

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 4th February 2020

Present

Councillor P. Brown	Councillor S. Kimberley
Councillor K. Cook	Councillor C. Nixon
Councillor G. Haigh	Councillor L. Rawson
Councillor C. Johnson	Councillor C. Taylor
Councillor S. Jones	
Councillor R. Finnigan MBI	

Residents Present : Russell Doherty attended the meeting to observe.

133.0 Apologies for Absence

133.1 Apologies were received from Councillors Bailey, Gettings, Knight and Mulvany.

134.0 Anti-Social Behaviour/Policing Issues/Speeding Issues

134.1 PCSO Katie Chaplin attended the meeting to give the Crime Report for January. She reported on the incident down the ginnel at the side of the Paddock development, where a male on a bicycle had attempted to steal a handbag from the victim. Enquiries were still ongoing. PCSO Chaplin stated that there had been 2 attempted residential burglaries, 2 actual burglaries and 1 commercial burglary. There had been 3 thefts from vehicles, and 1 report of damage to a motor vehicle. There were 2 reports of anti- social behaviour. One involving damage to a bus shelter on Gildersome Lane, and the other involving a laser pen being shone through a house window on Suffield Crescent.

134.2 Councillors Cook and Finnigan raised the issue of contractor's vehicles at the Paddock development site. The contractors were parking on a private drive, and obstructing the pavement causing problems for residents, especially at school times. Councillor Finnigan requested that the Police speak to the contractors, monitor the situation and, if necessary, issue fines.

134.3 PCSO Chaplin advised that residents at the Grove had made a complaint regarding the condition of the footpath at the side of the Meeting Hall. Councillor Finnigan to contact Leeds City Council.

135.0 Declaration of Interest

135.1 There were no declarations of interest.

136.0 Chair's Remarks

136.1 There were non.

137.0 Minutes of Meeting held on 7th January 2020

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

137.2 There were no matters arising.

138.0 Correspondence

138.1 The Clerk listed the correspondence for January.

138.2 An email from Mandeep Flora confirming that the implementation of the HGV Ban would be completed within about 10 weeks.

138.3 Councillor Finnigan copied the PC in on a request for the cleaning of the bottle banks. The Clerk to check that this had taken place.

138.4 Councillor Nixon sent out a copy of the message put on Gildersome Primary School's website, and Thelma Goddard confirmed that Birchfield had been actively involved in the protest against 'idling car engines'. Concern was raised over the buses leaving engines running while parked outside the school. Councillor Finnigan to contact the bus companies.

138.5 Information from the Groundwork Learning Centre regarding courses for adults January-July 2020.

138.6 Information regarding a funding bid by HAPs to provide a Film Club at the Grove. This to be supported by Ward Councillors.

138.7 Publicity about VE Day – "Is your Community VE Day ready?"

138.8 Enforcement Officer Updates.

138.9 Highways Updates: 2-way traffic lights at the Griffin for work by BT 3rd to 7th February.

138.10 Information from One.network regarding extensive roadworks on the A650 between the Angel and Gildersome roundabout from now until 5th June. This involves night time closures between 10pm and 6am.

138.11 An email from planning services confirming that they are looking into a possible breach of planning control relating to the fence at the Paddock building site.

138.12 Information regarding the Great British Spring Clean. To discuss at the March Meeting.

138.13 Information from the West Yorkshire Combined Authority relating to Bus Service Changes. These to commence on February 22nd and will affect the 205, 425 and 427 services. Councillor Kimberley raised concerns about the depleted 205 service. Councillor Finnigan to make enquiries.

139.0 Audio System

139.1 Councillor Jones listed prices quoted for the purchase of new audio equipment. It was his conclusion that the total cost was excessive, and there was also the problem of storage. The Clerk reported that Councillor Bailey, unable to attend the meeting, had emailed advising that following his discussions with Graham Warren the hire of professional audio help was the most suitable option, in terms of time, operation and cost. Councillor Jones proposed that a decision regarding the hire of professional help be made at the next meeting.

140.0 Branch End Landscaping

140.1 Councillor Jones advised that 2 quotes had been received for the repair of the wall at Branch End. One from KW Builders, recommended by the Green Oval Garage, potential sponsors, and one from Craig Taylor. The quotes were for £2,800 + VAT and £2,270 + VAT respectively. A third quote had not yet been received from Roger Bennett.

140.2 Councillor Jones informed the Council of the quotes from David Cowburn for the landscaping at Branch End. Spraying £50, laying membrane and basic gravel £950, laying turf £900, supply and placing of large stones £600. Extensive discussion took place regarding the choice of gravel as opposed to grass. Councillor Brown also suggested some ideas for future tree planting. Councillor Jones proposed that a decision was made between gravel or grass. The vote favoured the laying of turf by 7 votes to 1, with 1 abstention. It was agreed that David Cowburn should go ahead with the spraying and placing of the stones, as this cost could come out of the Planter Sub Group's present budget, which had a £700 balance.

140.3 Councillor Haigh proposed that the existing fir trees be moved as there was some concern that they had been planted over a drain. This was agreed upon. Russell Doherty offered to have a look at re-positioning the fir trees.

140.4 Councillor Jones considered that it might be opportune to offer to paint the gable of the house at Branch End to improve its appearance, and that of the landscaping overall.

141.0 Action Plan

141.1 Past and Future Events

Easter Egg Hunt: It was confirmed that the Meeting Hall had been booked for 12th April, but Councillor Cook advised that children from both Primary Schools were unable to sing at the event.

Scarecrow Festival: The Clerk reported that the Brighthouse Railway hoped to be available for Sunday 14th June, so this was date decided upon for the Scarecrow Festival.

Light-Up Night: Councillor Jones stated that Councillor Hutchison was happy to advise and quote for the installation of extra cabling for additional Christmas lights along Town Street.

141.2 Footpaths

Councillor Knight was absent, and there were no further reports on footpaths. The ginnel at the side of the Paddock development had been discussed earlier in the meeting.

141.3 Councillor Cook advised that local company Innergy had expressed a wish to offer help within the village one half day per week, or possible sponsorship. The Council decided that Innergy needed to give more clarification on the matter.

141.4 Councillor Cook reported on an Enforcement Meeting she had attended, stating that the Enforcement Officer had recommended an extra bin be placed on Gelderd Road, a new sign regarding dog control was to be placed near Karen's Pantry, and bins supplying dog poo bags could be obtained for the village.

142.0 Planning

142.1 Councillor Cook listed all applications and decisions for January.

143.0 Finance

143.1 The Clerk advised that the balance on the Parish Council's **Current Account** currently stands at: £2,709.21

143.2 Cheques sent out this month are as follow:

P.May/Transfer to Petty Cash	100.00
P.May/January Salary	<u>380.37</u>
	480.37

143.3 Payments made via Bankline:

HMRC	129.80
Bankline Fee	0.80
Zurich Insurance Renewal	656.35
Brosnans/Payroll	72.00
SLCC/Membership Renewal	109.00
Glasdon/Seat	1192.74
AH Electrical/Cabling for Xmas Lights	<u>600.00</u>
	2760.69

TOTAL 3,241.06

143.4 Payments Received:

LCC/Grant from HAPs	500.00
LCC/MICE Grant	175.00

143.5 The balance on the Parish Council's **Reserve Account** currently stands at: £24,410.99

144.0 Applications for Grants

144.1 There were no applications for grants.

145.0 Date of Next Meeting

145.1 The next Council Meeting will be held on Tuesday 3rd March 2020 at 7.30 in the Meeting Hall.

