

# MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 4<sup>th</sup> June 2019

## Present

Councillor P. Brown	Councillor C. Johnson
Councillor K. Bailey	Councillor S. Kimberley
Councillor K. Cook	Councillor C. Nixon
Councillor L. Gettings	Councillor L. Rawson
Councillor G. Haigh	Councillor C. Taylor
Councillor R. Finnigan MBI (Arrived during Item38.0)	

## 28.0 Apologies for Absence

28.1 Apologies were received from Councillors Jones, Knight and Mulvany.

## Attendance of Residents

Thelma Goddard attended to observe, having recently moved into Gildersome.

Russell Doherty attended to observe, but as agricultural landscaper, also offered to help with any grass cutting, stating that he already undertook work for Drighlington Parish Council. Councillor Brown raised the point about cutting the grass behind the Suffields on an eco-friendly basis, by cutting pathways during the summer months.

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

29.1 PCSO Rick Chaplin attended the meeting to report on the crime figures for the previous month. He stated that there had been 2 residential and 4 business burglaries. One of the latter had taken place at the Finnings CAT Plant on Gelderd Road, and £10,000 of equipment and tools had been stolen. There were no reports of anti-social behaviour.

29.2 The Clerk enquired if PCSO Katie Chaplin had followed up on reports of drug usage at Flossmore Park. PCSO Chaplin advised the Clerk to email PCSO Katie Chaplin.

29.3 Councillor Cook requested Police presence at the Scarecrow Festival.

## 30.0 Declaration of Interest

30.1 There were no declarations of interest.

## 31.0 Register of Interests

31.1 Councillor Gettings presumed that all Councillors had now informed the Clerk of any changes, as the documents had to be re-published this month.

## 32.0 Chair's Remarks

32.0 There were non.

## 33.0 Minutes of AGM held on 7<sup>th</sup> May 2019

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

## **34.0 Minutes of Meeting held on 7<sup>th</sup> May 2019**

34.1 The Minutes were agreed as a true and accurate record, though Councillor Gettings wished it to be noted that in Item 20.1 it was 'Gildersome school events'.

Matters Arising. Item 20.1. Councillor Gettings stated that the speaker at the Gildersome event would be Gillian Donnelly, a forensics expert. This would be held on Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> September.

Item 21.1. It was confirmed that a meeting had not yet been arranged with Finnings regarding sponsorship

## **35.0 Minutes of Parish Meeting held on 15<sup>th</sup> May 2019**

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

## **36.0 Correspondence**

36.1 The Clerk listed the correspondence for May.

36.2 The Clerk reported that an article she had sent to the Clerk magazine about the Scarecrow Festival had been published.

36.3 A request from Debbie Oldham, Governance Officer, requesting notification of any changes to the Register of Interests of Councillors.

36.4 Information from Bobbi Viridi, Senior Engineer for Highways Schemes regarding proposed highway works associated with development work on Wakefield Road, near the Interchange.

36.5 Lee Hayward, Cleaner Leeds Team, sent a telephone number for reporting when the recycling banks are full. 07891277226

36.6 A number of emails from Jane Stone, Environmental Action Officer, regarding the planter placed outside 140, Street Lane.

36.7 3 Temporary Licence Applications: 7, Finkle Lane 8<sup>th</sup> June, Gildersome Conservative Club 15<sup>th</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> June.

36.8 Details of an Education Day the Enforcement Officer is organising on 20<sup>th</sup> June 2.30pm to 4.00pm, to be held outside the Meeting Hall

36.9 Weekly updates from the Enforcement Officer.

36.10 An email from Stephen Kearsley, regarding parking and littering problems outside properties 4-6 East View. This has been referred to the Enforcement Officer.

36.11 Highways Updates: Scott Green/two-way signals outside number 95/Yorkshire Water Street Lane/Road Closure/house number 33 to Briarfield Gardens Resurfacing/19<sup>th</sup> August to 6<sup>th</sup> September

36.12 A report that Councillor Bailey had made to Leeds Environmental Action Team regarding blocked gullies on Town Street.

### **37.0 Upkeep of the Playground**

37.1 Councillor Finnigan confirmed that Gildersome should be receiving the paint shortly.

### **38.0 Planter Sub-Group**

38.1 Councillor Rawson commented on the excellent state of the planting, especially in the new stone troughs.

38.2 Councillor Haigh advised that the forward plan was to reduce the number of wooden barrels and continue to introduce more troughs, as the budget allowed. It was also planned to put a new wooden planter, at some stage, outside Karen's Pantry.

38.3 It was noted that many of the trees along Town Street had very low over-hanging branches. The Clerk to contact Forestry re the survey they undertook last year.

38.4 The overgrown state of two hedges, one on Town Street and one at the bottom of Street Lane was also noted. It was agreed to write to both property owners.

38.5 Councillor Brown made comment on the planter that had been placed on the pavement outside the property at 140, Street Lane. The Clerk advised that Jane Stone, Environmental Enforcement had been notified. Lengthy discussion took place as many Councillors were concerned that the placing of the planter on a public pavement set a precedent. Councillors Bailey and Kimberley considered that the matter should be referred back to Leeds, while other Councillors thought that a letter from the Parish Council was most appropriate. As no decision could be reached Councillor Gettings proposed deferring the matter until next month in order to give all Councillors time to decide on the best course of action. This was agreed upon.

38.5 Councillor Brown reported that a resident had enquired about the procedure should they wish to scatter a relative's ashes on the Green. Councillor Johnson advised that a bylaw existed stating that permission was required from the City Council, even on your own property.

### **39.0 Gildersome Meeting Hall**

39.1 Councillor Gettings reported on a meeting held with Martin Dean, stating that Leeds City Council were now more positive about the amount of money to be given for the refurbishment programme. Plus, Ward Councillors confirmed that they would fund any shortfall. This would result in the full £360,000 being available for the refurbishment of the Meeting Hall. Councillor Gettings advised that some 'tweaking' of the Business Plan was necessary before presentation to the Executive Board, and Councillor Bailey wanted more interaction with all of the departments involved in Leeds. It was proposed that the Parish Council should go forward and proceed with the offer from Leeds. All were in favour.

### **40.0 Action Plan**

#### **40.1 Past and Future Events**

Councillor Cook stated that over 90 scarecrows were now registered for the Scarecrow Festival, and all entertainment was organised. Councillor Haigh advised that he had drawn up a BBQ rota and purchased the extra extensions. Councillor Gettings had purchased the extra flasks. The two straw bales scarecrows would be constructed as last year. Preparation work at the Meeting Hall to commence at 1.00pm on Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> June.

## 40.2 Footpaths

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

## 41.0 Planning

41.1 Councillor Cook listed all applications and decisions for May.

41.2 Councillor Bailey raised concerns regarding the bright colour used on the new industrial warehouse units on Gelderd Road, and proposed that this should be queried with the Planning Department. The Clerk to email Ian Chyanko asking if any Conditions had been set as to materials and colour.

## 41.0 Finance

41.1 The Clerk advised that the balance on the Parish Council's **Current Account** currently stands at: **£37,412.05**

41.2 Cheques sent out this month are as follow:

P.May/April Salary	234.56
B.Haigh/Garden Help	95.96
P.Brown/Playground Decoration	447.19
gtFlowers/Summer Planting	879.66
Natural Stone/Troughs	2250.00
gtFlowers/Summer Planting	146.88
P.May/May Salary	<u>234.56</u>
	4,288.81

41.3 Payments made via Bankline:

HMRC	58.60
Bankline Fee	<u>0.40</u>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>4,347.81</b>

41.4 The balance on the Parish Council's **Reserve Account** currently stands at:  
£19,364.6

## 42.0 Applications for Grants

42.1 There were no applications for grants.

## 43.0 Date of Next Meeting

43.1 The next Council Meeting will be held on Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> July at 7.30 in the Meeting Hall.

