

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 2nd February 2021

(Due to Covid 19 restrictions this was a remote meeting via Zoom)

Present

Councillor K. Bailey	Councillor G. Haigh
Councillor D. Barker	Councillor S. Jones
Councillor J. Bellhouse	Councillor S. Kimberley
Councillor P. Brown	Councillor E. Knight
Councillor K. Cook	Councillor C. Nixon
Councillor L. Gettings	

Councillor R. Finnigan and Councillor A. Hutchison MBI

Councillor Rawson were unable to join the meeting due to technical problems.
(A video recording of the meeting was sent to Councillor Rawson.)

42.0 Apologies for Absence

42.1 There were no apologies for absence.

43.0 Declaration of Interest

43.1 There were no declarations of interest.

44.0 Chair's Remarks

44.1 Councillor Jones reminded all of the format of the meeting stating that even though it was a Zoom meeting, councillors should still raise their hand when they wished to speak. As one councillor was not on video, he would also ask for any comments.

45.0 Minutes of Meeting held on 5th January 2021

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

45.2 Matters Arising. Item 31.5 The Clerk advised the she had contacted Kimberley Frangos, Communities and Environment regarding the S.I.D enquiry. There had been no further correspondence, so the matter was now closed.

46.0 Correspondence

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

46.2 The Clerk advised that there was a late addition to the Correspondence regarding the Meeting Hall. As this would require some discussion, she requested that Councillor Finnigan give an update on the current situation.

Councillor Finnigan reported that he had received the finalized plans from Neall McMahon, indicating the work that Leeds City Council proposed to carry out on the Meeting Hall. He stated that these plans reflected storage requirements, and incorporated some of the Parish Council's ideas. Councillor Finnigan confirmed that the money was available, Asset Management appeared to have agreed to release the cash, and the work would probably be put out to contractors, with a view to commencing in May. Councillor Finnigan was of the opinion that it was essential that this work be started as soon as possible, both for the good of the community and to ensure that the money was not diverted to other areas of the city. He also wished to thank Councillor Bob Gettings for all his efforts in pursuing the refurbishment of the Meeting Hall. Councillor Finnigan stated that if there were any fundamental changes regarding the plans, these would need to be articulated to Leeds as soon as possible.

Councillors Bailey and Brown raised some concerns regarding needs of the user groups, and adequate facilities in the kitchen. Discussion took place, but it was proposed and decided upon to accept that this was the best deal the Parish Council could broker, and that the contract needed to be signed, not delayed.

Councillor Jones proposed that the plans were now circulated to the user groups for their information. This was agreed upon. Councillor Finnigan to do so.

47.0 Precept 2021/22

47.1 Councillor Jones confirmed that the Precept for 2012/22 could be set at a 0% increase. This would give a total of £23,980, only £360 less than last year. Plus, as a result of Covid, the LCTS Grant had been increased by £67, resulting in a total income of £25,422. The budget had been set at £26,500. The projected VAT return of over £2000 was also noted. Councillor Jones proposed that the Precept be set at a 0% increase. This was agreed upon.

48.0 Review of Financial Regulations

33.1 Councillor Jones advised that a copy of the revised Financial Regulations had been circulated to all councillors, and proposed that they be adopted. This was agreed upon.

49.0 New Accessible Website

49.1 Councillor Bellhouse gave an update, stating that the new website looked good, and the training she had received had been excellent. She was now able to work on the website imputing items such as the Agenda, updates and photographs.

Councillor Bellhouse advised that there was one matter for the Council to discuss. A quarterly fee would need to be paid to cover back up and maintenance of website, keeping it secure and remaining accessible. The cost would be £50, and a quarterly report would be provided. Councillor Jones proposed this addition should be accepted. This was agreed upon. The Clerk confirmed that when compared with charges of other website providers, this was competitive.

Councillor Bellhouse added that there was an agreement with Kreative Inc that 'short fix' problem solving sessions under 30 minutes were free.

Kreative Inc had requested a testimonial, which Councillor Bellhouse and the Clerk would compile.

In response to Councillor Knight's query, it was confirmed that the website had retained the same title.

50.00 Plans for Gritting in Gildersome

50.1 Councillor Hutchison reported on an incentive proposed by the Ward Councillors to provide additional gritting during the winter months. This would apply to pavements as well as roads. Problem areas identified in Gildersome included Spring Avenue, Moorland Avenue, Scott Green Drive, the Harthills and Highfields roads. Following a request for snow marshals on social media, there was a good response from Gildersome, with 6 volunteers. When weather updates were received from LCC the snow marshals would be notified. A ton of extra grit was ordered and this was distributed in 5 ton bags to the snow marshals. The cost per gritting session would be £250, and Gildersome Parish Council had agreed to match fund this additional cost. Councillor Hutchison advised that this project was in its infancy, but with forward planning the Council would be better prepared for next winter. Councillor Hutchison stated that he was also following up on an idea suggested by Councillor Cook regarding private contractors being able to fill up at the LCC grit depots, this being more cost effective.

Discussion took place and the following points were highlighted:

The locations and filling of grit bins.

Ensuring all problem areas are gritted effectively.

As LCC prioritise main roads, the snow marshals and private contractors to grit minor estate roads.

David Cowburn has the necessary spreading equipment and would be available for this work.

Councillor Hutchison to send the Clerk a list of locations for the snow marshals. This would enable the coordination of a gritting programme within Gildersome.

Funding to be made available to support this programme.

Purchase of an additional bin at the Conservative Club corner.

Possible purchase of spreading equipment.

Councillor Jones considered that the Parish Council, liaising with Councillor Hutchison, could coordinate a gritting programme, and develop it over the years.

51.0 Branch End Update

51.1 Councillor Cook referred to the email she had sent to all councillors informing them of an application submitted to Planning Services by Mr Hoult, owner of Green Oval. Councillor Cook considered that this application contradicted aspects of previous discussions between members of the Parish Council and Mr Hoult. Councillor Cook proposed that a letter of objection be sent from the Parish Council to clarify our position. This was agreed upon.

51.2 Councillor Jones was pleased to inform the Council that Gildersome Action Group were offering the funding for repainting the house wall. The Action Group wished to support the improvement of Branch End, and the enhancement of the village.

51.3 Councillor Brown advised that, as a matter of courtesy, she had informed house owner.

52.0 MUGA Update

52.1 Councillor Cook, after presenting some background information on the application for the siting of a MUGA on Street Lane, was pleased to announce, that with the aid of a generous

Grant from Sports England, sufficient funding had been raised to go ahead with construction. She added that following the closure of Street Lane Youth Centre, Paul Cook of Gildersome Action Group, had spent 4 years relentlessly pursuing the aim of acquiring a MUGA for the young people of Gildersome. The total cost for the MUGA and all associated work was £160,000. Councillor Cook thanked Pat and Councillors Bob Gettings and Robert Finnigan for their help throughout that time. Councillor Cook considered that the MUGA was a huge plus for all the youth of the village.

52.2 Councillor Jones emphatically agreed, saying that Paul Cook deserved a massive thank you. All councillors agreed. He confirmed that funding should be available to cover the additional £200 per year for the cost of electricity.

52.3 Councillor Finnigan stated that he thought the acquisition a £80,000 grant from Sports England to be a remarkable achievement. It had been a collective partnership with the support of Parish Council, Action Group and Ward Councillors, but spearheaded by Paul Cook.

53.0 LCC Tree Planting Project

53.1 Councillor Finnigan confirmed that the trees planted at the Springbank site had been misplaced, and were in the process of being relocated to a more appropriate location near Suffield Pond.

LCC were now looking towards next year's scheme, and extending the planting programme. They would be consulting with the Parish Council, and he considered it advisable that possible locations were suggested at an early stage.

Councillor Brown considered that an area at 'doorstep green' might be a suitable relocation site for the whips, presently at Springbank. Councillor Finnigan advised that if the Parish Council was happy with this suggestion, he would confirm it with Housing, and relocation could take place. This was agreed upon.

54.0 Planning

54.1 Councillor Cook had prepared a list of all applications and decisions. This was sent to all councillors prior to the meeting, and posted the Parish Council's website.

54.2 Councillor Cook advised that she had also received the site allocation report, mentioned in Correspondence.

55.0 Finance

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

55.1 The balance on the Parish Council's **Current Account** currently stands at: £3,270.44

55.2 Payments made via Bankline:

HMRC/November PAYE	95.20
Zurich Insurance Renewal	683.95
C.Gamble/KreativeInc/Final Payment	371.25
S.Jones/Zoom Account/Monthly Fee	14.39
Brosnans/Payroll	72.00

S. Jones/Siteground/Website	12.00
P. May/ Domain Transfer	17.94
SLCC/Membership Renewal	112.00
Bankline Fee	2.80
P.May/January Salary	<u>380.37</u>
	1761.90

TOTAL 1761.90

55.3 The balance on the Parish Council's **Reserve Account** currently stands at: £24,428.55

56.0 Date of Next Meeting

56.1 The next Council Meeting to be held on Tuesday 2nd March 2021, at 7.00pm

