

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 5th April 2022

Present

Councillor K. Bailey	Councillor S. Jones
Councillor P. Brown	Councillor E. Knight
Councillor K. Cook	Councillor J. Moxon
Councillor G. Haigh	Councillor L. Rawson

Councillor R. Finnigan MBI

159.0 Apologies for Absence

159.1 Apologies were received from Councillors Bellhouse, Barker, Gettings and Nixon

160.0 Declaration of Interest

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

161.0 Police: Monthly Report

161.1 PCSO's Jeff MacGreggor and Debbie Watson attended the meeting. It was reported the crime figures were very low with no domestic house burglaries, apart from tools being stolen from a garage, and an attempted break in of a garage. There were two commercial burglaries with copper pipe and fuel stolen from the Treefield Industrial Estate.

161.2 Discussion took place regarding the number of incidents of anti-social behaviour. These had involved groups of youths, and were centred on the Wellfield Terrace area and the footpath around the Primary School. The Police were investigating, and urged all residents to report such incidents immediately. The PCSO's to contact parents and local schools, and the Parish Council to post CCTV footage and information on Facebook.

161.3 Councillors also raised concerns regarding possible drugs related issues in Gildersome, and pavements being blocked by parked cars at Town End.

162.0 Chair's Remarks

162.1 Councillor Jones thanked all those who took part in the Litter Pick organized by Councillor Nixon on Saturday 2nd April.

163.0 Minutes of Meeting held on 1st March 2022

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

163.2 There were no Matters Arising.

164.0 Correspondence

164.1 Details of Correspondence for March had been sent out by the Clerk prior to the meeting.

164.2 The Clerk advised that there had been an additional item of Correspondence received from Councillor Finnigan relating to the delayed refurbishment of the Meeting Hall. This to be discussed in Item 169.0.

165.0 Village Maintenance

165.1 Councillor Moxon updated the Council on the proposed movement of trees from Church Avenue to Gildersome Primary School. He advised that officers from Leeds City Council had now stated that, because of restrictions in planting adjacent to a public footpath and the variety of species involved, removal to the Primary School was not possible. The planting of appropriate trees would take place in due course. Parks and Countryside would now remove the trees from Church Avenue in November. A new location to be decided. Councillor Brown had serious doubts about this plan, due to the density of planting and rapid growth rate of the trees.

165.2 The Clerk advised that Parks and Countryside were following up an enquiry for two memorial seats to replace the damaged seats on the Green. There were concerns as to whether this would actually go ahead if the parties concerned chose not to fund the seats, causing a delay in timescale. The Clerk to continue making enquiries regarding an insurance claim.

165.3 Councillor Haigh requested that alternative maintenance of the Street Lane landscaping be found, due to the difficulties with poor drainage and planting. Councillor Jones to contact some garden maintenance companies for quotes.

165.4 Councillor Brown reported that a number of wall slabs, removed from the wall outside of the Meeting Hall, had been replaced.

166.0 Landscape Projects

166.1 Councillor Brown advised that, following the planting at Mill Lane, there were 6 spare laurel bushes. A resident was offering to buy 4 at a cost of £30 each. This was agreed upon. Councillor Brown suggested planting the other 2 laurels at the entrance to the Hawthorns. This was agreed upon, and David Cowburn to be contacted for the planting.

167.0 Highways Issues

167.1 Councillor Bailey confirmed that nothing had been heard about reorientating the SID on Town Street. Further enquiries to be made with LCC.

167.2 It was noted that the HGV sign at the top of Street Lane had been knocked down, and would require replacing.

168.0 Street Lane: District Improvement Grant

168.1 Councillor Finnigan reported that a site meeting had taken place with officers from Leeds City Council to look at the two possible locations – Street Lane and the area outside of the Meeting Hall. They confirmed that both areas appeared to fit the criteria for the grant application, and they would price up the schemes. Councillor Finnigan then advised that it would be up to the Parish Council to decide collectively as to which scheme, if any, was viable. It was hoped to receive the costings by the May meeting.

169.0 Future Events

169.1 Councillor Jones read out an email which confirmed that there was a further delay in the refurbishment of the Meeting Hall. Hence, it would not be available for the Platinum Jubilee celebration on 5th June. It was decided that the Jubilee Big Picnic would still go ahead.

The Clerk to contact Leeds City Council with a request to provide portaloos facilities in the Meeting Hall carpark.

169.2 Councillor Brown advised that there had been a problem in acquiring a Jubilee cherry tree, due to high demand and low supply. She was now going to try and source one at Wicksley.

169.3 Councillor Cook informed the Council that they had not been awarded a Jubilee Grant. Councillor Finnigan stated that he would put forward £1000 from the MBI's towards funding the Jubilee event. This was gratefully received by the Parish Council.

170.0 Footpaths

170.1 Councillor Knight was absent but discussion took place regarding Footpath 26 at Cricket Hill Farm. It was decided to put a post on Facebook informing local residents that the path had been cleared and requesting them to walk it.

170.2 It was also decided to try and obtain a more recent map of the footpaths around Gildersome to put on the website.

171.0 Planning

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

171.2 The Clerk advised that Councillor Barker had compiled a very comprehensive letter of objection to a planning application for 2 new units on the Gelderd Road Industrial Estate. This had been sent to Planning Services to support objections put forward by the residents of Belle Vue Terrace. Councillor Finnigan had submitted a request that the application be put before the Plans Panel, and was hopeful of a better outcome than on previous occasions.

172.0 Finance

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

Finance Report – March 2022

172.1 The balance on the Parish Council's **Current Account** currently stands at: £10,076.84

172.2 Payments made via Bankline:

HMRC/February PAYE	98.80
KreativeInc/Monthly Host Fee	10.00
British Legion Industries/Jubilee Plaque	155.99
Northern Flags/Ukraine Flag	42.00
British Legion Industries/Jubilee Lamp Post Signs	115.59
KreativeInc/Quarterly Maintenance Fee	50.00
P.May/March Salary	391.87
Bankline Fee	<u>2.00</u>
	865.25

TOTAL £865.25

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

172.4 Confirmation of the payment of the Precept and CTS Grant. Total £25,681.00

172.5 The AGAR had been received for completion from PKF Littlejohn, External Auditors, and a meeting with the Internal Auditor was arranged for 12th April.

173.0 Grant Application

173.1 There were non.

174.0 Date of Next Meeting

174.1 The AGM will be held on Tuesday 10th May 2022, at 7.00pm, to be followed by the Parish Council Meeting. It will be held at Gildersome Primary School.

174.2 The Annual Parish Meeting will be held on Tuesday 17th May at 7.00pm at Gildersome Primary School. (To be confirmed)

