

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 1st October 2019

Present

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

Councillor R. Finnigan MBI

76.0 Apologies for Absence

76.1 Apologies were received from Councillors Gettings, Mulvany and Nixon

Attendance of Residents

Thelma Goddard and Adam Jones attended the meeting to support a grant application on behalf of Friends of Birchfield School.

77.0 Anti-Social Behaviour/Policing Issues/Speeding Issues

77.1 The Police did not attend the meeting.

78.0 Declaration of Interest

78.1 There were no declarations of interest.

79.0 Chair's Remarks

79.1 There were none.

80.0 Minutes of Meeting held on 3rd September 2019

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

80.2 There were no matters arising.

81.0 Correspondence

81.1 The Clerk listed the correspondence for September.

81.2 Information from Able Community Care. **The Clerk to pass this onto the Wednesday Pensioner's Club.**

81.3 Enforcement Officer Updates.

81.4 Neil Stockdale forwarded the draft document and application form regarding the allotment information to be put on our website.

81.5 Highway issued a warning of disruption on Wakefield Road, as a result of the new development near the roundabout. It commenced on 23rd September, and is expected to finish April 2020.

81.6 Planning Services have notified the Parish Council of a new website to check on Tree Preservation Orders.

81.7 Highways Maintenance-Forward Works Programme-2020 to 2023.

81.8 Emails from Jan Cleverley, Tenant Engagement Officer, regarding the new seat on Church Avenue/Springbank. Authorisation and funding have been confirmed. The Clerk is checking on the style of seat to be installed by LCC.

81.9 Temporary Licence Applications by the Conservative Club for the 5th and 10th October.

81.10 A wildflower seed pack from Kew Gardens.

81.11 Copies of emails sent to Mandeep Flora by residents supporting the immediate implementation of the HGV Ban. An update from Andrew Hall, Head of Transport Planning, indicated that the process would now commence, and implementation was anticipated early next year. To be discussed in Item 82.

81.12 Debbie Oldham, Governance Services requested an update of Councillor's Register of Interests. There were none to report.

81.13 A copy of an email sent by Councillor Finnigan to Steve Mitchell at LCC regarding the maintenance of the wall at Branch End.

81.14 An email sent by Councillor Bailey to LCC regarding the blocked road drains on Town Street.

81.15 A website link sent by resident Clare Horner regarding a national campaign for tree planting.

82.0 HGV Ban/Speeding Issues

82.1 Discussion took place regarding Leeds City Council's delay in implementing the weight restriction order through Gildersome. Councillor Finnigan confirmed that Leeds City Council had avoided implementation of the ban at the correct time, but were now having to begin the implementation process. Due to concerns raised by Councillors and residents it was decided to continue to post information on Facebook, and encourage people to write individual emails rather than signing a petition.

82.2 It was decided to defer the matter of Speeding Issues until next month, as the Police were not in attendance at the meeting.

83.0 Planter Sub-Group

84.1 Discussion took place regarding the landscaping at Branch End. Councillor Brown wished to make a feature of the area, but it was agreed that it was essential to sort out the retaining wall first. Councillor Finnigan confirmed that he had contacted Highways to establish ownership and responsibility for maintenance of the wall. The Clerk advised that David Cowburn had given a quote of £200 for clearance, potting up and storage of some of the perennial plants at Branch End. It was proposed and agreed upon to go ahead with this initial clearance, address the situation of the wall, and then decide on future landscaping.

84.2 Councillors Brown and Haigh advised that the horse chestnut sapling had been planted at the Springbank site. There were concerns, however, that the area may be unsuitable for further tree planting due to the state of the ground.

84.3 In response to Councillor Jones's enquiry regarding the new stone troughs, Councillor Brown confirmed that they would be delivered ready for the Autumn planting.

84.4 Councillor Haigh reported that the Sub-Group would liaise with the Cubs regarding planting around the village stone at the Suffields. Councillor Brown raised concerns about the siting of the replacement stone trough in this area, and suggested some form of landscaping similar to that at the Griffin corner. Councillor Haigh suggested that additional landscaping might present a maintenance problem. It was proposed and agreed upon to obtain a quote from David Cowburn for digging out and landscaping at the Suffields.

84.0 Gildersome Meeting Hall

84.1 Councillor Finnigan advised that the Executive Board were due to meet in October to discuss the transfer of the management of the Meeting Hall to the Parish Council, including timescales and finance issues. In answer to Councillor Knight's query as to whether the Parish Council would receive the required full amount, Councillor Finnigan stated that he would request a full written report to confirm this.

85.0 Action Plan

85.1 Past and Future Events

Remembrance Sunday 10th November:

Discussion took place regarding the purchase of a new sound system, suitable for all outdoor events. It was proposed to follow up on a suggestion from Councillor Gettings in seeking advice from a contact at Huddersfield University. All agreed that it was important to buy an efficient, quality system.

The Clerk confirmed that Amy Long was available to play the Last Post at the Remembrance Service, and Councillor Cook advised that the Brownies were making 'poppy buns' Councillors helping with preparation to meet at 10.00am.

Light-Up Night Friday 15th November:

Councillor Bailey raised concerns regarding the electrical connections for equipment used outdoors. It was proposed, and agreed upon to consider the installation of outside sockets. The Clerk to contact 24-7 Electrical Services. Councillor Cook advised that both schools would be attending. Councillor Gettings to contact Pat Pearson regarding the compering at Light-Up Night. Councillors helping with preparation to meet at 2.00pm. The Clerk reported that she had applied for a further grant of £500 from Outer South Community Committee. Councillor Finnigan confirmed funding approval.

85.2 Footpaths

Councillor Knight had received a request that details of the Gildersome Walking Group, and its programme of walks be put on our website. This was agreed upon. The next walk was confirmed as 6th October.

Councillor Brown reported on an act anti-social behaviour down the Mill Lane footpath. Both a wall and a maple tree had been broken down. It was thought to have involved the same group of youths from Morley who had caused damage in the Playground. The Police were aware.

86.0 Planning

86.1 Councillor Cook listed all applications and decisions for September.

87.0 Finance

87.1 The Clerk advised that the balance on the Parish Council's **Current Account** currently stands at: £11,542.97

87.2 Cheques sent out this month are as follow:

P.May/Transfer to Petty Cash	100.00
P.May/September Salary	<u>234.56</u>
	334.56

87.3 Payments made via Bankline:

HMRC	58.60
Bankline Fee	<u>0.80</u>
	59.40

TOTAL **393.96**

87.4 The balance on the Parish Council's **Reserve Account** currently stands at:
£39,382.32

88.0 Applications for Grants

88.1 The Friends of Birchfield School applied for a grant of £250 towards the cost of a mobile defibrillator. The grant was approved.

89.0 Date of Next Meeting

89.1 The next Council Meeting will be held on Tuesday 5th November at 7.30 in the Meeting Hall.

