

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 1st February 2022

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

127.0 Apologies for Absence

127.1 Apologies were received from Councillor Nixon.

128.0 Declaration of Interest

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

129.0 Police: Monthly Report

129.1 PCSO's Jeff McGregor and Debbie Watson attended the meeting. They reported that crime figures were very low, with only 3 offences. 1 house burglary, 1 commercial burglary and 1 stolen vehicle. PCSO Watson stated that reports of anti-social behaviour had been nil, and in response to a previous request, patrols of Finkle Lane footpath had been undertaken. Councillor Brown advised that paint had been thrown around in the playground on Town Street.

129.2 PCSO McGregor informed the Council that Pop Up Contact Points had been set up in the local area.

130.0 Register of Interests

130.0 Councillor Jones requested that the Clerk be notified of any changes.

131.0 Chair's Remarks

131.1 Councilor Jones wished to thank headteacher, Caroline Hoyle, for the temporary use of the school during the refurbishment of the Meeting Hall.

132.0 Minutes of Meeting held on 11th January 2022

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

132.2 Matters Arising

Item 120.1 Councillor Gettings reported on a meeting held with Library staff, and advised that there seemed to have been little preparation on their part. In addition, the refurbishment work scheduled for 24th January, had not yet commenced.

133.0 Correspondence

133.1 Details of Correspondence for January had been sent out by the Clerk prior to the meeting.

133.2 Discussion took place regarding the change in Enforcement personnel.

134.0 Village Maintenance

134.1 Councillor Moxon updated the Council on the proposed movement of trees from Church Avenue to Gildersome Primary School. He advised that Parks and Countryside wanted to oversee the work, which would hopefully take place as soon as possible, due the planting season deadline. Councillor Knight enquired if the area at Church Avenue would be resurfaced.

135.0 Landscape Projects

135.1 Councillor Brown reported on a site meeting with David Cowburn at Mill Lane. Initial ideas for landscaping included the planting of a hedge at one side to form a barrier with the houses, the positioning of large rocks at the end of the area as a climbing and slide feature and possible ways to utilize the tree in the centre of the site. Councillor Jones proposed making a start on this work as soon as possible, so that the project could move forward.

136.0 Highways Issues

136.1 Councillor Bailey advised that he had not received a reply to his enquiries about re-orientating the SID on Town Street. The Clerk to contact Highways.

136.2 Discussion took place regarding the increase in the general volume of traffic through the village and also the HGV problem. The Clerk stated that she had emailed Sgt Matthews regarding the problem, but had not received a reply.

136.3 The Clerk reported that the yellow lines at Street Lane had finally been extended to their correct length, but only on one side of the road. This situation had been reported back to Timothy Brown and Mandeep Flora at Traffic Engineering.

137.0 Future Events

137.1 Councillor Bellhouse updated the Council on the initial planning ideas for the Platinum Jubilee. These included traditional games for the children in the morning, a picnic in the afternoon, a roped off area for static games, a throne area for a photoshoot, a selfie frame and a town crier. It was thought that local businesses would be involved in providing food outlets. Councillor Cook was also looking at a possible Jubilee grant application to fund the event. Councillor Bellhouse advised that the next step was to put out a Save the Date poster to notify everyone in the village of the event on 5th June.

137.2 Councillor Cook stated that due to the Platinum Jubilee in June, the Scarecrow Festival would now be held on Sunday 18th September.

138.0 Footpaths

138.1 Councillor Knight advised that a site meeting with Bob Buckenham, regarding Footpath 26, was yet to be arranged

139.0 Planning

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

139.2 Councillor Finnigan reported that work on the installation of the MUGA was due to start on 7th March. Councillor Finnigan reminded Council that Sports England had requested that the area be lit, as a stipulation of planning consent. It was agreed, in principle, that the Council would fund the cost of the electricity supply, at a possible £200 per year. This to be confirmed at the March meeting, once an estimate had been received from Paul Senior.

139.3 Councillor Finnigan informed the Council that grants of up to £18,500 were available for improvements to district centres. He suggested that the frontage of the parade of shops at Street Lane might fit the criteria. This proposal to be discussed at the next meeting.

140.0 Finance / Budget 2022-23

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

Finance Report – January 2021

140.1 The balance on the Parish Council's **Current Account** currently stands at: £12,808.56

140.2 Payments made via Bankline:

HMRC/December PAYE	98.00
KreativeInc/Monthly Host Fee	10.00
Zurich/ Insurance Renewal	691.93
Brosnans/Payroll	72.00
SLCC/Renewal	112.00
P.May/January Salary	391.67
Gildersome Cricket Club/Grant	250.00
Bankline Fee	<u>4.00</u>
	1,629.60

TOTAL 1,629.60

140.3 The balance on the Parish Council's **Reserve Account** currently stands at: £24,431.00

140.4 Councillor Jones stated that confirmation of the new Precept figure had been received from Leeds City Council. To set a 0% increase for 2022-23 would keep a Band D property at £13.11 and would give a Precept of £24.300. This was proposed and agreed upon unanimously.

141.0 Grant Application

141.1 There were non.

142.0 Date of Next Meeting

142.1 The next Council Meeting to be held on Tuesday 1st March 2022, at 7.00pm,
at Gildersome Primary School.

