

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 2nd November 2021

Present

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| Councillor K. Bailey | Councillor S. Jones |
| Councillor P. Brown | Councillor M. Moxon |
| Councillor K. Cook | Councillor C. Nixon |
| Councillor G. Haigh | Councillor L. Rawson |

Councillor R Finnigan MBI (Arrived during Item 93.0)

79.0 Apologies for Absence

79.1 Apologies were received from Councillors Barker, Bellhouse, Gettings and Knight.

80.0 Declaration of Interest

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

81.0 Register of Interests

81.1 Councillor Jones requested all councillors to inform the Clerk of any changes.

81.2 Councillor Jones made the Council aware of legislation relating to Section 32 of the Localism Act and sensitive interests. This entitled councillors to apply for the removal of their home addresses from Registers for the Parish Members. This was proposed and unanimously agreed upon. The Clerk to contact the Monitoring Officer.

82.0 Police: Monthly Report

82.1 PCSO Gilan Dutton attended the Meeting.

82.2 PCSO Dutton reported that there had been 2 domestic burglaries, and 1 theft from a motor vehicle. A report of anti-social behaviour had been given to her regarding youths accessing the Taekwondo Class at the Meeting Hall that evening. The continuance of anti-social behaviour around the Meeting Hall was also discussed. In response to Councillor Cook's enquiry about the Halloween display at Churchgate, it was confirmed that there had been no complaints made to the Police.

82.3 A resident attended the meeting to put forward his concerns to the Police and Council regarding the possible illegal sale of drugs in the village.

83.0 Chair's Remarks

83.1 There were non.

84.0 Minutes of Meeting held on 5th October 2021

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

84.2 There were no Matters Arising

85.0 Correspondence

85.1 Details of Correspondence for October had been sent out by the Clerk prior to the meeting.

85.2 The Clerk advised that there was one additional item of Correspondence. This involved reports of dog fouling and littering on the Street Lane football fields. It was proposed that a post be put on both the Parish Council and Gildersome Spur's websites.

86.0 Village Maintenance

86.1 Councillor Jones thanked Brenda and Gordon for the excellent garden maintenance work they carried out in the village, particularly at Street Lane and Griffin corner. Councillor Haigh advised that they were going to make some alterations to the Street Lane site next Spring.

86.2 Councillor Jones reported that the remaining pruning work to be carried by the Forestry Department would be delayed until next year. Councillor Brown confirmed that this was due to additional road closure being required for the removal of a large branch overhanging Town Street. The work had not been costed in, so would have to be re-tendered. Discussion took place regarding possible safety issues presented by the overhanging branch. Councillor Moxon proposed that the Council obtain an independent tree survey to be submitted to Parks and Countryside. This was agreed upon.

86.3 Councillor Jones advised that as Councillor Finnigan wasn't at the meeting, there was nothing further to report regarding the trees at Church Avenue. Councillor Moxon offered to follow this matter up.

86.4 Councillor Jones stated that the Finance Committee would look at the costings for sub-contracting the Grass Cutting Maintenance Programme. This would then be discussed at the next meeting.

86.5 Councillor Jones reported on a site meeting with Openreach Project Manager, Thomas Cherry. An alternative location was proposed for the new telegraph pole on the Green, so hopefully this might be accepted by Openreach, and the situation resolved.

87.0 Landscape Projects

87.1 Councillor Brown advised that it had not been possible to arrange a site meeting with Russell Dougherty, to discuss the work required on the sycamore tree at Mill Lane.

88.0 Highways Issues

88.1 Councillor Bailey updated the Council on research he had been undertaking on the information from the SID located on Town Street, and also an additional speed monitoring device. Councillor Bailey was very much in favour of the new Auto Speed Watch device, but advised that the Police were not really supporting its implementation for a number of reasons. Councillor Bailey added that unfortunately only the Police are able to access the data. While it was hoped that Auto Speed Watch was something the Parish Council could pursue in the future, initially it was decided to realign the SID on Town Street, so that it could pick up data from vehicles travelling towards Whitehall Road. Councillor Jones suggested that the Clerk emailed Sgt Matthews stating the Parish Council's interest in the Auto Speed Watch device.

88.2 The Clerk advised that she would contact Mandeep Flora, LCC Traffic Engineering, regarding the delay in repainting the yellow lines on Street Lane. The work had been promised by the end of September.

88.3 The Clerk advised that there had been reports of parents with idling engines outside Gildersome Primary School. It was decided to contact the Enforcement Officer to make her aware of the problem and ask her to liaise with the school

89.0 Container for Additional Storage

89.1 Councillor Bailey stated that he had looked into the options of how to have the container moved to the Meeting Hall, taking into account the various constraints of access. Subsequently, Councillor Bob Gettings had informed everyone that he had arranged for the removal. The Clerk to check when this was to take place.

90.0 Future Events

90.1 Remembrance Sunday: The Clerk confirmed that Councillor Hutchison had arranged for the lamp post conversion to power the sound system. This at a cost of £175, to be funded by a MICE grant. Councillor Brown advised that she was to meet with Eddie later in the week to discuss the sound system and the requirements for Remembrance Sunday.

90.2 Light Up Night: It was confirmed that most arrangements were in place.

91.0 Footpaths

91.1 The Clerk advised that Parks and Countryside would serve notice under Section 154 of the Highway Act if the landowners had not cut the hedge back on Footpath 26. Bob Buckenham to meet with Councillor Knight on his return from holiday.

92.0 Planning

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

92.2 Councillor Cook was dismayed to inform the Council that there had been a delay in the installation of the MUGA, due to take place in October. The tender period had been extended, and there were fears that the cost for installation would be increased. Councillor Cook considered this to be disgraceful treatment from Leeds City Council.

93.0 Finance

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

Finance Report – October 2021

93.1 The balance on the Parish Council's **Current Account** currently stands at: £21,340.69

93.2 Payments made via Bankline:

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| HMRC/August PAYE | 98.00 |
| KreativeInc/Monthly Host Fee | 10.00 |

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| Brosnans/Payroll | 72.00 |
| J.Bellhouse/Expenses/Tabletop Sale | 56.46 |
| Billingley Christmas Trees | 474.00 |
| P.Brown/Cosco Card/Plants | 94.36 |
| P.May/OctoberSalary | 391.67 |
| Streetwise UK/Road Closure/Light Up Night | 558.00 |
| LCC/Meeting Hall Hire/Light Up Night | 64.00 |
| P.Brown/Costume Hire/Light Up Night | 38.99 |
| L.Gettings/Expenses/Light Up Night | 65.13 |
| Bankline Fee | <u>1.60</u> |
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TOTAL 1924.21

93.3 The balance on the Parish Council's **Reserve Account** currently stands at: £24,430.37

93.4 The Clerk reported that the Council had received an unexpected CIL payment of £1,122,17 for a development on land to the rear of an electricity sub-station on Bradford Road, and a new unit on the Treefield Industrial Estate.

94.0 Date of Next Meeting

94.1 The next Council Meeting to be held on Tuesday 7th December 2021, at 7.30pm, at Gildersome Meeting Hall.

