

## MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 7<sup>th</sup> February 2023

### Present

Councillor K.Bailey	Councillor L.Gettings
Councillor D.Barker	Councillor G.Haigh
Councillor J.Bellhouse	Councillor E.Knight
Councillor P.Brown	Councillor C.Nixon
Councillor K.Cook	Councillor L.Rawson

### 139.0 Apologies for Absence

139.1 Apologies were received from Councillors Jones and Moxon. Councillor Gettings chaired the meeting in Councillor Jones's absence.

### 140.0 Declaration of Interest

140.1 There were non.

### 141.0 Register of Interest

141.1 Councillor Gettings asked councillors to report any changes in circumstance to the Clerk.

### 1.42 Police: Monthly Report

1.42.1 PCSO's Reanne Smith and Gilan Dutton attended the meeting.

142.2 The Crime Report was as follows:

Robbery – 1  
Burglary Residential – 1  
Burglary Commercial - 1  
Theft of Motor Vehicles – 1  
Theft from Motor Vehicles – 1

142.3 The Clerk queried the report of a robbery. It was confirmed that it was the attack upon, and subsequent theft of a phone from a teenage school girl on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> February. The PCSO's were reluctant to make comment, but when questioned eventually reported that the suspect had been arrested, that he had mental health issues and did not live in the area.

Extensive discussion took place with both Parish Council members and Councillor Finnigan stating categorically their dissatisfaction with the Police response. This, down to the fact that the robbery was a drugs related crime and the Parish Council had been raising their concerns about the increase in drug dealing and use for the past 12 months. Concerns had also been raised regarding the management at the ISL accommodation on Church Avenue, and possible links with the drugs issues.

Following the PCSOs apparent lack of concern for the severity of the recent violent attack in Gildersome Councillor Gettings concluded the discussion by reading Councillor Moxon's observations on the attack. It was decided that the Clerk should write a letter of complaint to the Police Commissioner and Councillor Finnigan to arrange a meeting with Adult Social Care, NHS, ISL management and the Chief Inspector of Police to discuss the issues involving drug misuse

### **143.0 Chair's Remarks**

143.1 Councillor Gettings made reference to Councillor Haigh's forthcoming 80<sup>th</sup> birthday and congratulations given.

### **144.0 Minutes of Meetings held 10<sup>th</sup> January 2023**

144.1 The Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 10<sup>th</sup> January were agreed as a true and accurate record.

144.2 There were no matters arising.

### **145.0 Correspondence**

145.1 Details of Correspondence for January had been sent out by the Clerk prior to the meeting.

145.2 Councillor Knight raised a query about an item of correspondence, with regard to the poor state of St Peter's graveyard and the amount of dog fouling. It was the view of many councillors that dogs should not be allowed into the graveyard.

### **146.0 Meeting Hall Update/Community Hub**

146.1 Resident June Winterburn attended the meeting and gave an overview of proposals to form a new community group to replace the former Wednesday Pensioner's Group. The 'Get Together Gildersome' group would provide a warm safe space for all adult residents to meet up every Thursday afternoon. Mrs Winterburn stated that funds would be required from the PC to cover startup costs, and possibly publicity on the website. Councillor Gettings explained the grant application process. Councillors thought that the formation of this new group would be very good for the village.

146.2 Councillor Gettings gave details of the Library opening times: Monday Wednesday Friday 14.00 -17.00 and Saturday 10.00-13.00.

146.3 Discussion took place with regard to having an official opening of the Meeting Hall in the near future. This would, hopefully, involve the Lord Mayor of Leeds, Councillor Bob Gettings.

### **147.0 Village Maintenance**

147.1 It was confirmed that David Cowburn was to install the memorial bench on the Green and that the residents purchasing it had already planted a small Christmas tree behind the site of the bench.

147.2 The Clerk advised that there would be a delay of 2 months before Parks and Countryside could install the two seats at the Street Lane Playing Fields. Plus, as it would cost over £1000 the Clerk suggested asking David Cowburn to install them. Councillor Brown proposed this, Councillor Rawson seconded and all agreed.

147.3 Councillor Bailey enquired about the relocation of the trees at Church Avenue. Councillor Finnigan to chase up.

147.4 Councillor Gettings reported that Councillor Moxon had contacted Paul Senior regarding the connection for the lights at the MUGA and the contractor had been instructed to return and make the connection.

## **148.0 Highways Issues**

148.1 Councillor Gettings announced the date for the next Enforcement Meeting as Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> February. None of the Councillors were available to attend, which was unfortunate, as there were issues with the amount of dog fouling in the village. Councillor Cook stated that she was disappointed with the Enforcement Officer's response to reports of parking and dog fouling.

## **149.0 Past & Future Events**

149.1 In response to a query regarding the purchase of extra bunting for the Coronation, it was thought that there was sufficient to decorate the area around the Green.

149.2 Councillor Cook confirmed that the Puppeteer had been booked for the Scarecrow Festival and the Clerk confirmed that Gawthorpe Brass Band had also been booked.

## **150.0 Mill Lane Project**

150.1 The Clerk advised that Councillor Jones had spoken with Steven Almond regarding the landscape project at Mill Lane and was to arrange a meeting with him.

150.2 Councillor Cook stated she had further contractors to speak to.

## **151.0 Footpaths**

151.1 Councillor Knight advised that there was nothing to report.

## **152.0 Planning**

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

152.2 Councillor Barker reported that application regarding the gate on Harthill Parade had been refused and the gate had to be removed. Councillor Barker to check with Enforcement as to follow up procedures. Discussion took place regarding the criteria for the installation of this style of gate.

## 153.0 Finance

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

### Finance Report – January 2023

153.1 The balance on the Parish Council's **Current Account** currently stands at: £23,458.52

153.2 Payments made via Bankline :

Glasdons/Memorial Bench	1528.40
HMRC/December PAYE	99.80
Ms J Latham/Website Hosting	29.30
Brosnans/Payroll	90.00
Morley & District Band/Light Up Night	75.00
Zurich/Insurance Renewal	700.14
P.May/January Salary	398.73
Goshawks Basketball Club/Grant	400.00
P.Brown/Meeting Hall Keys	93.00
Bankline Fee	<u>2.80</u>
	<b>3,529.17</b>

153.3 The balance on the Parish Council's **Reserve Account** currently stands at: £24,501.12

## 154.0 Applications for Grants

154.1 A grant application was received from 4<sup>th</sup> Morley (Gildersome) Scout Group to assist one of the Scout Young Leaders represent them at the 2023 World Jamboree in South Korea. The Parish Council awarded £200.

154.2 A grant application was received from 1<sup>st</sup> Gildersome Brownies to assist in the funding of additional activities on a Brownie Pack holiday to North Yorkshire at Easter. The Parish Council awarded £320.

## 155.0 Date of Next Meeting

155.1 The next Council Meeting to be held on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> March at 7.00pm, at Gildersome Meeting Hall.



