

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 7th June 2022

Present

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

Councillor R. Finnigan MBI

27.0 Apologies for Absence

27.1 Apologies were received from Councillors Barker and Knight.

28.0 Declaration of Interest

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

29.0 Police: Monthly Report

29.1 PCSOs Jeff MacGreggor and Debbie Watson attended the meeting. PCSO MacGreggor stated that this would be his last PACT meeting in Gildersome as he was moving to another role within the West Yorkshire Police. Councillor Jones wished him every success and thanked him for the years he had served in Gildersome.

29.2 The crime report was as follows:

Burglary Commercial - 0

Burglary Residential -1

Theft from Motor Vehicle - 2

Theft of Motor Vehicle - 2 (Both keyless entries)

Anti-social behaviour - 2 (Quad bikes/groups of youths in the playground)

29.3 The Parish Council's concern about drug related issues in Gildersome was raised again and discussion took place regarding possible interventions.

29.4 PCSO MacGreggor reported that the Police had been monitoring the number HGVs travelling through Gildersome. The next stage would involve Trading Standards in the operation. It was also still important for residents to report details of any HGVs sited.

30.0 Chair's Remarks

30.1 Councillor Jones thanked Councillor Bellhouse and the team for organising the Platinum Jubilee event. He also paid tribute to the Paul Cook for immense effort in the installation of the MUGA, which had been officially opened on by the Lord Mayor of Leeds, Councillor Bob Gettings. Councillor Jones considered that it had been a very successful month for Gildersome.

31.0 Minutes of Meetings held on 5th April 2022

31.1 The Minutes of the Annual General Meeting were agreed as a true and accurate record.

31.2 The Minutes of the Council Meeting were agreed as a true and accurate record.

31.3 Matters Arising:

Item 16.2 Councillor Brown advised that she had contacted colleagues of Meryll Wilford regarding the Heritage Walk. The Clerk to contact Meryll Wilford.

32.0 Correspondence

32.1 Details of Correspondence for May had been sent out by the Clerk prior to the meeting.

33.0 Village Maintenance

33.1 The Clerk confirmed that the two memorial seats, to be situated on the Green, had been ordered. Delivery was estimated at around 8 weeks. It was also reported that Parks and Countryside had omitted to inform the Parish Council that another resident had also purchased a seat to be located on the Green. This was a matter that Parks and Countryside would have to resolve, but the Parish Council would need to be consulted on the exact location of the seat.

33.2 Councillor Cook advised that a site meeting had taken place with Chris Stirk, Parks and Countryside regarding the location of a seat near the MUGA.

33.3 Councillor Cook reported that Steven Heywood had begun the clearance and maintenance work at Street Lane.

33.4 Councillor Brown suggested that some cordyline plants, which were too big for the planters, could be planted in the beds on the Green. This was agreed upon.

33.5 Councillor Haigh reported that the Meeting Hall flower beds had been tidied.

34.0 Landscape Projects

34.1 Councillor Brown advised that there been no further work undertaken at Mill Lane. Councillor Cook reported that the contractor who carried out the installation of the MUGA had suggested some ideas, and it might be worth looking at his brochure. Councillor Brown, however, wished to stick to the original plan and keep it rustic.

35.0 Highways Issues

35.1 Councillor Bailey stated that the Parish Council were still waiting for Highways to come and rotate the SID on Town Street.

35.2 Councillor Finnigan explained why the Police will not become involved in the administrative process of a speed monitoring operation. He also stated that Leeds City Council

are now sending out Transport Officers to monitor speed in a specific area, and they will have the authority to issue tickets. The cost will be £200 per day. Drighlington Parish Council are looking at 4 days per year, as it was thought that the SIDs had limited impact. Councillor Bailey considered that the SIDs were generally working

35.3 Discussion took place regarding the purchase and position of a new SID. Councillor Finnigan stated that the MBI would fund half the cost, with the total cost being around £3000.

35.4 Councillor Finnigan confirmed that Mick Williams was the new Enforcement Officer. An Enforcement Meeting was to be arranged for Tuesday 14th June. The Clerk queried why there had been no log sheets issued since the original Officer Michelle Walker had been reassigned duties.

36.0 District Improvement Grant: Street Lane/ Meeting Hall Area

36.1 Councillor Finnigan confirmed that a site meeting had been arranged for Wednesday 13th July.

37.0 Past & Future Events

37.1 Platinum Jubilee: Councillor Jones considered the Platinum Jubilee to have been a huge success despite the weather. Total expenditure had been £2151.50

37.2 Scarecrow Festival: Lengthy discussion took place regarding the Scarecrow Festival on 18th September. Councillor Brown, initially raised two points. She wished the immense help given by Graham Brown, in putting up the bunting and flags, to be recognised. The Council fully agreed and appreciated this help. Councillor Brown also wished to register her huge disappointment with Leeds City Council, in the delayed refurbishment of Gildersome Meeting Hall.

As it was very unlikely that the Meeting Hall would be accessible for the Scarecrow Festival the Clerk advised that there was a contingency plan. The owner of Karen's Pantry had generously offered the use of her premises to allow the Parish Council to provide the usual refreshments. In addition, an application would be submitted for the road closure of Town Street, as implemented on Light-Up Night. Councillor Finnigan offered funding for the latter. Councillor Jones proposed that the Scarecrow Festival go ahead, subject to these two provisions. The vote was 8 for and 2 against.

Other suggestion regarding the Scarecrow Festival included:

Leaving the present bunting up.

Using all avenues of contact, both personal and social media to advertise for help on the day.

A planning group to be set up.

37.3 Tabletop Sale: Councillor Bellhouse advised that she had received requests for another Table Top Sale, and would look at the administration and licensing involved in using the Green, and consider a possible date.

38.0 Footpaths

38.1 There was nothing further to report regarding Footpaths.

39.0 Planning

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

40.0 Finance

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

Finance Report – May 2022

40.1 The balance on the Parish Council's **Current Account** currently stands at: £36,361.52

40.2 Payments made via Bankline:

HMRC/April PAYE	99.60
KreativeInc/Monthly Host Fee	10.00
P. May/April Salary	398.73
P.Brown/Jubilee Expenses	853.55
P.Brown/Plants	89.99
P. Brown/Grove Grant	202.98
P. May/Transfer to Petty Cash	100.00
P.May/Salary Back Pay	97.06
J.Bellhouse/Jubilee Expenses	141.50
J.Bellhouse/Jubilee Expenses	417.00
P.May/May Salary	398.73
PPL/Music License	231.19
BRS Landscapes/Ornamental Bark	408.74
Bankline Fee	<u>2.00</u>
	3450.70

40.3 Payments Received

HMRC/VAT Refund	985.56
LCC/PP3 Footpath Grant	1208.00
T.Horsman/Memorial Benches	2425.08

40.4 The balance on the Parish Council's **Reserve Account** currently stands at: £24,435.2

41.0 Grant Application

41.1 There were non.

41.0 Date of Next Meeting

41.1 The next Council Meeting to be held on Tuesday 5th July at 7.00pm, at Gildersome Primary School.

