

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 7th January 2020

Present

Councillor K. Bailey	Councillor S. Kimberley
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. Jones	

Councillor R. Finnigan MBI

118.0 Apologies for Absence

118.1 Apologies were received from Councillor Johnson.

119.0 Anti-Social Behaviour/Policing Issues/Speeding Issues

119.1 PC Sheldon and PCSOs McGregor and Barlow attended the meeting. PCSO McGregor gave the Crime Report for 04/12/19 to 07/01/20, stating that crime was at a very low level, with 1 burglary dwelling, 2 commercial burglaries, 2 thefts from vehicles and 1 stolen vehicle. The latter being a tractor at a farm on Gildersome Lane. This was recovered a short distance away. There had been no Anti- Social Behaviour calls.

119.2 PCSO McGregor reported that an Operation in place since November had drastically reduced overnight crime in the Morley area. This involved NPT officers working for no extra pay until 03.00 hours, targeting suspicious vehicles and conducting stop searches in the area. A new Proactive Neighbourhood Team will be commencing at the end of January to target areas of concern. This team will consist of 1 Sgt and 6 Pc's, and will deal with neighbourhood crime problems.

120.0 Declaration of Interest

120.1 There were no declarations of interest.

121.0 Register of Interest

121.1 There were no reported changes.

122.0 Chair's Remarks

122.1 Councillor Jones welcomed everyone back after the Christmas break, stating that it would be interesting to see what the Parish Council could achieve in the coming year.

123.0 Minutes of Meeting held on 3rd December 2019

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

123.2 There were no matters arising.

124.0 Correspondence

124.1 The Clerk listed the correspondence for December.

124.2 Enforcement Officer Updates

124.3 A letter of thanks from Jonathan Moxon, Chair of Gildersome Primary School PTA.

124.4 Pat Pearson, Secretary of the Parochial Church Council sent a copy of a letter in support of the HGV Ban, and also thanked the Parish Council for organising the PA system and bugler for Remembrance Sunday.

124.5 An email from a resident complaining about dog fouling on Scott Green Crescent. The Enforcement Officer was contacted, with the result that an FPN was issued in that area.

124.6 Correspondence from SL Comms Solutions Ltd seeking permission to erect a telegraph pole on the grassed area at Greenside Court. This was agreed upon.

124.7 Highways Updates : Gildersome Lane, Apple Tree Cottage to Whitehall Road/Yorkshire Water/ several dates in January and then 2nd March to 15th May.

124.8 An update from Councillor Finnigan regarding the proposed Lay-By at the allotments, indicating that the developers were still avoiding its construction.

125.0 Audio System

125.1 Councillor Jones stated that he had spoken to an audio supplier regarding costs. As a guideline they quoted £1500 for a speaker per 500 people, and he was waiting for written quotes. Councillor Bailey advised that it had not been possible to speak with Graham Warren as yet, but he would report back at the February meeting,

126.0 Branch End Landscaping

126.1 Councillor Jones advised that he had met with Brian Hault, MD of Green Oval, a local company who may offer sponsorship to help with the landscaping at Branch End. The suggestion was for a Green Oval sign at the side of the area, but further liaison and discussion was required.

126.2 Councillor Brown reported that many ideas for the Branch End area had been put on Facebook by Gildersome residents, but she wanted clarification as to the amount of money available to spend on landscaping, and still considered that it was important to address the repair of the retaining wall first. Councillor Jones responded by stating a definite scheme should be put forward, costed and voted upon by the Council. The possibility of sponsorship could also be considered.

126.3 Lengthy discussion took place involving many issues. Councillor Bailey had reservations on spending large amounts of money on landscaping when other major projects such as the Meeting Hall and the MUGA were high on the agenda as major community facilities.

126.4 Councillor Cook proposed that David Cowburn should be consulted to provide a quote for 3 possible options - the laying of a membrane to suppress the weeds, gravel to cover

the area, and large rocks to place as a central feature. In addition, three quotes to be obtained for the repair of the wall. This was agreed upon. If the quotes were received prior to the next meeting the Clerk to email them to all Councillors.

127.0 Idling Car Engines Outside Schools

127.1 Councillor Brown reported that she had observed this taking place outside Gildersome Primary School, and considered that parents should be made aware. The Clerk advised that the Enforcement Officer would contact the schools on this issue, and had also provided some leaflets to distribute. Councillor Nixon stated that she would arrange for it to be put on the parent messaging system at Gildersome Primary.

128.0 Action Plan

128.1 Past and Future Events

Easter Egg Hunt: Sunday 12th April was decided as the preferred date for the Easter Egg Hunt. This to take place between 11.00am and 1.00pm

In response to enquiries Councillor Cook stated that the date for the Scarecrow Festival had not yet been decided upon.

Councillor Brown confirmed that Russell Doherty of RD Forestry had offered to mulch Christmas trees left at the Meeting Hall on 12th January. Any donations would be given to the MUGA Fund. Russell, along with Adam Cousens, had also offered to help put the lights up in the trees on the Green next Christmas. Councillor Brown suggested purchasing sets of more robust lights, and also extending them along Town Street. It was agreed to price up new lights, and to contact Councillor Hutchison regarding the electrical installations required in the additional trees.

Councillor Taylor stated that he had received a request from the hairdresser's at Scott Green to replace the 2 wooden tubs removed from the grass. Councillor Brown explained that the tubs had been removed due to the difficulty in cutting the grass around them, and that they had been replaced by a stone trough on the other side of the road.

128.2 Footpaths

Councillor Knight reported that the fence at the side of the Paddock development was over 2 metres at the footpath side, and this was being investigated.

129.0 Planning

129.1 Councillor Cook listed all applications and decisions for December.

129.2 Councillor Cook stated that there were concerns regarding the new development off Street Lane, and proposed that the Parish Council should write to the Planning Department. This was agreed upon

130.0 Finance/Precept 2020-21

130.1 The Clerk advised that the balance on the Parish Council's **Current Account** currently stands at: £5,450.27

130.2 Cheques sent out this month are as follow:

Gildersome Primary School PTA/Grant	250.00
P.May/December Salary(Including increase & back pay)	<u>519.49</u>
	769.49

130.3 Payments made via Bankline:

HMRC	58.60
MUGA Donation to Gildersome Action Group	10,000.00
Bankline Fee	<u>3.60</u>
	10,062.20

TOTAL 10,831.69

130.4 Bank Transfer:

Transfer from Reserve Account	10,000.00
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130.5 The balance on the Parish Council's **Reserve Account** currently stands at:
£24,406.84

130.6 Councillor Jones proposed that the 2020/21 Parish Precept be set at £24,340, an increase of 4%. This was agreed upon.

131.0 Applications for Grants

131.1 There were no applications for grants.

132.0 Date of Next Meeting

132.1 The next Council Meeting will be held on Tuesday 4th February 2020 at 7.30 in the Meeting Hall.

