

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 5th March 2019

Present

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

Attendance of Residents

Emma Holmes attended the meeting to discuss the setting up of a Neighbourhood Watch Scheme. Councillor Jones suggested that she should involve the Police in this discussion. Due to the absence of the Police at the beginning of the meeting she decided to attend a residents meeting being held at the Griffin.

Sammy Arabloo, a taekwondo instructor who ran classes at Gildersome Meeting Hall, requested that the Parish Council change the meeting start times from 7.00 to 7.30pm. It appeared that a booking error by Lettings had caused a problem. The Parish Council agreed to do so. **The Clerk to contact Lettings.**

156.0 Apologies for Absence

156.1 Apologies were received from Councillors Johnson, Mulvany and Kimberley.

157.0 Anti-Social Behaviour/Policing Issues/Speeding Issues

157.1 The Police were absent at the beginning of the meeting but arrived later, and PCSO Katie Chaplin reported on the crime figures for February. She stated that crime figures for Gildersome were very low, unlike the rest of Morley. There had been 1 attempted and 2 residential burglaries, but no commercial burglaries. The suspects in the 2 burglaries had been identified, and a stolen Audi had been recovered. PCSO Chaplin stated that there had only been 1 theft from a motor vehicle, involving registration plates, and only 1 report of anti-social behaviour.

157.2 Councillor Gettings stated that she had received information of suspected drug use near La Belle at the bottom of Highfield Drive. PCSO Chaplin to investigate.

157.3 Councillor Jones advised PCSO Chaplin of resident Emma Holmes's interest in setting up a Neighbourhood Watch Scheme, and that a meeting was currently being held at the Griffin. PCSO Chaplin informed the Council that Diane Winder was the liaison officer for such schemes. PCSO Chaplin to contact her, and also attend the meeting after leaving the Parish Council meeting.

158.0 Declaration of Interest

158.1 There were no declarations of interest.

159.0 Register of Interests

159.1 Councillor Jones reminded Councillors to notify the Clerk of any changes in their circumstances.

160.0 Chair's Remarks

160.1 Councillor Jones wished to officially thank Graham Brown for the amount of work that he had done in the village. This included planting and general maintenance.

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

161.2 Matters Arising

Item 146.7 Councillor Cook reported on a meeting she had attended regarding changes to bus services in the village. She confirmed that the 209 would be suspended due to lack of demand, but that the 229 would operate more frequently.

Item 146.9 Councillor Knight asked if there had been any progress regarding the implementation of the HGV ban. The Clerk stated that Councillor Finnigan was continuing to follow this up.

Item 150.2 Councillor Gettings stated that Councillor Bob Gettings was in the process of arranging for the container to be relocated at the Primary School within a week or so.

162.0 Correspondence

162.1 The Clerk listed the correspondence for February.

162.2 Information about the Great British Spring Clean, organised by Keep Britain Tidy. To be discussed in Item 166.0

162.3 The weekly log from the Enforcement Officer.

162.4 Confirmation that the Meeting Hall has been booked for Wednesday 15th May for the Annual Parish Meeting.

162.5 Information from Highways regarding road closures for micro road surfacing works commencing on 4th March for 18 months.

162.6 An email indicating that the construction of 'pull in' at the allotments had been delayed until later this year.

162.7 Information regarding Grounds Maintenance and Footway Weed Control in Public Streets and Council Housing Estates.

162.8 Various emails regarding the Meeting Hall. To be discussed in Item 167.0.

162.9 LCC's Nomination Pack for the Parish Council Elections.

163.0 Upkeep of the Playground

163.1 The Clerk reported that at a meeting with Roy Greaux, Parks and Countryside, Councillor Finnigan had requested an urgent response regarding the jet washing of the playground. Roy Greaux agreed to have a decision on the matter within a week.

164.0 Planter Sub-Group

164.1 Councillor Brown reported that a site visit had taken place with Roy Greaux to check the proposed locations of the Christmas trees. The Clerk to email a map and details of locations in order that Roy can contact the various departments responsible for the grassed areas.

Councillor Brown proposed that because of time restraints regarding planting, the trees were purchased immediately. This was agreed upon.

165.0 Newsletter

165.1 Councillor Gettings advised that, after discussion with Councillor Nixon, it was decided to do a reduced version of the Newsletter to avoid the repetition of certain items year on year. The timescale also, was quite short. The plan was to bullet point ongoing items, and include more details about new additions, such as the Little Libraries and Christmas Trees. It was agreed that Councillors Gettings and Nixon oversee the production of the Newsletter, with other Councillors sending any items that they wish to be included. The decision was made to continue to use the gold copy paper.

166.0 Great British Litter Campaign

166.1 The Clerk advised that the Enforcement Officer was planning sessions whereby she would give out information on littering. To this end she would set up tables in Morley, Drighlington and Gildersome on various dates. The Gildersome table would be situated outside the Meeting Hall.

166.2 The Clerk stated that Zach Shaw, a student at Bruntcliffe Academy, was volunteering for 1 hour per week as part of his Duke of Edinburgh Award training. It had been decided that initially he would work with Councillor Nixon doing weekly litter picks.

166.3 It was proposed that the Parish Council take part in the Great British Litter Campaign. Councillor Nixon to decide on a date for a village litter pick.

167.0 Meeting Hall

167.1 As Councillor Finnigan had not yet arrived at the meeting there was not a great deal to report on this Item. The Clerk advised that she had written to all Ward Councillors requesting help in getting immediate clarification from LCC on this matter. The Clerk also read out an email from Martin Dean. Discussion took place, and the overall view was one of frustration on the lack of progress.

168.0 Action Plan

168.1 Past and Future Events

Councillor Nixon confirmed that plans for the Easter Egg Hunt on 21st April were underway. It was agreed to have an Easter Bonnet Parade, with all participating children receiving a prize.

Councillor Rawson asked if the Council wished the band Blind Jack to play at the Scarecrow Festival. This was confirmed. Councillor Haigh requested that the electrics required for the various events be discussed on the next Agenda. This was agreed upon.

168.2 Footpaths

Councillor Knight stated that he would contact David Cowburn regarding the footpath cutting programme. He also reported an incident of fly-tipping near the footpath between Vicarage Avenue and the football field. The Clerk to contact the Enforcement Officer.

168.3 Landscape Project

Councillor Cook advised that there was nothing to report.

169.0 Planning

169.1 Councillor Cook listed all applications and decisions for February.

169.2 Councillor Brown raised the matter of Kirklees Council's controversial plans for massive housing developments, and a traveller's site near Junction 27. She felt its close proximity would impact on Gildersome. Councillor Finnigan shared her concerns, but did not think that site would pass government stipulations.

170.0 Finance/Budget Review

170.1 The Clerk advised that the balance on the Parish Council's **Current Account** currently stands at: **£16,564.05**

170.2 Cheques sent out this month are as follow:

SLCC/Membership Renewal	89.00
LCC/Meeting Hall Hire/Easter & Scarecrow Festival	136.00
P.May/February Salary	<u>234.56</u>
	459.56

170.3 Payments made via Bankline:

HMRC	58.60
Bankline Fee	<u>0.80</u>
TOTAL	518.96

170.4 Payments Received

LCC/MICE Grant/Little Library	50.00
HMRC/VAT Refund	2,526.51

170.5 The balance on the Parish Council's **Reserve Account** currently stands at: £19,347.05

171.0 Applications for Grants

171.1 There were no applications for grants.

172.0 Date of Next Meeting

172.1 The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 2nd April 2019 at 7.30pm in the Meeting Hall.

