

## **MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 11<sup>th</sup> January 2022**

### **Present**

Councillor D. Barker                      Councillor S. Jones  
Councillor J. Bellhouse                Councillor E. Knight  
Councillor P. Brown                    Councillor J. Moxon  
Councillor K. Cook                      Councillor C. Nixon  
Councillor L. Gettings                 Councillor L. Rawson  
Councillor G. Haigh  
Councillors B. Gettings and R. Finnigan MBI

### **111.0 Apologies for Absence**

111.1 Apologies were received from Councillor Bailey

### **Attendance of a Resident**

Mr Tyrone Freeman attended the meeting to share his concerns about a number of incidents of anti-social behaviour taking place on Footpath 44, adjoining Gildersome Primary School. These incidents had led to damage to his property.

### **112.0 Declaration of Interest**

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

### **113.0 Police: Monthly Report**

113.1 The Police did not attend the meeting.

### **114.0 Chair's Remarks**

114.1 Councillor Jones wished everyone a Happy New Year, and expressed his hopes for a better year to come.

### **115.0 Minutes of Meeting held on 7<sup>th</sup> December 2021**

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

115.2 Matters Arising  
Item 104.2 A date was still to be set for the clearance of items into the new container.

### **116.0 Correspondence**

116.1 Details of Correspondence for December had been sent out by the Clerk prior to the meeting.

116.2 The Clerk asked for the thoughts of the Council regarding a proposed Local Business Networking Group. Support for this Group was agreed upon.

## **117.0 Village Maintenance**

117.1 The Clerk raised the matter of the removal of trees from land adjacent to Church Avenue. Councillor Moxon advised that he had made enquiries, but there had been no progress. Councillor Finnigan to make further enquiries.

## **118.0 Landscape Projects**

118.1 Councillor Brown stated that David Cowburn would be required to start clearance work on the site at Mill Lane, but she wasn't sure of his availability. Councillor Brown advised that the hire of outside contractors might be required to plan and undertake the work in creating the woodland trail. She considered a group meeting necessary to decide on the way forward.

## **119.0 Highways Issues**

119.1 The Clerk reported that she had attended a site meeting with Timothy Brown, a member of Traffic Engineering. This with a view to finally having the yellow lines on Street Lane extended to the length agreed in the Traffic Regulation Order.

119.2 Councillor Jones read out an email from Councillor Bailey regarding the re-orientating the SID on Town Street.

## **120.0 Meeting Hall Update**

120.1 Councillor Bob Gettings reported on a recent meeting with Neil Young to finalise details of the refurbishment work at the Meeting Hall. This was due to start on Monday 24<sup>th</sup> January, with the work being undertaken by the local firm, Aspect. Discussion took place, as councillors wanted confirmation that the Hall would be reconstructed for all community needs. Councillor Gettings stated that a meeting with Library Services was still to be arranged and that he also required confirmation of the total project cost of £296,000.

120.2 The temporary closure of the Meeting Hall would mean that future meetings would have to be held at Gildersome Primary School. Councillor Moxon to liaise with the school. Meetings to commence at 7.00pm.

## **121.0 Future Events**

121.1 Easter Egg Hunt: Discussion took place regarding the Easter Egg Hunt, but as the Meeting Hall was likely to be out of action it was decided that an event would be too difficult to organize.

121.2 Platinum Jubilee: The Council agreed that Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> June was the favoured day to hold a celebratory event. A Jubilee Picnic on the Green was agreed upon, with residents bringing their own picnic. Liaison with the schools and other village groups would take place. The Parish Council would also be working with Gildersome Action Group, who were eligible to source funding for the event. A Whatsapp working group to be set up to begin initial planning.

121.3 Scarecrow Festival: Due to the Platinum Jubilee being held in June it was felt that the Scarecrow Festival would have to be rescheduled. September was suggested as a possible month to hold the event, but a date had yet to be confirmed.

121.4 It was proposed and agreed upon to switch off the Christmas lights. Councillor Brown reported that some lights on the cenotaph side of the Green may require replacing. The Clerk advised that Councillor Hutchison had contacted LCC regarding the electrical connection for this section of lights.

## 122.0 Footpaths

122.1 Councillor Knight reported that Footpath 26, at Cricket Hill Farm, had been cut back and a site meeting with Bob Buckenham was to be arranged to decide if further clearance work was required.

122.2 Discussion took place regarding the anti-social behaviour which had taken place on Footpath 44. Councillor Moxon suggested that it may relate to other incidents in that area. The Clerk to contact the Police and Councillor Finnigan to raise the matter at the Ward Councillor's meeting with the Police.

## 123.0 Planning

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

## 124.0 Finance / Budget 2022-23

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

### Finance Report - December 2021

124.1 The balance on the Parish Council's **Current Account** currently stands at: £14,438.16

124.2 Payments made via Bankline:

HMRC/November PAYE	97.80
KreativeInc/Monthly Host Fee	10.00
L.Hanson/Fireworks	402.94
D.Cowburn/Village Maintenance	4174.00
Morley & District Community Band	50.00
Gail Wood/Wreath	21.00
P.May/December Salary	391.67
P.Brown/Expenses	42.52
P.May/Petty Cash	100.00
Kreativeinc/Quarterly Maintenance	50.00
GildersomeBowling Club/Grant	250.00
Bankline Fee	<u>3.60</u>
	5,594.53

**TOTAL 5,594.53**

124.3 The balance on the Parish Council's **Reserve Account** currently stands at: £24,430.79

124.4 Councillor Jones proposed that, prior to finalising the new budget, the maximum grant given to community groups be raised from £250 to £500. This was unanimously agreed upon. Councillor Gettings proposed that the Grant budget total should be £2000. This was also agreed upon.

124.5 Councillor Jones advised that the Parish Council 0% increase figure for the Precept had not yet been received.

## **125.0 Grant Application**

125.1 Councillor Jones stated that an application had been received from Gildersome Cricket Club. The request was to help raise funds for equipment and staff training. The application was approved and the sum of £250 awarded.

## **126.0 Date of Next Meeting**

126.1 The next Council Meeting to be held on Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> February 2022, at 7.00pm, at Gildersome Primary School.

