

## **MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 8<sup>th</sup> June 2021**

### **Present**

Councillor D. Barker	Councillor S. Jones
Councillor J. Bellhouse	Councillor E. Knight
Councillor K. Cook	Councillor C. Nixon
Councillor L. Gettings	Councillor L. Rawson
Councillor G. Haigh	

Councillors R. Finnigan & R. Gettings MBI

### **20.0 Apologies for Absence**

20.1 Apologies were received from Councillors K.Bailey and P.Brown.

### **21.0 Declaration of Interest**

21.1 There were no declarations of interest.

### **22.0 Chair's Remarks**

22.1 Councillor Jones stated that it was good to finally have a face to face meeting. He wished to convey thanks to head teacher Caroline Hoyle for the use of the Primary School, and also to Jonathan Moxon for helping with the arrangements.

### **23.0 Minutes of Meetings held on 4<sup>th</sup> May 2021**

23.1 The Minutes of the AGM were agreed as a true and accurate record.

23.2 The Minutes of the Council Meeting were agreed as a true and accurate record.

23.3 Matters Arising:

Item 15.0 Councillor Jones advised that the Table Top Sale was not on the Agenda, but asked Councillors to consider a date ready for the July meeting. Councillor Bellhouse suggested that an early decision on a date would benefit the organisation of the event. To this end it was proposed and agreed that it would be held on 30<sup>th</sup> August. This decision to be ratified at the July meeting.

Item 13.7 It was confirmed the that long- awaited yellow lines at the Street Lane/Finkle Lane junction had been covered by recent resurfacing work. Councillor Finnigan to check that they would be repainted.

### **24.0 Co-option of a New Councillor**

24.0 Having received a letter of application, Councillor Jones was pleased to propose that Jonathan Moxon be co-opted onto the Parish Council. Councillor Gettings seconded this proposal, and all were in agreement. Councillor Moxon duely signed the Declaration of Acceptance.

## **25.0 Correspondence**

25.1 Details of Correspondence for May had been sent out by the Clerk prior to the meeting.

25.2 The Clerk provided information on two additional items of Correspondence:

25.3 A complaint from a resident regarding the poor standard of grass cutting in the village, at the Parkway/Finkle Lane Junction. Councillor Finnigan to contact Parks and Countryside.

25.4 Correspondence relating to two blocked gullies on Town Street. Leeds City Council were addressing the problem.

## **26.0 ISL Assisted Living Accommodation**

26.1 Councillor Jones asked Councillor Finnigan to give an update on the situation at this facility. Councillor Finnigan stated that it was a private sector concern, supporting private tenants, but due to the failure in quality of care Ward Councillors were applying pressure on the service provider. He confirmed that it was a failing project, not providing value for money for tax payers. The Police had been involved with numerous episodes of anti-social behaviour, putting their own resources under pressure. They had set up an action plan, and would prosecute for criminal offences.

26.2 Councillor Bob Gettings reported that he had contacted Tom Riorden, Chief Executive, as he considered that this serious matter should be addressed by Leeds City Council, rather than Ward Councillors or the Parish Council. Councillor Gettings stated that the Commissioning Office had authorised ISL to provide a service, but he felt that the location in the centre of the village had been ill thought out.

26.3 Councillor Lesley Gettings stated that a meeting had been arranged with Aiden Smith, head of Commissioning, on Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> June. The Parish Council, Police and Ward Councillors to receive a briefing after this meeting.

## **27.0 Landscape Maintenance/Forestry Work**

27.1 The Clerk advised that LCC Forestry Department had, after 3 years of waiting, completed the promised pruning work along Town Street. Councillor Gettings stated that cherry tree on the Green, which had to be removed because of disease, would be replaced as soon as possible.

27.2 Councillor Haigh reported that the 47 containers throughout the village had now been planted for summer, and asked that a request for help with watering during the dry spells, be put on Facebook.

27.3 The Clerk advised that Parks and Countryside had been notified that the Parish Council had already undertaken the work of planting up the area around the Tommy Statue.

27.4 The Clerk also advised that David Cowburn was prepared to undertake the repair work to the broken fence on the Flossmore Estate. This at a cost of £450, to be match funded by Councillor Finnigan. Discussion took place about the unknown ownership of the land in question, and maintenance responsibility, but it was considered advisable to go ahead with the proposal for David Cowburn to do the repair.

27.4 In response to Councillor Knight's enquiry Councillor Finnigan confirmed that all the remaining saplings at Springbank would be removed.

## 28.0 Great British Spring Clean

28.1 Discussion took place regarding a proposed litter pick as part of the Great British Spring Clean. Councillor Nixon suggested that it was incorporated into the Leeds City Council's 'Purple Bag Day' on Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> July. As the Purple Bags scheme had proved so popular in Gildersome this was agreed upon. Councillor Nixon to organise the advertising.

## 29.0 Footpaths

29.1 Councillor Knight updated the Council regarding three footpaths.

Footpath 26: Bob Buckenham, Parks and Countryside, had established that the land at Cricket Hill Farm was owned by a holding company. This company would be contacted regarding the clearance of the footpath, but if this wasn't forthcoming Leeds City Council would undertake the work in September, after the nesting season.

Footpath 119: It was confirmed that this was not a bridleway, but the holding company of this land would probably not provide the necessary barrier.

Footpath 44: A replacement sign was required at the Reedsdale Gardens entrance.

## 30.0 Planning

30.1 Councillor Cook confirmed that she had prepared a list of all applications and decisions for May. This had been sent to all councillors, and posted on the Parish Council's website.

30.2 Discussion took place regarding Planning Application 21/04196/FU involving the construction of 5 houses at Hill Top Farm, Rooms Lane, Gildersome. Councillor Cook advised that a previous application had been refused. It was noted that Councillor Barker had compiled a letter listing the Parish Council's concerns, and proposing refusal of the application. Councillor Jones proposed that this letter of objection be sent to the Planning Department, and this was unanimously agreed upon.

30.3 Councillor Moxon wished to declare that, as a Leeds City Council employee, he would be involved in looking at the drainage for this application. As with all similar issues Councillor Moxon could provide technical information or advice, but not comment on specific issues.

## 31.0 Finance

31.1 The balance on the Parish Council's **Current Account** currently stands at: £28,039.33

31.2 Payments made via Bankline:

HMRC/April PAYE	95.00
C.Gamble/KreativeInc/Monthly Host Fee	10.00
S.Jones/Zoom Account/Monthly Fee	14.39
P.May/Norton Anti -Virus	25.00
P.May/April Salary	380.37
P.May/May Salary	413.27
Bankline Fee	<u>2.40</u>
	940.43

31.3 Payments by cheque

B.Haigh/Garden Services 70.00

**TOTAL 1010.43**

31.4 Payments Received

HMRC/VAT Refund 2,369.23

31.5 The balance on the Parish Council's **Reserve Account** currently stands at: £24,429.36

## **32.0 Date of Next Meeting**

32.1 The next Council Meeting to be held on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> July 2021, at 7.00pm, at Gildersome Primary School.

