

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 4th July 2023

Present

Councillor K. Bailey	Councillor S. Jones
Councillor D. Barker	Councillor E. Knight
Councillor J. Bellhouse	Councillor A. May
Councillor P. Brown	Councillor J. Moxon
Councillor K. Cook	Councillor C. Nixon
Councillor L. Gettings	Councillor L. Rawson
Councillor A. Holroyd	

Councillor R. Finnigan MBI

Councillor Jones welcomed a resident, Emma Lake, who had come to observe the meeting.

47.0 Apologies for Absence

47.1 All councillors were present.

48.0 Declaration of Interest

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

49.0 Police: Monthly Report

49.1 PCSOs Bev Hale and Gillan Dutton attended the meeting.

49.2 The monthly crime report was as follows:

Commercial Burglary – 0

Residential Burglary – 2

Theft of vehicles – 0 / 2 pedal bikes stolen

Theft from vehicles – 1

Criminal Damage – 2

Anti- Social Behaviour - 3

49.3 Councillor Cook enquired if anything further had been reported regarding the stolen bikes. Councillor Finnigan stated that they were still trying to gain access of CTV footage.

49.4 Councillor Brown advised that a number of HGVs had been seen travelling through the village. The registration numbers were given to the Police.

50.0 Chairs Remarks

50.1 Councillor Jones announced that Councillor Rawson was to retire from the Parish Council after 15 years of service. Councillor Jones thanked her for her dedication and enthusiasm over that time, and was pleased she would continue as a volunteer at the events.

50.2 Councillor Jones thanked all of the Council for hosting a very successful Scarecrow Festival, stating that he had heard nothing but praise and congratulations from residents.

51.0 Minutes of the Meeting held on 6th June 2023

51.1 The Minutes of the Meeting held on 6th June 2023 were agreed as a true and accurate record.

51.2 There were no Matters Arising.

52.0 Correspondence

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

52.2 Councillor Gettings commented on the correspondence from Mark Taylor regarding a memorial for his father Colin Taylor. She suggested that the Clerk advise Mark of the options and prices and that a decision could be taken at the next meeting in September.

53.0 Village Maintenance

53.1 The Clerk gave an overview of the current situation regarding quotes and types of installation and safety work involved at Town Street playground. The latest quote was £26,004. Councillor May stated that she was disappointed with the fact that LCC were not prepared to fund the maintenance of the safety matting. She also made the point that the playground was the heart of the village, yet there was no play equipment offering development for the under 5's. Councillor Finnigan confirmed that further Council money for expenditure in Gildersome was very limited as budgets were tight, but £2,000 might be available.

Discussion took place and the following proposals were suggested:

Contact Thuja Phillips to check out the situation with contractors and quotes.

Look at applying for grants from other sources.

Consider focussing on Town Street playground, while putting the Mill Lane project on hold and reallocate funds.

53.2 Councillor Jones confirmed that the landscape improvement outside the Topsy Calf and Sorrella's Cafe had been completed.

53.3 Councillor Jones advised that the Guiding Garden had now been cleared and David Cowburn was to remove the sleepers and soil in September.

54.0 Meeting Hall Update

54.1 Councillor Bailey gave an update on the current situation with the proposed installation of the acoustic panels and copies of the plans were distributed to the councillors. He confirmed that the design plan had been agreed upon, the colours chosen and the order had been placed with Agile Acoustics.

54.2 Discussion took place regarding the obscure film which had been placed on the windows in the hall. It was decided to leave this in place until blinds had been fitted.

55.0 Highways Issues

55.1 Councillor Bailey to contact Councillor Finnigan in order arrangements could be made for the SID, currently at Scott Green, to be moved to East View, on Street Lane.

56.0 Past & Future Events

56.1 Councillor Jones stated that the Scarecrow Festival had been a huge success. Councillor Cook, however, was disappointed that no school children had participated this year. It was suggested that the Clerk contact the schools regarding future events.

56.2 Councillor Bellhouse confirmed that there had been a good response for the Table Top Sale on 16th July and, at the moment, there were 48 participants. It was agreed that there would be no need to use the Meeting Hall for this event.

56.3 Councillor Bellhouse recommended that plastic floor covering be put down at the Meeting Hall on Light Up Night.

57.0 Mill Lane Project

57.1 Councillor Cook advised that the contractor was ready to commence some clearance work.

58.0 Footpaths

58.1 It was confirmed that the hedge along the school footpath had finally been cut back.

58.2 Councillor Moxon to look at installing the dog poo bag dispenser at the sports field.

59.0 Planning

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

59.2 Councillor Cook stated that she still had concerns regarding the property at Harthill. Councillor Barker advised that Enforcement would act if the gate had not be removed within 28 days.

60.0 Finance

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

Finance Report – June 2023

60.1 The balance on the Parish Council's **Current Account** currently stands at: £14,288.43

60.2 Payments made via Bankline :

HMRC/May PAYE	99.60
David Cowburn/Seat x 3 Installation	350.00
P. Hird/Centregraphics	170.00
Streetwise/Road Closure	780.00
PPL.PRS/Music License	250.00
ICO/GDPR Renwal/Direct Debit	35.00
LCC/Meeting Hall Hire/Scarecrow Festival	75.25
Messy Time /Grant	500.00
Ms J. Latham/Website Support	29.30
P.May/Bunting	160.80
Robrook Press/Scarecrow Brochures	282.00
Agile Acoustics/Panels Deposit	4815.00

The Flower Connection/Summer Plants	64.80
P.May/June Salary	398.73
B.Haigh/Garden Help	50.00
LCC/Meeting Hall Hire/Table Top Sale	16.50
Bankline Fee	<u>5.60</u>
	8,082.58

TOTAL 8,082.58

60.3 Payments Received

LCC/P3 Grant	1329.00
Nat West Bank Interest	48.47
James Hirst/Donation	65.00

TOTAL 1,442.47

60.4 Transfer from Resrve into Current Account 10,000.00

60.5 The balance on the Parish Council's **Reserve Account** currently stands at: £44,665.52

61.0 Applications for Grants

61.1 There were non.

62.0 Date of Next Meeting

62.1 The next Council Meeting will be held on Tuesday 5th September 2023 at 7.00pm, at Gildersome Meeting Hall.

