

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 10th January 2023

Present

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

124.0 Apologies for Absence

124.1 Apologies were received from Councillor Knight.

125.0 Declaration of Interest

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

126.0 Police: Monthly Report

126.1 PCSO's Dave Lindley and Danny Costello attended the meeting.

126.2 The Crime Report was as follows:

Burglary Commercial – 1 Nothing stolen, but the police investigating.

Burglary Residential – 2 Scott Green Drive/nothing stolen. At the other property car keys were stolen, but not the vehicles.

Theft of Motor Vehicles – 0

Theft from Motor Vehicles – 1 Tools stolen from a transit van on Park Grove.

Anti-social behaviour – Reports of suspected drug dealing.

126.3 PCSO Lindley stated the importance maintaining vigilance and security routines, especially during the dark nights. For example - upgrade locks, Faraday pouches to store vehicle keys, remove tools from vehicles overnight, steering wheel locks and leaving lights on in the house

126.4 Discussion took place regarding the concerns about the occurrence of suspected drug dealing within the village. PCSO Lindley advised that it was important for people to keep reporting these incidents. The Police were continuing to investigate.

127.0 Chair's Remarks

127.1 Councillor Jones wished everyone a Happy, Healthy and Prosperous New Year, stating that it was good to be back in the refurbished Meeting Hall.

128.0 Minutes of Meetings held on 1st November 2022

128.1 The Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 6th December were agreed as a true and

accurate record, apart from a typing error by the Clerk. Item 118.3 should read “3 against.”

128.2 There were no matters arising.

129.0 Correspondence

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

130.0 Village Maintenance

130.1 Councillor Jones reported that the 2 replacement seats from the insurance claim had now been delivered and Parks and Countryside would install them at the playing fields.

130.2 Councillor Jones advised that the electricity connection to the MUGA had not yet been completed by Leeds City Council. Councillor Moxon stated that he was to meet with Paul Senior and would raise the matter.

130.3 Councillor Jones confirmed that the residents wishing to purchase a memorial seat were happy to have it located on the opposite side of the road to the main Green.

130.4 It was reported that Highways would undertake the proposed alterations to the footpath at Street Lane, outside the Topsy Calf and Sorellas. This to create an outside seating area.

130.5 Discussion took place regarding the LCP project, creating a new 8x10m raised gravel seating area in front of the Meeting Hall with 2 wheelchair accessible picnic tables and up to 4 planters. The Parish Council agreed to fund any future maintenance of this area. The Clerk to confirm with Grace Ellinor, Senior Regeneration Officer. Councillor Finnigan to obtain and circulate a plan of the project.

131.0 Meeting Hall Update

131.1 Councillor Finnigan stated that he wished the Meeting Hall to be open to the public as soon as possible, but Community Lettings wanted to wait until April. He advised that LCC needed to arrange for a full clean prior to opening.

131.2 Councillor Brown considered that the Parish Council should be involved in making access and hire easier for members of the local community. Councillor Jones emphasised that the Meeting Hall was a Leeds City Council property and managed by them, not the Parish Council.

132.0 Highways Issues

132.1 Councillor Jones confirmed that the new SID had been installed between Bowness News and the Griffin.

132.2 Councillor Bailey reported a large amount of tree branches and debris on Footpath 44, behind the chemist

133.0 Past & Future Events

133.1 The Clerk advised that the dates had to be confirmed for any Parish Council events involving the Meeting Hall in order that a booking could be made with Lettings.

The following dates were agreed upon:

Scarecrow Festival – Sunday 18th June

Table Top Sale – Sunday 16th July

Light Up Night – Friday 17th November

134.0 Mill Lane Project

134.1 Councillor Jones stated that despite delays progress should now be made with this project. It was agreed that he would contact the joiner regarding the construction of any wooden structures and Councillor Cook would contact the contractor involved with the construction of the MUGA.

134.2 Councillor Jones also proposed that a budget of £10,000 should be initially allocated to the project. This was seconded by Councillor Cook and agreed upon.

135.0 Planning

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

135.2 Councillor Finnigan advised that he would make enquiries regarding Chris Sanderson revisiting the Spring Field Villa site.

135.3 Thanks were given to Councillor Barker for his comprehensive letter of objection regarding the property on Harthill Parade. Councillor Moxon suggested including a reference to the Sustainable Drainage Policy and Councillor Barker agreed to do so.

136.0 Finance

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

Finance Report – December 2022

136.1 The balance on the Parish Council's **Current Account** currently stands at: £26,999.69

136.2 Payments made via Bankline:

HMRC/November PAYE	99.60
Festive Lights/Christmas	38.96
Ms J. Latham/Website Maintenance (Nov)	26.40
St Peter's Church/Grant	100.00
Ms J. Latham/Website Maintenance (Dec)	26.40
P.May/December Salary	398.53
Glasdons/Seats x 2	3,222.22
Bankline Fee	<u>8.80</u>
	3920.91

136.3 Payments Received

M&L Massey/Memorial Seat		1000.00	
M&L Massey	“	“	241.00
M&L Massey	“	“	33.00

136.4 The balance on the Parish Council's **Reserve Account** currently stands at: £24,483.95

136.5 Councillor Jones proposed that there should be a 0% increase on the Band D Council Tax charge, keeping it at £13.11 for the financial year 2023/24. This would result in a precept figure of £24,950. This was agreed upon.

137.0 Applications for Grants

137.1 There were non.

138.0 Date of Next Meeting

138.1 The next Council Meeting to be held on Tuesday 7th February at 7.00pm, at Gildersome Meeting Hall.

