

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 7th December 2021

Present

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

95.0 Apologies for Absence

95.1 Apologies were received from Councillors Gettings, Moxon and Finnigan(MBI).

96.0 Declaration of Interest

96.1 There were non.

97.0 Police: Monthly Report

97.1 PCSO's Dave Lindley and Danny Costello attended the Meeting.

97.2 PCSO Lindley reported that there had been 2 thefts from sheds, with bikes stolen on both occasions, and he urged residents to ensure that sheds were secure. Jewellery had been stolen from a property at Branch End, and a suspect arrested. There had been 1 commercial burglary on Wakefield Road, 1 theft of a transit van, and tools stolen from a vehicle at Scott Green Drive.

97.3 Councillor Brown raised her concerns regarding anti-social behaviour around the Meeting Hall, especially an incident when youths were kicking a football at passing vehicles. The PCSO's stated that they were aware of the various incidents, and were making enquiries. The Police were also spending time engaging with youths in Gildersome playground.

97.4 Councillor Bailey reported that the perspex covers on both SID cameras had been broken. It was unclear as to whether this was due to vandalism or the recent storms.

98.0 Chair's Remarks

98.1 There were non.

99.0 Minutes of Meeting held on 2nd November 2021

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

99.2 There were no Matters Arising

100.0 Correspondence

100.1 Details of Correspondence for November had been sent out by the Clerk prior to the meeting.

100.2 The Clerk advised that there was one additional item of Correspondence. This related to the CIL payment due for the development on Street Lane.

101.0 Village Maintenance

101.1 Councillor Jones confirmed that the new telegraph pole had been installed by Open Reach on the Green at the location requested by the Parish Council.

101.2 Councillor Jones stated that approval had been given for the additional grit bins at Scott Green Crescent and Springbank Crescent. These to be match funded by the MBI's, at approximately £200 per bin.

101.3 Councillor Jones advised that Councillors Finnigan and Moxon were liaising regarding the trees at Church Avenue.

101.4 In response to Councillor Brown's enquiry regarding the 3 extra litter bins, it was confirmed that these had been ordered.

101.5 Councillor Bailey wished to know if Councillor Hutchison's 'snow angel' project with gritting was going to be reviewed.

101.6 Councillor Bailey also wished to complement LCC on their maintenance work and refuse collection services in recent months. The Clerk to contact LCC.

101.7 Councillor Brown advised that a chain and lock had been purchased for the large refuse bin at the Meeting Hall. This to prevent it being used in the incidents of anti-social behaviour.

102.0 Landscape Projects

102.1 Councillor Brown advised that there were no further developments.

103.0 Highways Issues

103.1 Councillor Jones reported that the Enforcement Officer was taking leaflets into Gildersome Primary regarding the issue of idling engines.

103.2 Discussion took place about the problem of vehicles parked on pavements. It was confirmed that this was a civil offence to be enforced by the Police, and a fine had been issued on Town Street. The Enforcement Officer had sent a poster to display around the village, and this could also be put on the website and Facebook.

103.3 Regarding the issue of speeding vehicles, Councillor Bailey stated that he was unhappy with the response from Inspector Lucy Ledbeater, to the Parish Council's enquiry about AutoWatch. As the Police were unwilling to employ this system the only option, at the moment, was for the SID on Town Street to be re-orientated. This would be done, along with replacing the damaged cover.

103.4 Councillor Knight advised that there had been a request for another SID on Spring Lane.

104.0 Container for Additional Storage

104.1 Councillor Jones confirmed that the larger container had been relocated at the Meeting Hall. Following discussion as to what to do with the old container, it was unanimously agreed to keep it permanently.

104.2 Councillor Bailey suggested that a date would need to be set to sort out the stored items and equipment. This was agreed upon.

105.0 Gildersome Bowling Club

105.1 Councillor Jones read out a letter from Mr Derek Walker, a member of Gildersome Bowling Club. The letter outlined work required at the club, and asked if the Parish Council were able to help with costs. Councillor Jones asked for the Council's views, and proposed that the Bowling Club was given the maximum grant of £250. This was agreed upon.

106.0 Past and Future Events

106.1 The Council agreed that Light Up Night had been a very successful event, with the sound system and audio screen contributing to this. It was proposed that a letter of thanks was written to Eddie for providing and operating the equipment. The Clerk to do so.

106.2 The purchase of three event items was proposed and agreed upon. An additional bain-marie, 10 outdoor lights and a replacement canopy for one of the gazebos.

106.3 The Clerk to contact Phil Hird to repair a section of the Christmas sign, and Councillor Hutchison regarding the Town Street lights.

107.0 Footpaths

107.1 Councillor Knight advised that there was nothing to report.

108.0 Planning

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

109.0 Finance

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

Finance Report - November 2021

109.1 The balance on the Parish Council's **Current Account** currently stands at: £20,032.69

109.2 Payments made via Bankline:

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| HMRC/October PAYE | 98.00 |
| KreativeInc/Monthly Host Fee | 10.00 |
| Gardenius Nursery/Autumn Planting | 304.80 |
| P.May/Office Supplies | 73.00 |
| L.Rawson/Expenses/Events | 198.50 |
| P.Hird/Christmas Sign | 400.00 |
| P.May/November Salary | 391.67 |
| Rhodes Homes Ltd/Container Relocation | 720.00 |
| B.Haigh/Garden Help | 80.00 |
| L.Hanson/Coping Stone Repair | 150.0 |

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| Bankline Fee | <u>4.00</u> |
| | 2,429.97 |

TOTAL 2,429.97

109.3 Payments Received

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| LCC/CIL Payment | 1,122.17 |
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109.4 The balance on the Parish Council's **Reserve Account** currently stands at: £24,430.58

109.5 Councillor Jones gave an overview of the proposed budget for 2022-2023, copies of which had been distributed to all councillors. Councillor Jones advised that approval of the budget would take place next month, once the new Precept and CTS Grant figures had been received; though he did not anticipate that there would be any need to increase Precept.

110.0 Date of Next Meeting

110.1 The next Council Meeting to be held on Tuesday 11th January 2022, at 7.30pm, at Gildersome Meeting Hall.

