few days later the van at East View was set on fire, which also caused damage to the family car. Enquiries were ongoing. There had been 1 theft of a motor vehicle, a transit van. PC Chaplin advised that owners of older Ford vehicles should be aware that thieves were using a device which allowed them entry to the vehicle and start up the engine. There had been a number of such incidents in Morley. PC Chaplin reminded the Council that any reports of anti-social behaviour or speeding vehicles should be reported via the email address:

OuterSouth@westyorkshire.pnn.police.uk and all other incidents reported via 101 or 999.

PC Chaplin also advised that on 27th July licensing visits were carried out involving mystery shoppers at licensed premises in Gildersome. None of the establishments visited sold any alcohol to youths, and all challenged youths attempting to purchase alcohol.

66.2 Councillor Cook expressed her concern regarding the Police response and subsequent investigations at the East View incident, and added that the residents had been extremely upset. PCSO Tolhurst stated that CCTV images were insufficient to achieve a successful arrest.

67.0 Declaration of Interest

67.1 There were no declarations of interest.

68.0 Chair's Remarks

68.1 Councillor Jones welcomed everyone back after the summer break.

68.2 Vice Chair, Councillor Gettings updated the Council on Gildersome's event for Morley Art's Festival. At present Gildersome Primary School had been booked as the venue, but it was possible this could be changed to the Meeting Hall. This year Gildersome were hosting 'The Vinyl Countdown' on Tuesday 9th October. Tickets were £10.00 and £2.00 for helpers. Councillor Gettings requested helpers to meet at 6.30pm.

69.0 Minutes of the Meeting held on 3rd July 2018

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

69.2 There were no matters arising.

70.0 Minutes of Extra Meeting held on 10th July 2018

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

70.2 There were no matters arising.

71.0 Correspondence

71.1 The Clerk listed the correspondence for July and August.

71.2 An email from Lee Hayward, Team Leader for Cleaner Leeds, detailing the work rota for the Enforcement Officer, with a focus on dog fouling offences, rather than parking offences over the summer holidays.

71.3 An email from Sharon Candice, a resident at Moorland Close, with a number of concerns regarding that area, amongst them fly tipping.

71.4 Public Consultation and Review of the Licensing Act 2003 Statement of Licensing Policy.

71.5 Information re Community Payback Scheme.

71.6 An email from Martin Ward regarding the Forest Bank area.

71.7 PC Mark Pitts, West Yorkshire Police, Planning Officer, requested confirmation regarding the Remembrance Day Parade.

71.8 Information from Bradford's Festival of Light Department re an illuminated poppy and soldier.

71.9 An email from David Rhodes regarding speeding vehicles in the Town End area of Gildersome.

71.10 Notification of Temporary Traffic Restrictions during the ongoing improvement works to the M62. This was put on the website.

71.11 A number of items of correspondence relating to the yellow lines at the top of Finkle Lane.

71.12 Two requests to attend Parish Council events – a Tombola stall and a gin bar.

71.13 Highways Notifications – Closure of Birchfield Avenue for Contracts Specialist Treatments 15th to 30th September, and the closure of College Road for tree felling on 5th September.

71.14 A request from the Morley and District Concert Band to play on Light-Up Night. This was agreed upon.

71.15 Steve Kirk emailed to thank the Parish Council for installing the memorial seat he had requested, and for the work done generally in the village.

72.0 Gildersome Meeting Hall

72.1 The Clerk advised that Martin Dean had acknowledged the receipt of the 'letter of intent' from the Parish Council in July, but that there had been no further correspondence.

72.2 Discussion took place as to why Leeds City Council had undertaken an upgrade in security equipment at the Meeting Hall, in view of the potential refurbishment plans.

72.3 Councillor Brown queried why there was no longer CCTV coverage of the playground.

73.0 Christmas Lights/Decorations for Street Lane Shops

73.1 The Clerk reported that she had not yet received a requested quote from Phil Hird regarding Christmas lights for Street Lane, but also stated that Phil had indicated that the existing Christmas Sign may need some renovation work. This would, therefore, incur additional costs, and maybe a factor when deciding on the Christmas Lighting Plan.

73.2 Councillor Kimberley stated that he had not realized that he was checking on the quote from Councillor Hutchison regarding the lights on the trees on the Green, but would do so.

74.0 Upkeep of the Playground

74.1 The Clerk confirmed that the two new seats had at last been installed. Councillor Brown questioned the position of one of the seats.

74.2 Councillor Finnigan advised that enquiries had been made regarding the replacement of the safety matting, and that he was hopeful that it would be installed during October, followed by the jet washing.

75.0 Little Library

75.1 Councillor Nixon reported that one Library had been painted and was ready, and that she was requesting that the second be painted with scarecrows. Councillor Jones proposed that both could be delivered together, as there was no rush while the Library was still open. Councillor Nixon suggested that one Little Library should be sited near the bottle bank.

76.0 Action Plan

76.1 Past and Future Events

Councillor R Gettings informed the Council of a fund- raising concert for the Poppy Appeal, to be held on Saturday 27th October. He also asked for volunteers to sell poppies at Morrisons during

the 2 weeks prior to Remembrance Sunday, between 1.00-5.00pm

Remembrance Sunday 11th November 2018 : The main arrangements were decided upon. Councillor Gettings to liaise with the Lord Lieutenant's Office and check on the audio system with the Churches. Refreshments would be as usual at the Meeting hall. Discussion took place regarding the cleaning of the war memorial and the placing of the Tommy silhouette. The Clerk advised that professional cleaning had been quoted at some £2,250. It was decided to look at other options. While it had been agreed upon at the last meeting to place the Tommy silhouette to the war memorial, there were still some concerns as to whether the Council required permission. Councillor Finnigan advised contacting Chris Simpson at Leeds City Council. **The Clerk to do so.**

Light-Up Night : The main arrangements were decided upon. Councillor Cook to contact the schools, Councillor Gettings to ask Pat Pearson to compere, the Clerk to contact the band and arrange with the martial arts instructor to rearrange his hours of letting. Discussion took place regarding the quantity of, and times of sale of the mulled wine. **Councillor Jones proposed that a decision should be made at the next meeting.**

76.2 Footpaths

The Clerk reported on two footpath issues. 1) Bob Buckenham, Public Rights of Way Manager and Helen Burrough, Enforcement, were to investigate the problems with accessing Footpath 26 at Cricket Hill Farm. 2) Regarding the additional maintenance work on a number of footpaths a quote had been received from David Cowburn for £1000. The Clerk stated that Leeds City Council had offered a grant of £533, in which case the Parish Council would have to pay the additional £467. Discussion took place and the Council agreed that it was important to keep the footpaths open. It was proposed and agreed upon to fund the additional maintenance work

76.3 Landscape Project

Councillor Cook stated that Stephen Heywood had completed the summer planting, and that he wished to do additional planting in Autumn. **Councillor Jones advised that Stephen would have to submit a quote for the planting, in order that it may be approved by the full Council.**

77.0 Planning

77.1 Councillor Cook listed all applications and decisions for July and August.

77.2 Councillor Cook stated that the application for the MUGA was still ongoing, and there had been no further developments with the Paddock site.

Councillor Leadley attended the meeting and gave an update on the Gelderd Road Industrial Estate. The outline planning had been granted in 2015, and now the first building planning application had been submitted, involving 4 units. Councillor Leadley considered these units to be badly positioned in relation to the properties at Belle Vue Terrace, and that 24/7 working would impact on the properties with both noise and light. Councillor Leadley also stated that there was insufficient landscape planting around Belle Vue Terrace.

In reply to Councillor Cook's query regarding restrictions on working hours he advised that no such restrictions had been enforced in the original planning application. An application which had been rushed through by Leeds City Council. Councillor Cook emphasised the need for everyone to write to the Planning Department regarding the 24/7 working hours. She stated that that information had been put on the website and flyers posted out, but there had been a delay to objections been put on the Planning website.

78.0 Finance (July & August)

78.1 July -The Clerk advised that the balance on the Parish Council's **Current Account** currently stands at: **£33,658.56**

78.2 Cheques sent out this month are as follow:

Brosnans/Payroll	36.00
P.May/Filing Cabinet	35.99
P.May/July Salary	<u>301.52</u>
	373.51

78.3 Payments made via Bankline

HMRC	58.60
Bankline Fee	<u>0.80</u>
TOTAL	432.91

78.4 Payments Received

Brighthouse Model Engineers/Steam Railway	250.00
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78.5 The balance on the Parish Council's **Reserve Account** currently stands at : £9343.54

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78.6 August – The balance on the Parish Council's **Current Account** currently stands at : £33,041.24

78.7 Cheques sent out this month are as follows :

PKF Littlejohn/External Audit	240.00
P.May/August Salary	<u>234.56</u>
	474.56

78.8 Payments made via Bankline :

HMRC	75.40
Bankline Fee	<u>0.40</u>
TOTAL	550.36

78.8 The Balance on the Parish Council's **Reserve Account** currently stands at: £9343.54

78.9 The Clerk stated that the Annual Return had been approved by the external auditor. This, in accordance with the Transparency Code, had been published on the website.

79.0 Applications for Grants

79.1 There were 2 applications for grants.

79.2 The Baptist Chapel requested a grant towards the cost of a new notice board, which would be for both Church and community use. The Council awarded £250.00.

79.3 The Gildersome Singers requested a grant towards the cost of publicity material and improvements to their website. The Council awarded £200.00.

80.0 Date of Next Meeting

80.1 The next meeting to be held on Tuesday 2nd October 2018 at 7.00pm in the Meeting Hall.