

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 4th April 2023

Present

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

Councillor R. Finnigan MBI

172.0 Apologies for Absence

172.1 Apologies were received from Councillor Nixon.

173.0 Declaration of Interest

173.1 Councillor Moxon declared that he was an employee of Leeds City Council and this would relate to Item 184.

174.0 Police: Monthly Report

174.1 The Police did not attend the meeting.

175.0 Chair's Remarks

175.1 Councillor Jones paid tribute to Councillor Haigh on his forthcoming retirement from the Parish Council, stating that Councillor Haigh had been an integral part of the team for so many years.

175.2 Councillor Gettings, as Vice Chair, wished to confirm all nomination forms had been taken to the Civic Hall and there was a nomination receipt for each Councillor.

176.0 Minutes of Meetings held 7th March 2023

176.1 The Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 7th March were agreed as a true and accurate record.

176.2 There were no Matters Arising.

177.0 Correspondence

177.1 Details of Correspondence for March had been sent out by the Clerk prior to the meeting, and some would be discussed in Agenda items.

178.0 Letter of Complaint to CQC/Update

178.1 Councillor Jones referred to the letter received from Taylor Rose Solicitors, acting on behalf of ISL. He stated that the Council's letter to CQC had been removed from the website as a gesture of goodwill. Lengthy discussion took place and it was unanimously agreed to send a response drafted by Councillor Barker, to Taylor Rose. It was considered that this letter reiterated the Parish Council's views and concerns on the issue perfectly.

178.2 Councillor Finnigan confirmed that the requested meeting with the various bodies involved with the ISL case would be delayed until after the Elections. He suspected that some of the departments would still be reluctant to meet.

178.3 Councillor Bailey suggested that local residents who had experienced anti-social behaviour from ISL residents may wish to be involved. It was considered a good idea to have written statements from those affected.

179.0 Village Maintenance

179.1 Councillor Jones reported that the electricity supply was now connected at the MUGA. Councillor Moxon stated that the volume of teams now accessing the MUGA confirmed what a brilliant project it was.

179.2 Councillor Jones confirmed that David Cowburn would install the MUGA seat, as well as the two additional ones at the playing fields.

179.3 Councillor Moxon reported on a meeting with Parks and Countryside regarding the LCP project at the Meeting Hall. He confirmed details of dimensions and location of tables and planters.

179.4 The Council were able to view one of the mosaics produced by the Cubs. Discussion took place regarding possible locations, but there was some concern about protecting the mosaics from the weather. A possible solution was some form of resin coating. Councillor Moxon to contact the Cub leaders.

179.5 Discussion took place about the proposed plaque to mark the opening of the refurbished Meeting Hall. Councillor Jones to consult with Councillor Bob Gettings.

180.0 Meeting Hall/Community Hub Update

180.1 Councillor Brown raised concerns regarding the issue of noise in the main hall. This due to the large areas of hard surfaces, with nothing to absorb the sound. Councillor Bellhouse confirmed that this would be a major problem for many of the user groups, particularly, the Dementia and Get Together Groups. Lengthy discussion took place and it was decided to research the various methods of noise reduction for example, sound panel around the walls.

180.2 Councillor Gettings also raised the point of the lack of storage according to original plans and the matter was discussed at length.

180.3 Councillor Finnigan stated that LCC had delivered what was requested and would not spend any further money.

180.4 Councillor Brown stated her disappointment at the reluctance of some councillors to fund further improvements to the Meeting Hall.

180.5 Councillor Jones restated his view that the Meeting Hall was LCC's responsibility and the position should be reviewed in 3 months. By this time there would be more information regarding requirements and the costs involved.

181.0 Past & Future Events

181.1 Councillor Jones thanked Councillor Nixon for organising the Litter Pick, and for all those taking part, especially in such atrocious weather.

181.2 Councillor Bellhouse gave an update on plans for Coronation Day, suggesting that the council also organise the provision of an ice cream van and face painter. But, as with the provision of the big screen, we would not be no involvement on the day. This was agreed upon.

181.3 Councillor Cook confirmed that the puppeteer, dancers and face painter had been booked for the Scarecrow Festival. She was also making enquiries about arranging for some donkeys to be brought, but not for riding, as the insurance implications were too onerous. It was confirmed that the scarecrow registration details had been advertised, with the deadline being 22nd May. The hire of a small juvenile fairground ride was also being looked at.

182.0 Mill Lane Project

182.1 It was confirmed that details and designs from both contractors would be available for the next meeting.

183.0 Footpaths

183.1 Councillor Knight confirmed that David Cowburn would be continuing with the maintenance of the footpaths for 2023-24.

183.2 It was agreed to purchase the dog poo bag dispenser and ask Enforcement for additional signs for the Greenside Avenue to Woodside Lane footpath.

184.0 Planning

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

184.2 Discussion took place regarding the application put forward by Lidl to build a distribution centre on the Gelderd Road industrial site. Councillor Barker advised that this would go ahead, as outline planning had been agreed a number of years ago. The overall height of the new building, however, could be a point of objection. Councillor Moxon also raised the issues surrounding the adoption of the access road due to the presence of Morley Tunnel. Councillor Finnigan considered that, as Highways had concerns, it could be called to Panel. Councillor Barker to amend his drafted letter of objection to the application and send this to Planning.

185.0 Finance

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

Finance Report – March 2023

169.1 The balance on the Parish Council’s **Current Account** currently stands at: £21,322.96

169.2 Payments made via Bankline :

HMRC/January PAYE	99.60
Ms J Latham/Website Support	29.30
Light Media Display/Screen Deposit	944.28
Scribe Finance/Year End Check	46.80
British Gas/Electricity/MUGA	32.75
P.May/February Salary	398.73
Beswick Horticultural Ltd/Street Lane	579.70
Bankline Fee	<u>4.40</u>
	2135.56

169.3 The balance on the Parish Council’s **Reserve Account** currently stands at: £24,518.04

186.0 Applications for Grants

186.1 There were no applications for grants.

187.0 Date of Next Meeting

187.1 The next Council Meeting to be held on Tuesday 2nd May at 7.00pm, at Gildersome Meeting Hall. This will be preceded by the AGM commencing at 6.30pm.

