

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 4th October 2022

Present

Councillor K. Bailey	Councillor L. Gettings
Councillor D. Barker	Councillor G. Haigh
Councillor J. Bellhouse	Councillor S. Jones
Councillor P. Brown	Councillor J. Moxon
Councillor K. Cook	Councillor L. Rawson

Councillor R. Finnigan MBI

75.0 Apologies for Absence

75.1 Apologies were received from Councillors Knight and Nixon.

76.0 Declaration of Interest

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

77.0 Register of Interests

77.1 Councillor Jones requested that councillors notify the Clerk regarding any changes.

78.0 Police: Monthly Report

78.1 PCSOs Reanne Smith and Gilan Dutton attended the meeting.

78.2 The crime report was as follows:

Burglary Commercial – 0

Burglary Residential – 4 Four arrests were made, with the same group responsible for all burglaries.

Theft from Motor Vehicle – 7

Theft of Motor Vehicle – 0

Anti-social behaviour – PCSO Dutton reported that previous anti-social behaviour at the Grove had abated.

78.3 Councillor Cook stated that she was still extremely concerned about the drugs issues within the village. Discussion took place and it was suggested that a visit be made by the PCSOs to the ISL Accommodation. PCSO Dutton would receive any intel regarding sitings and she assured the Council that, despite being very short staffed, daily patrols of Gildersome would be undertaken. Councillor Bellhouse suggested that there was some negativity on behalf of residents caused by the perception that there was a the lack of action by the Police.

79.0 Chair's Remarks

79.1 There were non.

80.0 Minutes of Meetings held on 6th September 2022

80.1 The Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 6th September were agreed as a true and accurate record.

80.2 There were no matters arising.

81.0 Correspondence

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

82.0 Village Maintenance

82.1 Councillor Jones advised that the two memorial seats on the Green had now been turned around to face Town Street. This was down to Graham Brown, not LCC, and Councillor Jones offered his thanks.

82.2 Councillor Jones confirmed that a resident wished to purchase the cherry tree as a memorial tree. Arrangements to be made for planting at Griffin corner

82.3 Councillor Moxon advised that the gardener he had spoken with had agreed to take on any additional gardening tasks required within the village.

82.4 Councillor Jones gave an update on the supply of electricity to the MUGA. British Gas had quoted £120.00 to fit the smart meter. The supply would be on an auto-timer.

82.5 It was confirmed that there would be a phasing out of the old wooden tubs. Councillor Bailey suggested the use of a water retaining product when replanting the troughs and tubs.

82.6 Councillor Cook advised that the tree bark, purchased for the Street Lane landscaped area, needed to be stored in a different location. Councillor Bellhouse offered to provide storage, and would make arrangements for the use of a low loader for its removal. The weekend of 15th - 16th October was agreed upon.

82.7 Following discussion regarding the removal of the trees at Church Avenue, Councillor Finnigan agreed to contact Vickie Marsden. This, with a view, to suggesting the bottom of the playing fields at Moorland Avenue and also Street Lane playing fields as suitable locations.

82.8 Councillor Brown advised that a large tree close to the old people's bungalows on Gelderd Road was in a poor state, and required monitoring for safety reasons.

83.0 Meeting Hall Update

83.1 Councillor Finnigan reported that the internal refurbishment work was going well, and a project meeting would be held at 11.00am on 5th October.

83.2 Councillor Brown advised that some additional work had been agreed to with Aspect's Project Manager. This included removal of the wood chip from the walls and replacement windows. Councillor Moxon stated the requirement for some co-ordination, and written confirmation on the contract alterations. Councillor Bailey also felt that it was necessary to have confirmation of the funding for this additional work. Councillor Finnigan confirmed that

funding would be found. It was agreed that Councillor Brown would represent the Parish Council at the Project Meetings to ensure our specifications were met. In addition, a written agreement would be required from LCC's architect and Aspect to confirm all works promised.

83.3 Councillor Brown felt that the deadline in November may not be reached, but did not want to compromise on the completion of our specifications. To this end, she considered that there should be a contingency plan for the organisation of Remembrance Sunday. This to be discussed in Item 85.0

84.0 Highways Issues

84.1 Councillor Cook reported that Leeds City Council had now removed the temporary barriers at Street Lane. These had initially been placed during lockdown to enable Sorellas and the Topsy Cow to continue trading. Discussion took place as to how these might be re- instated. Initially, it was decided that Councillor Finnigan would contact Highways regarding legislation for partial closure of the road, and the District Team regarding a recent plan to grant funding for improvements in this area.

85.0 Past & Future Events

85.1 Remembrance Sunday :

Councillor Brown proposed using the Conservative Club or the Methodist Chapel for refreshments, in the eventuality of the Meeting Hall not being available. Enquiries were being made. The Clerk confirmed that Amy-Beth Long was available to play the bugle this year and Councillor Brown confirmed that Eddie was available to provide the sound system for the service.

85.2 Light-Up Night:

It was confirmed that Councillor Rawson had sourced and ordered the Christmas tree, Eddie was available to provide the sound system and big screen and Councillor Gettings had made the mulled wine. The Clerk to contact Councillor Hutchison, regarding the lamp post connections for the Christmas lights on the Green, near Karen's Pantry. Councillor Brown advised that if connections were damaged on some of the lights, new ones would have to be purchased. Councillor Moxon to make enquiries regarding the Light Up Night costume. Councillor Cook to liaise with the schools. The Clerk was advised that the road closure arrangement had begun and the SAG (Safety Advisory Group) form would be completed. It would also be necessary to complete our own Risk Assessment and involve Roger Bennett, who organised the firework display.

86.0 Enforcement Officer

86.1 The Dates for future Enforcement Meetings had been sent out to all councillors.

86.2 Councillor Jones to attend the next Enforcement Meeting on Tuesday 11th October.

87.0 Footpaths

87.1 The Clerk advised that she had received no further information from Bob Buckenham, Parks and Countryside, regarding Footpath 26 at Cricket Hill Farm.

88.0 Planning

88.1 Councillor Cook had prepared a list of all applications and decisions for September. This had been sent out to all councillors prior to the meeting.

88.2 Discussion took place regarding the Springfield Villa property, where previous applications had been rejected. The fact that hedges had been removed along the roadside was a concern. The area to be monitored.

88.3 Councillor Brown advised that she had received a request from the post master at Bownass Newsagents for the Parish Council to contact our MP regarding placing a post box at that location. It was deemed that this was down to the postmaster, but the Parish Council would write to the Post Office requesting a 5.00pm collection on the Green.

89.0 Finance

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

Finance Report – September 2022

89.1 The balance on the Parish Council's **Current Account** currently stands at: £30,357.70

89.2 Payments made via Bankline:

KreativeInc/Monthly Host Fee	10.00
HMRC/August PAYE	37.83
Gildersome Baptist Church/Grant	88.00
P.May/Wreath	60.00
Kreativeinc/Quarterley Maintenance	50.00
P.May/Smallpdf/Website Software	81.00
P.Brown/Cosco Card/Plants/Flags/Plaque Cement	113.12
P.May/July Salary	398.53
Bankline Fee	<u>1.20</u>
	839.68

89.3 Payments Received

LCC/MICE Grant for Platinum Jubilee	600.00
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89.4 The balance on the Parish Council's **Reserve Account** currently stands at: £24,445.82

90.0 Application for Grants

90.1 Councillor Moxon advised that the additional details required on the Grant Application Form from Team Daniel were almost complete.

91.0 Date of Next Meeting

91.1 The next Council Meeting to be held on Tuesday 1st November at 7.00pm, at Gildersome Primary School.

