

## **MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 6<sup>th</sup> December 2022**

### **Present**

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| 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 G.Haigh     | Councillor L.Rawson |

### **109.0 Apologies for Absence**

109.1 Apologies were received from Councillors Bailey, Gettings and Finnigan

### **110.0 Declaration of Interest**

110.1 Councillor Moxon declared that he was an employee of Leeds City Council and Chairman of Gildersome Spurs JFC.

### **111.0 Police: Monthly Report**

111.1 The Police did not attend.

111.2 Councillor Jones gave an update on the current situation and related investigations by the Police, and Adult Social Care regarding the ISL Accommodation. This property had been the focus of a number of anti- social behaviour complaints, many relating to noise. The importance of residents reporting all incidents immediately was stressed.

### **112.0 Chair's Remarks**

112.1 There were non.

### **113.0 Minutes of Meetings held on 1<sup>st</sup> November 2022**

113.1 The Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 1<sup>st</sup> November were agreed as a true and accurate record.

113.2 There were no Matters Arising.

### **114.0 Correspondence**

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

### **115.0 Village Maintenance**

115.1 The Clerk advised that she had been notified by Linda Fortune, that the issues surrounding the memorial seat on the Green had now been resolved.

115.2 Councillor Jones confirmed that a further request had been submitted to have a memorial seat on the Green. He proposed that the seat should be placed on the opposite side of Town Street, to prevent an overload of seats on the main section of the Green. This was agreed upon.

115.3 Councillor Brown proposed that it might be advisable to give specific guidelines regarding the application and maintenance of memorial seats.

## **116.0 Meeting Hall Update**

116.1 Councillor Jones read Councillor Finnigan's report on the current situation. The Hall would, hopefully, be ready for the meeting on 10<sup>th</sup> January. It was confirmed that Library would also reopen, but at a later date.

116.2 Councillor Brown requested that an official letter be sent from the Parish Council to Leeds City Council. This to give special thanks for the project management work done by Simona Paskauskaite and Lewis Parker. The Clerk to do so.

## **117.0 Highways Issues/Enforcement Officer**

117.1 Councillor Knight reported on a site meeting between the Parish Council, Highways and Councillor Finnigan. He confirmed that a new SID could be attached to the middle lamp post between Bowness News and the Griffin, with installation taking 4-6 weeks.

117.2 It was confirmed that Highways Engineers had visited Street Lane to survey and deliver an estimate for widening a section of the footway to support businesses operation.

117.3 Councillor Moxon queried progress regarding the Meeting Hall area design specifications and funding from the Local Centre Programme. The Clerk to email Councillor Finnigan for clarification.

## **118.0 Past & Future Events**

### **118.1 Remembrance Sunday:**

Councillor Jones thanked all councillors for their efforts on Remembrance Sunday. He considered it to have been well organised, with Greenside Methodist Hall proving to be a good venue after the service.

### **118.2 Light-Up Night:**

Councillor Jones stated that he understood Light Up Night to have been a stunning success, with a huge attendance by residents.

Councillor Knight proposed that an additional bain-marie was purchased for future use. This was agreed upon.

Discussion took place regarding the electrical circuit and use of plugs for the outside extensions.

Councillor Bellhouse advised that Eddie had suggested placing the big screen on the roadside, to provide a better viewing position. To accommodate the organisation of this it was agreed to apply for the road closure from 5.30pm to 8.00pm next year.

### 118.3 Future Events:

Councillor Bellhouse reported that she had received a quote of £2,423.00 plus VAT, for the hire of a big screen on Coronation Day. This would be set up on the Green to view as and when residents wished. It would also be up to them if they brought a picnic. Discussion took place as to the viability of this. It was proposed and agreed upon, with a vote of 7 for and to 5 against.

In response to Councillor Knight's query about a date for the Scarecrow Festival, it was confirmed that it was usually held on the third Sunday in June. This would be 18<sup>th</sup> June.

### **119.0 Footpaths**

119.1 It was confirmed that Footpath 26, at Cricket Hill Farm, had been cleared by Parks and Countryside.

### **120.0 Planning**

120.1 Councillor Cook had prepared a list of all applications and decisions for November. This had been sent out to all councillors prior to the meeting.

120.2 Councillor Barker updated the Council on the decision by LCC to approve the Planning Application for 2 units at Nano Park. It was stated that this decision had not gone to Plans Panel and the outline planning was different to the original. The Parish Council and residents at Belle Vue Terrace were unhappy with the way the decision had been handled by LCC.

120.3 It was confirmed that the application for the 5G Mast on Gelderd Road had been refused, even though this site seemed to be the best compromise.

120.4 Councillor Cook stated that an inspection had taken place at Spring Field Villas, but there was still cause for concern, and photographs should be taken of any developments.

### **121.0 Finance**

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

#### **Finance Report - November 2022**

121.1 The balance on the Parish Council's **Current Account** currently stands at: £28,936.01

121.2 Payments made via Bankline:

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| HMRC/October PAYE                          | 99.60  |
| Friends of Birchfield/Grant                | 500.00 |
| 4 <sup>th</sup> Morley Scouts/Grant        | 250.00 |
| B.Haigh/Garden Services                    | 60.00  |
| Festive Lights/Christmas                   | 490.19 |
| P.Brown/Plants                             | 218.78 |
| Charities Aid Foundation/Team Daniel/Grant | 500.00 |
| Festive Lights/Christmas                   | 51.95  |
| Beswick Horticultural Ltd./Street Lane     | 287.50 |
| Brian Firth/Defibrillator Battery          | 235.00 |
| Kreativeinc/Monthly Host Fee               | 10.00  |

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| HMRC/June PAYE                                      | 95.46          |
| Whiteleys/Xmas Tree                                 | 168.00         |
| D.Cowburn/Footpaths & Grass Cutting                 | 4130.00        |
| P.May/November Salary                               | 398.73         |
| Phil Hird/Christmas Sign                            | 410.00         |
| Transfer to Petty Cash                              | 100.00         |
| North Kirklees & Morley Methodist Circuit/Hall Hire | 54.00          |
| L. Gettings/Expenses/Light Up Night                 | 76.52          |
| L. Gettings/Owed for payment of Mascot              | 60.00          |
| L.Hanson/Fireworks & Coping Stone Repair            | 429.00         |
| P.Brown/Expenses/Remembrance & Light Up             | 95.47          |
| P.May/Ink Cartridges                                | 34.28          |
| G.Wood/Poppy Appeal/Wreath                          | 21.00          |
| Bankline Fee  | <u>2.40</u>    |
|   | <b>8777.88</b> |

### 121.3 Payments Received

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| LCC CIL Payment        | 6859.95 |
| Zurich/Insurance Claim | 2628.52 |

121.4 The balance on the Parish Council's **Reserve Account** currently stands at: £24,467.86

121.5 Councillor Jones gave an overview of the proposed budget for 2023-2024, copies of which had been distributed to all councillors. The budget was approved, subject to the confirmation of the new Precept and CTS Grant figures. Councillor Jones stated that he did not anticipate that there would be any need to increase the Precept for the new financial year.

121.6 Councillor Brown put forward the suggestion that some of the Parish Council's budget could be allocated towards furnishing the Meeting Hall. Councillor Jones did not think this was appropriate, as the Hall was a Leeds City Council asset, and they should fund such items.

121.7 Councillor Jones proposed that money should be allocated to a major project in the village, with the main focus for 2023-24 being the completion of the Mill Lane Project.

121.8 Councillor Moxon outlined a proposal from Gildersome Spurs Junior & Old Boys to formulate a Sole Use Agreement to ensure the long term future of the football club in the village. This may also, ultimately, mean funding for permanent storage at Street Lane playing fields, but at this stage Gildersome Spurs only requested an endorsement from the Parish Council. This was agreed upon. The Clerk to send an email of confirmation.

## 122.0 Applications for Grants

122.1 An application from Gildersome Goshawks Basket Ball Club CIC to help with set up and running costs. It was agreed to award £400, to be paid once an official bank account had been set up following confirmation of their official CIC status.

122.2 An application from St Peter's Church to help fund a Community Carol Event. It was agreed to award £100.

### **123.0 Date of Next Meeting**

123.1 The next Council Meeting to be held on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> January at 7.00pm, hopefully, at Gildersome Meeting Hall.

