

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 1st March 2022

Present

Councillor D. Barker	Councillor E. Knight
Councillor K. Cook	Councillor J. Moxon
Councillor L. Gettings	Councillor C. Nixon
Councillor G. Haigh	Councillor L. Rawson
Councillor S. Jones	

Councillor R. Finnigan MBI

143.0 Apologies for Absence

143.1 Apologies were received from Councillors Bailey, Bellhouse and Brown.

144.0 Declaration of Interest

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

145.0 Police: Monthly Report

145.1 The Police did not attend.

146.0 Chair's Remarks

146.1 Councillor Jones thanked Councillor Nixon for organising the litter pick around Suffield Pond.

147.0 Minutes of Meeting held on 1st February 2022

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

147.2 There were no Matters Arising.

148.0 Correspondence

148.1 Details of Correspondence for February had been sent out by the Clerk prior to the meeting.

148.2 Councillor Rawson enquired if there had been any further information regarding the recent use of the defibrillator. The Clerk informed the Council that no details were ever given by the Ambulance Service regarding specific incidents.

148.3 It was confirmed that the dates for the Scarecrow Festival and Light Up Night had been set, and that the booking of the Meeting Hall for Remembrance Day was arranged by Councillor Finnigan.

149.0 Village Maintenance

149.1 Councillor Moxon updated the Council on the proposed movement of trees from Church Avenue to Gildersome Primary School. He advised that Parks and Countryside proposed to remove them on 14th March and reseed the area at Church Avenue. The plan was to then re-site the trees at the Primary School, following the existing hedge line along the boundary. This was subject to a site meeting with the Ranger and confirmation with the school. Councillor Moxon suggested that some community help might be required with the planting.

149.2 The Clerk advised that the seats damaged on the Green belonged to LCC. Discussion took place regarding the replacement process and it was decided that the quickest route would be via the Parish Council's insurance.

150.0 Landscape Projects

150.1 Councillor Haigh reported that the laurel bushes had been planted along the boundary with the adjacent houses and the next step was for David Cowburn to put the large stones in position.

150.2 Councillor Nixon advised that resident Ken Kitney had sadly died, and suggested that other residents might wish to carry on taking care of the area of land Mr Kitney had cultivated near Moorland Avenue.

151.0 Highways Issues

151.1 The Clerk reported that she had not received a reply from Highways regarding the SID on Town Street. Councillor Finnigan to make enquiries.

151.2 The Clerk confirmed that all the yellow lines at Street Lane had finally been extended to their correct length.

152.0 Street Lane: District Improvement Grant

152.1 Councillor Finnigan advised that a grant of around £17,000 was available under Leeds City Council's regeneration programme to support district centres and commercial properties. Discussion took place regarding two areas in Gildersome which might fall into this category – the parade of shops at Street Lane and the area outside the Meeting Hall. As ideas were to be submitted before the end of March it was decided to arrange a site meeting with officers to clarify requirements and put forward specific landscaping ideas.

153.0 Future Events

153.1 The Clerk confirmed that the Meeting Hall had been booked for all events.

153.2 It was agreed to purchase a flowering cherry tree to plant in commemoration of the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. The Clerk to order a plaque from Royal British Legion Industries.

154.0 Footpaths

154.1 Councillor Knight advised that there was nothing to report as he was still awaiting a site meeting with Bob Buckenham.

155.0 Planning

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

155.2 Councillor Cook raised concerns over a recent planning application at Springfield Villas in Gildersome. Councillor Barker had compiled a comprehensive letter regarding the application and this would be sent to Planning Services as a comment from the Parish Council.

156.0 Finance / Funding for MUGA Lighting

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

Finance Report – February 2021

156.1 The balance on the Parish Council's **Current Account** currently stands at: £10,941.89

156.2 Payments made via Bankline:

HMRC/December PAYE	98.00
KreativeInc/Monthly Host Fee	10.00
Starboard Systems/Renewal	345.60
GOShred/Document Diposal	58.80
P.Brown/Laurel Bushes/Landscape Project	960.00
P.May/January Salary	391.87
Bankline Fee	<u>2.40</u>
	1866.67

TOTAL 1866.67

156.3 The balance on the Parish Council's **Reserve Account** currently stands at: £24,431.19

156.4 Councillor Jones stated that the estimated cost of lighting the MUGA could be around £500 per annum. It was proposed and agreed that the Parish Council fund this cost

157.0 Grant Application

157.1 There were non.

158.0 Date of Next Meeting

158.1 The next Council Meeting to be held on Tuesday 5th April 2022, at 7.00pm, at Gildersome Primary School.

