

## **MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 5<sup>th</sup> October 2021**

### **Present**

Councillor D. Barker	Councillor G. Haigh
Councillor J. Bellhouse	Councillor S. Jones
Councillor P. Brown	Councillor E. Knight
Councillor K. Cook	Councillor J. Moxon
Councillor L. Gettings	Councillor L. Rawson
Councillor R Finnigan MBI	

### **64.0 Apologies for Absence**

64.1 Apologies were received from Councillors Bailey and Nixon.

### **65.0 Declaration of Interest**

65.1 Councillor Moxon declared that he was an employee of Leeds City Council.

### **66.0 Police: Monthly Report**

66.1 PCSO's Dave Lindley and Danny Costello attended the Meeting.

66.2 PCSO Lindley reported that high value goods had been stolen from a container on Treefield Industrial Estate, and investigations were ongoing, with the aid of CCTV footage. There had been 1 domestic burglary, 1 'keyless' theft of a motor vehicle and 1 theft of contents from a motor vehicle. Anti-social behaviour around the Meeting Hall appeared to have reduced.

66.3 PCSO Lindley advised on simple crime prevention measures during the darker winter nights, and Christmas period, and stated that there would be a Police Contact Point in the Meeting Hall carpark on Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> October.

### **67.0 Chair's Remarks**

67.1 There were non.

### **68.0 Minutes of Meeting held on 7<sup>th</sup> September 2021**

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

68.2 Matters Arising.

Item 60.2 The Clerk advised that she had contacted Gordon Appleyard, regarding the boundary wall at the Quaker's Meeting House. He had confirmed that the wall was in good order, and the overgrown ivy would be removed.

### **69.0 Correspondence**

69.1 Details of Correspondence for September had been sent out by the Clerk prior to the meeting.

69.2 There were no items of Correspondence requiring further discussion.

## **70.0 Village Maintenance**

70.1 **Playground Issues:** Councillor Finnigan confirmed that the existing CCTV equipment was not working, and LCC were unwilling to upgrade it. He added that for the last 24 months his efforts to have CCTV installed in Morley parks had been problematic, with both the Police and LCC reluctant to authorise the installation.

70.2 **Grass Cutting:** Councillor Finnigan to contact Simon Fosdyke regarding the costings and information required by the Parish Council to make a decision on the grass cutting contract.

70.3 **Trees at Church Avenue:** Following discussion, it was decided that further information was required about the species of the trees, before they could be moved to Gildersome Primary School. Steve Farrington, and Parks and Countryside to be consulted. Councillor Jones also proposed a site visit.

## **71.0 Landscape Projects**

71.1 **Branch End:** In response to Councillor Jones's enquiry regarding the cost of topping stones for the retaining wall, it was confirmed that George Cowburn had advised the use of cheaper concrete topping stones, rather than Yorkshire stone. Councillor Brown reported that additional grasses had been planted at the side of the house to screen the cracks in the wall, and that once the topping stones were in place the Branch End landscape project would be complete. Councillor Jones proposed that the retaining wall did not require painting, and this was agreed upon.

71.2 **Mill Lane:** Councillor Brown reported that a site visit had taken place. This had revealed that a large sycamore tree required inspection, as it was hoped to utilize it as a key feature in the landscape project. It was agreed that RD Forestry should be asked carry out the work. Other initial work would require the removal of a laburnum tree and overgrown shrubs, and the planting of a hedge in one section to form a screen alongside adjacent houses. A number of ideas were put forward to create a 'natural woodland play area'. Councillor Brown suggested that Beth Mcewan might be invited to be involved at some stage in the planning. Councillor Jones stated that the project now needed to go ahead, and advised that the Landscape Group bring budget costs to the Council as they progressed.

## **72.0 Highways Issues**

72.1 The Clerk raised the issue of the HGV Ban, stating that she continued to receive emails complaining about HGV vehicles travelling through the village. She advised that she was still waiting to hear from the Police regarding some involvement in surveillance operations.

72.2 Due to the absence of Councillor Bailey discussion about a new speed monitoring device would be deferred until the November meeting.

## **73.0 Container for Additional Storage**

73.1 Councillor Bailey was continuing to look into this matter.

## **74.0 Future Events**

74.1 Remembrance Sunday: The Clerk advised that Amy Long was unable to play the bugle this year, but she had offered to try and find someone else. The Clerk had also contacted Councillor Hutchison regarding the lamp post conversion for the sound system. Councillor Brown stated that a local resident, wishing to help the community, had offered to organise the

sound system. This could be done with or without the lamp post connection. Councillor Gettings reported that she had spoken with the new vicar of St Peter's Church about proceedings.

74.2 Light Up Night: The Clerk ran through the arrangements already in place – the Event Notification Forms had been sent to the Safety Advisory Group, Streetwise UK had been contacted for the road closure, the Christmas tree had been ordered, the schools contacted and the hire of the Meeting Hall was being arranged. The Clerk advised that a nominated First Aider was required. Councillor Barker offered to take on this role. It was agreed to meet at 2.00pm to prepare for Light Up Night.

74.3 Halloween Night: Councillor Moxon enquired about arrangements. Councillor Cook confirmed that it would be an informal Halloween Trail, advertised by posters and on the website.

74.4 Queen's Platinum Jubilee 2022: The Clerk confirmed the official bank holiday dates as Thursday 2<sup>n</sup> to Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> June. Discussion would take place next year as to how the Jubilee might be celebrated, in view of the Scarecrow Festival also taking place in June. Councillor Brown to purchase additional bunting.

## 75.0 Footpaths

75.1 Councillor Knight reported on the current situation with Footpath 26, stating that Bob Buckenham at Parks and Countryside had written to the landowners requesting that they cut back the hedgerow as a matter of urgency. They would have a 2 week deadline to reply.

## 76.0 Planning

76.1 Councillor Cook confirmed that she had prepared a lists of all applications and decisions for September. These had been sent to all councillors prior to the meeting, and posted on the Parish Council's website.

## 77.0 Finance

(The Clerk had sent out the following Finance Reports prior to the Meeting.)

### Finance Report – September 2021

77.1 The balance on the Parish Council's **Current Account** currently stands at: £23,264.90

77.2 Payments made via Bankline:

HMRC/August PAYE	97.60
KreativeInc/Monthly Host Fee	10.00
KreativeInc/Quarterly Maintenance	50.00
Gildersome Baptist Church/Grant	100.00
P.May/September Salary	391.67
Bankline Fee	<u>2.00</u>
	651.67

77.3 Payments made by cheque:

B.Haigh/Garden Help	70.00
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**TOTAL 806.67**

77.4 The balance on the Parish Council's **Reserve Account** currently stands at: £24,430.18

### **78.0 Date of Next Meeting**

78.1 The next Council Meeting to be held on Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2021, at 7.30pm, at Gildersome Meeting Hall.

