

# MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 5<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER 2019

## Present

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| Councillor P. Brown    | Councillor C. Johnson |
| Councillor K. Cook     | Councillor R. Mulvany |
| Councillor L. Gettings | Councillor L. Rawson  |
| Councillor G. Haigh    | Councillor C. Taylor  |

Councillor R. Finnigan MBI and Councillor S. Kimberley arrived during Item 99.0

## 90.0 Apologies for Absence

90.1 Apologies were received from Councillors Bailey, Jones, Knight and Nixon

## Attendance of Residents

Thelma Goddard and Neil Sims attended the meeting. Neil Sims raised points from a Freedom of Information Request regarding the implementation of the HGV Ban in Gildersome. Councillor Finnigan explained the due process, and hoped that the new restrictions would be implemented in the New Year.

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

91.1 PCSOs Chloe Barlow and Courtney Davis attended the meeting to report on the crime figures for October. There had been 5 residential burglaries, and 2 attempted burglaries. There had been 1 stolen motor vehicle and 1 theft from a motor vehicle, and only 3 anti-social behaviour calls for Gildersome in the past 31 days. PCSO Barlow informed the Council that the Police were currently carrying a Darker Nights Operation. This would run until January, and involved 2 extra PCSOs and 2 extra Police Officers on duty from midnight to 3.00am, targeting the main burglary hot spots. PCSO Barlow also reported that 2 recent offenders were in Police custody, awaiting a court hearing.

91.2 Councillor Rawson asked if any action had been taken regarding the speeding on Town Street. PCSO Barlow stated that she was not aware of any, but would make enquiries. She added that the Police cannot act in 20mph, and that it was a LCC responsibility. There was some concern amongst Councillors regarding this issue.

91.3 Councillor Brown reported the siting of youths with knives around the ginnel at the side of the Meeting Hall. PCSO Barlow stated that there had been a knife problem in Drighlington, and a 'stop and search' system was now in operation. The PCSOs to follow up on the reports immediately following the Meeting.

## 92.0 Declaration of Interest

92.1 There were no declarations of interest.

## 93.0 Chair's Remarks

93.1 In Councillor Jones's absence Councillor Gettings chaired the Meeting. She wished to thank all Councillors who helped at the Gildersome Literary Event, stating that the speaker was amazing, and it had been excellent evening.

## **94.0 Minutes of Meeting held on 5<sup>th</sup> November 2019**

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

94.2 There were no matters arising.

## **95.0 Correspondence**

95.1 The Clerk listed the correspondence for October.

95.2 Morley Town Council Annual Report

95.3 A Planning Application for Reserved Matters for Units 6 and 7 on the new industrial site. The Clerk informed the Council that a letter of objection had been sent based on the non-implementation of the HGV Ban.

95.4 20 Actions Parish and Town Councils can take on climate and nature emergency.

95.5 Enforcement Officer Updates.

95.6 A poster for the Digital Together Project, advertising a meeting on 6<sup>th</sup> November at Newlands Methodist Church.

95.7 Updates from James Gray, Principal Engineer LCC, regarding the 'Pull In' at the Allotments.

95.8 Information and Survey re the 'Big Leeds Climate Conversation'.

95.9 Highways Update: Outside 5 Deanhurst Gardens to Stonewell Cottage/ Northern Gas/2nd-18<sup>th</sup> December.

96.10 An email from David Bentley regarding the publication of a new local newspaper – the Morley and District Press.

96.11 An email from Neil Sims regarding a Freedom of Information Request relating the the HGV Ban.

96.12 Confirmation of funding from Outer South Community Committee for £500.

96.13 Emails relating to Light- Up Night : the connection of the new Christmas lights on the Green, and a temporary road closure of Town Street. To discuss in Item 99.0.

96.14 An email from Jan Cleverly regarding the new seat at Springbank/Church Avenue.

96.15 An update from Councillor Finnigan regarding the retaining wall at Branch End.

96.16 Information about the final brown bin collections for this year.

96.17 Information and a poster from Opera North regarding their singing groups for the over 55's.

## **96.0 HGV Ban/Speeding Issues**

96.1 Due to concerns over the apparent limited action the Police can take in 20mph areas it was decided that the Clerk make further enquiries into this matter, and also the use of the S.I.D.

## **97.0 Planter Sub-Group/Branch End**

97.1 Councillor Haigh advised that the majority of the Branch End area had been cleared, and that the established planting left would hopefully become low maintenance. The Clerk reported that LCC would pay up to £500 for repair work on the retaining wall if they deemed it necessary. Discussion took place, and it was proposed to make a decision on the wall as soon as possible.

97.2 Councillor Brown advised that a quote of £300 had been received from David Cowburn for stones to be placed at the Suffields. It would then be a contained feature of stones and planting. The Cubs were to plant bulbs around the village stone sign at the Suffields.

97.3 Councillor Brown reported that the new stone troughs were in place on the Green. Plus, Dane the owner of Natural Stone, had offered a complementary replacement for the stolen stone trough.

97.4 Councillor Cook suggested placing a stone near Karen's pantry to prevent vehicles parking on the grass verge. It was agreed that the Clerk contact Councillor Finnigan to request some no parking signs.

97.5 Councillor Brown confirmed that the plants had arrived for the Autumn/Winter planting, but suggested leaving any troughs or tubs where the plants were still flowering. Councillor Brown reported that LCC had cleared the summer planting from around the Tommy Statue, but that the replacement planting was not up to standard. She suggested taking over responsibility for planting here in the future.

97.6 Councillor L. Gettings to request Councillor Bob Gettings to contact LCC regarding clearing the pavements of leaves prior to Remembrance Sunday.

## **98.0 Gildersome Meeting Hall**

98.1 Councillor Gettings advised that Martin Dean had requested some amendments be made to the Business Plan. A meeting had taken place with Martin Dean and Sarn Warbis and it was agreed to have a revised Business Plan ready by 18<sup>th</sup> November, to be presented to the Executive Board on 26<sup>th</sup> November.

## **99.0 Action Plan**

99.1 Past and Future Events

### Remembrance Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> November:

Councillor Gettings confirmed that the services of a professional to provide the Audio System had been arranged at a cost of £250.

The Clerk reported that the children of Gildersome Primary School were, as last year, doing project work on the World Wars, and this would be displayed in the Meeting Hall.

It was agreed to use the china mugs instead of paper cups.

### Light-Up Night Friday 15<sup>th</sup> November:

It was confirmed that all arrangements were in place, apart from the named first aider. Councillor Johnson suggested that his wife, Mary Johnson, could undertake this role.

The Clerk reported that the temporary road closure of Town Street was arranged. This to commence at 6.10pm.

Councillor Kimberley agreed to make some mulled cider, as it had been popular last year.

The Clerk advised that Morley and District Press had been in contact, and there should be some publicity about Light-Up Night in the new paper.

## 99.1 Footpaths

There was no report on footpaths.

## 100.0 Planning

100.1 Councillor Cook listed all applications and decisions for October.

100.2 There were concerns over a possible development of 3 detached houses off Street Lane. Councillor Finnigan advised that, at the moment, this was a Pre-Planning Application so no action was required.

100.3 Councillor Cook raised the matter of CIL payments for the two developments on Wakefield Road. **Councillor Finnigan to make enquiries.**

## 101.0 Finance

101.1 The Clerk advised that the balance on the Parish Council's **Current Account** currently stands at: £7,908.35

101.2 Cheques sent out this month are as follow:

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|------------------------------------|---------------|
| Friends of Birchfield School/Grant | 250.00        |
| Brosnans/Payroll                   | 72.00         |
| P.Brown/Plants & Costume           | 523.00        |
| P.May/October Salary               | <u>234.36</u> |
|                                    | 1079.36       |

101.3 Payments made via Bankline:

|                                       |             |
|---------------------------------------|-------------|
| HMRC                                  | 58.60       |
| Natural Stone Leeds Ltd/Stone Troughs | 1850.00     |
| LCC/Electrical Works/Christmas Lights | 411.70      |
| Bankline Fee                          | <u>0.40</u> |
|                                       | 2320.70     |

**TOTAL    3400.06**

101.4 The balance on the Parish Council's **Reserve Account** currently stands at: £39,395.70

## 102.0 Applications for Grants

102.1 There were no applications for grants.

## 103.0 Date of Next Meeting

103.1 The next Council Meeting will be held on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> December at 7.30 in the Meeting Hall.

