

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 3rd December 2019

Present

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

Councillor R. Finnigan MBI

104.0 Apologies for Absence

104.1 Apologies were received from Councillors Kimberley and Taylor.

105.0 Anti-Social Behaviour/Policing Issues/Speeding Issues

105.1 Councillor Finnigan informed the Council that the Police had offered their apologies as they were unable to attend the meeting.

106.0 Declaration of Interest

106.1 There were no declarations of interest.

107.0 Chair's Remarks

107.1 Councillor Jones gave special thanks to all who had helped on Light-Up Night, stating that he had heard nothing but praise and congratulations for the event.

108.0 Minutes of Meeting held on 5th November 2019

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

108.2 Matters arising. Item 96.1 The Clerk stated that she had written to the Police querying what action the Police could take in 20mph areas, but that she had received no reply.

109.0 Correspondence

109.1 The Clerk listed the correspondence for November.

109.2 Guidance Notes on Pre-Election Publicity.

109.3 An email from Ricochet, a television production company who make the BBC series 'The Repair Shop'.

109.4 Details of the CIL payments for the new developments on Wakefield Road.

109.5 A Crime Prevention Checklist to avoid residential burglary.

109.6 An update from Jan Cleverley regarding the new seat at Church Avenue, confirming that the Parish Council could use the HAPs Grant of £325 to purchase the preferred Stanford seat.

109.7 Parish Council Tax Precept Timetable.

109.8 The Clerk reported that Councillor Cook had emailed LCC regarding the disruption caused by contractor's faulty temporary traffic lights on Gelderd Road, and the developers had subsequently been issued with an FPN fine.

109.9 Mandeep Flora emailed to confirm that "the Director's approval had been given to advertise the HGV Ban."

109.10 Enforcement Officer Updates.

109.11 Highways Updates: Gildersome Lane from Apple Tree Cottage to Whitehall Road/ Two-way signals/Yorkshire Water/ 9th to 15th December. Branch End at Highfield Close/Multi-way signals/BT/ 6th to 8th January.

109.12 A request for the Parish Council to support the Local Electricity Bill.

109.13 Changes to the Christmas Bin Collections.

109.14 Correspondence from Simon Booker regarding the possibility of arranging for the closure of Town Street during the Scarecrow Festival.

109.15 The Clerk reported that the Parish Council had been 'copied in' on a number of emails sent to LCC in support of the HGV Ban

110.0 Review of Village Events/Sound System

110.1 Extensive discussion took place regarding the sound system, as all Councillors agreed that the present system was not effective, especially on Light-Up Night. It was decided that professional advised was required and Councillor Bailey suggested contacting Graham Warren. This was agreed upon. Debate also took place regarding the options of the purchase of new equipment, or the hire of a professional to operate a sound system. Councillor Gettings considered the latter as the best option, in order to ease the work load, and she thought that it had worked well at the Remembrance Service. There were queries as to how the Parish Council had inherited the responsibility for organising the sound system on Remembrance Day. Councillor Gettings stated that it was the responsibility of the Parish Council, and Councillor Jones agreed that it was a well- attended village event, and ought to be part of our remit. It was decided that Councillors Bailey and Jones would seek further information on the various options ready for the January meeting. A decision could then be made – to hire or buy, cost versus labour; with the issue of storage also to be considered. It was also decided to post a request for help or advice on Facebook.

111.0 Planter Sub-Group/Branch End Landscaping

111.1 Councillor Haigh put forward his idea for the future landscaping at Branch End. This involved retaining the established flower bed section at the side, while covering the rest of the cleared area with a membrane and gravel. This to initially stop the regrowth of weeds, but allow additional planting at a later date. In reply to Councillor Knight query regarding the retaining wall it was confirmed that LCC were not prepared to do any repair work. Councillor Brown was adamant that the wall needed attention as part of the landscaping project. She advised that a quote of £5000 to £7000 had been given by Roger Bennet for a new stone wall, but there were

other renovation options. All Councillors agreed that the area needed to be low maintenance and sustainable for the future. Discussion took place and it was agreed that costing for all proposals would be brought to the next meeting. Councillor Nixon suggested putting requests for ideas on Facebook, and this was agreed upon.

112.0 Gildersome Meeting Hall

112.1 Councillor Jones stated that because of the forthcoming Elections and the rule of 'purdah' the proposed Executive Meeting could not take place. Thus, the decision on the Meeting Hall would be taken in January.

113.0 Action Plan

113.1 Past and Future Events

All Councillors agreed that the temporary closure of Town Street had been effective, both on the grounds of safety, and enjoyment for residents. The Clerk advised that she was making enquiries with Simon Booker regarding a similar closure at the Scarecrow Festival.

Many Councillors thought that the price of hotdogs at £3 was too expensive. £2.50 was a suggested price.

Councillor Knight enquired about the dates for 2020 events, particularly the Scarecrow Festival. Councillor Cook advised that this had not yet been confirmed.

113.1 Footpaths

Councillor Knight reported that there had been a number of complaints from residents about the footpath at the side of the Paddock. He had contacted LCC, but there had been no action taken. He advised that the new solid fence was making the path very dark. Councillor Finnigan suggested that the height was checked, as planning permission was required for constructions more than 2 metres in height.

114.0 Planning

114.1 Councillor Cook listed all applications and decisions for November.

115.0 Finance

115.1 The Clerk advised that the balance on the Parish Council's **Current Account** currently stands at: £6,609.52

115.2 Cheques sent out this month are as follow:

D.Cowburn/Footpaths/Grass Cutting	4100.00
P.Brown/Autumn Plants	59.70
B.Haigh/Garden Help	100.00
P.May/Transfer to Petty Cash	100.00
S.Jones/Website Sitemaker	72.00
Royal British Legion/Wreath	21.00
P.May/November Salary	<u>234.56</u>
	4687.26

115.3	Payments made via Bankline:	
	HMRC	58.80
	StreetwiseUK/Road Closure	390.00
	StreetwiseUK/Road Closure Balance	228.00
	Billingly Xmas Trees	306.00
	24-7Electrical/Outside Sockets	351.60
	3BandAudio/Hire of Sound System	214.05
	P.Hird/Maintenance & Installation of Xmas Sign	505.20
	L.Gettings/Mulled Wine/Light-Up Night	54.54
	L.Hanson/Fireworks	329.74
	Bankline Fee	<u>1.20</u>
		2439.13
	TOTAL	7126.39

115.4 Payments Received:

Grant from Area South/Christmas Lights	500.00
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115.5 Bank Transfer:

Transfer from Reserve Account	5000.00
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115.6 The balance on the Parish Council's **Reserve Account** currently stands at: £34,395.70

115.7 Councillor Jones proposed that £10,000 be transferred to Gildersome Action Group to support the MUGA Fund. This was agreed upon. Councillor Cook reported on the present funding situation. Councillor Jones congratulated Councillor Cook and Paul Cook in their efforts to have the planning application approved by LCC, and in seeking funding for the MUGA.

115.8 The reviewed Budget for 2020/21 was put before the Council and agreed upon.

115.9 Councillor Jones reported that the Finance Committee had proposed that the Clerk's pay be update in line with the current hourly rate, with any back pay from April 2017. Also, the Finance Committee proposed that the Clerk's weekly hours should be increased from 6.5 to 10 hours per week, to reflect the current work load. This was agreed upon.

116.0 Applications for Grants

116.1 Gildersome Primary School PTA applied for a grant of £250 to help buy 20 new full sports kits. This was duly granted.

117.0 Date of Next Meeting

117.1 The next Council Meeting will be held on Tuesday 7th January 2020 at 7.30 in the Meeting Hall.

