

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 3rd March 2020

Present

Councillor P. Brown Councillor E. Knight
Councillor K. Cook Councillor C. Nixon
Councillor L. Gettings Councillor L. Rawson
Councillor G. Haigh Councillor C. Taylor
Councillor S. Kimberley (Arrived during Item 151)
Councillor R. Finnigan MBI (Arrived during Item 156)

Residents Present : Sue Clough and Ken Kitney.

Mr Kitney raised the issue of damage to bus shelters at Moorland Avenue. The PCSOs present at the meeting stated that there had been no report through to them as yet, but they would look into the matter. Councillor Gettings requested that the Police should monitor the area.

Mrs Clough raised a number of issues, mainly traffic and highways related.

1. Speeding traffic at the bottom of Finkle Lane: Mrs Clough was in favour of more traffic calming measures including yellow lines and humps. Councillor Brown advised that a survey taken a number of years ago had resulted in no humps being put in place. Councillor Gettings stated that she appreciated Mrs Clough's concerns and requested more Police presence to address some of the problems. It was also suggested that registration numbers of regular offenders be taken when possible. The matter to be referred to Councillor Finnigan.
2. Camper vans parked on the roads around the Green. The Police to investigate.
3. The footpath across the Green near the Alishaan Restaurant. Mrs Clough was concerned at the poor and dangerous state of the footpath. This matter also to be referred to Councillor Finnigan.

146.0 Apologies for Absence

146.1 Apologies were received from Councillors Bailey, Jones, Johnson, and Mulvany.

147.0 Anti-Social Behaviour/Policing Issues/Speeding Issues

147.1 PCSO's Tolhurst and Dutton attended the meeting. PCSO Tolhurst reported that crime levels were low with 1 residential burglary, 2 commercial burglaries, 3 thefts from vehicles and 2 vehicle thefts.

148.0 Declaration of Interest

148.1 There were no declarations of interest.

149.0 Chair's Remarks

149.1 Councillor Gettings announced that the Gildersome event for the Morley Arts Festival would be held on 25th October at St Peter's Church. The speaker would be the author Phillip Kane, an ex oil industry professional.

149.2 Councillor Gettings advised that the publication of the annual Newsletter be delayed until later in the year when, hopefully, there should be positive decisions on various of projects to report. This was agreed upon.

149.3 Councillor Gettings gave a brief update on the refurbishment of the Meeting Hall, stating that a number of issues were now being resolved, and finally, progress was being made.

150.0 Minutes of Meeting held on 4th February 2020

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

150.2 Matters arising: Item 141.1 Councillor Knight asked if Sunday 14th June was the definite date for the Scarecrow Festival.

Item 138.3 It was confirmed that the bottle banks had been cleaned.

150.3 Councillor Haigh requested No Parking signs for the Green near Karen's Pantry.

150.4 Councillor Haigh suggested that the problems with the defibrillator being accessed by potential hoaxers be put on Facebook. Councillor Gettings advised that herself and Councillor Haigh would be attending an assembly on 24th March at Birchfield Primary School. This to launch the school defibrillator sponsored by the Parish Council.

151.0 Correspondence

151.1 The Clerk listed the correspondence for February.

151.2 Councillor Finnigan copied the PC in on two emails. LCC reported that the delay in cleaning the bottle banks was due to a break down with the mobile pressure washer. Dwayne Well, Head of Commercial at Arriva, replied on two issues raised by the PC – idling bus engines outside Gildersome Primary and the reduced 205 service.

151.3 Information from Scope regarding supporting people with health conditions and disabilities into employment.

151.4 Yorkshire Local Councils notified the PC that there is a meeting on 17th March to discuss the launch of a charter between the City Council and Parish Councils.

151.5 A number of emails regarding the fence erected at the Paddock development site. This to be discussed in Item 156.

151.6 Clive Barwell sent an email regarding a new group being set up to co-ordinate a programme of tree planting in the area to offset the carbon footprint.

151.7 In a reply to the Clerks enquiry regarding overdue work to the trees on Town Street, Roy Laws, Arboricultural Officer for LCC stated that they would try and programme the work in a 6 month block which will start in April.

151.8 Councillor Bob Gettings forwarded information about a Remembrance bench.

151.9 The Enforcement Officer sent an email informing the PC of the result of a court hearing involving dog fouling, resulting in a fine and costs totalling £786.

- 151.10 An update from Councillor Bob Gettings regarding the Meeting Hall.
- 151.11 A consultation document from LCC: Leeds Rail Station – Sustainable Travel.
- 151.12 A Coronavirus Update from LCC.
- 151.13 A consultation document from LCC: The Future of Public Parks and Green Spaces.
- 151.14 Enforcement Officer Updates.

152.0 Audio System

152.1 Due to the absence of Councillors Jones and Bailey, Councillor Kimberley proposed that this item was deferred until the next meeting. This was agreed upon.

153.0 Branch End Landscaping

153.1 Councillor Brown confirmed that the spraying had been done, and David Cowburn would install the rocks in due course.

154.0 Enforcement Officer/ Renewal of Contract

154.1 Councillor Gettings reported on an Enforcement Meeting she had attended, and confirmed that there were to be new dog fouling signs on the Green and at Street Lane.

154.2 The Clerk advised that both Morley and Drighlington were considering the renewal of the Enforcement Officer's contract. The annual cost was estimated at £4000. It was proposed and agreed upon that Gildersome renew their part of the contract.

155.0 Great British Spring Clean

155.1 Councillor Nixon confirmed that the Parish Council would hold a Litter Pick on Saturday 4th April, as part of the Great British Spring Clean. Street Lane Football Ground was to be the initial meeting point at 10.00am. The event would be advertised on Facebook and with posters.

155.2 Councillor Cook advised the Council that Innergy had offered to take part in the Litter Pick, and had also offered to sponsor a planter.

156.0 Action Plan

156.1 Past and Future Events

Easter Egg Hunt: Discussion took place regarding the different activities arranged for the Egg Hunt on 12th April.

Scarecrow Festival: Councillor Cook advised that the puppeteer from previous years was unable to attend, but a new puppeteer had been organised.

156.2 Footpaths

Councillor Knight gave an update on the various issues regarding the footpath at the side of the Paddock development. In order that there was adequate light down the footpath residents had

been asked to cut back overhanging branches. Councillor Knight suggested that it might be advisable to ask David Cowburn to have a look at the trees. Councillor Knight stated that Planning Services had made a site visit, but unhappy with their findings Councillor Knight was going to request a further visit to see if the developers were in breach of regulations. Councillor Knight was also going to contact Highway and ask them to inspect the surface of the footpath, as tree roots were appearing along its length

157.0 Planning

157.1 Councillor Cook listed all applications and decisions for February.

158.0 Finance

158.1 The Clerk advised that the balance on the Parish Council's **Current Account** currently stands at: £1,842.04

158.2 Cheques sent out this month are as follow:

LCC/ Meeting Hall Hire/Easter Egg Hunt	50.00
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158.3 Payments made via Bankline:

HMRC	95.00
Bankline Fee	2.40
Starboard Systems Ltd/Scribe Finance Package	339.60
P.May/February Salary	<u>380.17</u>
	817.17

TOTAL 867.17

158.4 The balance on the Parish Council's **Reserve Account** currently stands at: £24,414.74

159.0 Applications for Grants

159.1 There were no applications for grants.

160.0 Date of Next Meeting

160.1 The next Council Meeting will be held on Tuesday 7th April 2020 at 7.30 in the Meeting Hall.

Please Note: Due to the outbreak of the Corona Virus the above Meeting was cancelled. Future Meetings will only be resumed when advised to do so.

