

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 6th June 2023

Present

Councillor K. Bailey	Councillor A. Holroyd
Councillor D. Barker	Councillor S. Jones
Councillor J. Bellhouse	Councillor A. May
Councillor P. Brown	Councillor C. Nixon
Councillor K. Cook	Councillor L. Rawson
Councillor R. Finnigan MBI	

30.0 Apologies for Absence

30.1 Apologies were received from Councillors Gettings, Knight and Moxon.

31.0 Declaration of Interest

31.1 Councillors Holroyd and May declared that they had an interest in Item 45.

32.0 Police: Monthly Report

32.1 The Police did not attend.

33.0 Minutes of the AGM held 2nd May 2023

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35.0 Correspondence

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

36.0 Update on the ISL Meeting held on 24th May 2023

36.1 Councillor Finnigan stated that it had been a very positive and cordial meeting regarding concerns about the ISL accommodation, with the Police being very proactive in their approach. The Police had articulated their frustrations with the situation very well and explained their full powers. Their resources were being stretched on a daily basis with constant call outs. Councillor Finnigan did feel, however, that the ISL management, NHS and Adult Social Care had abdicated responsibility.

36.2 It was noted that while the majority of the residents were settled in the community, two particular youths, with complex problems and substance abuse issues, were central to the issue. Councillor Finnigan stressed the importance of the ISL management addressing the needs of these residents with adequate support, as it was tax payer's money that was funding this service.

36.3 It was agreed to meet in 2 months to see if progress had been made, and adequate support given.

37.0 Village Maintenance

37.1 Councillor May reported on a meeting with Parks and Countryside regarding the playground on Town Street. It was agreed that it was run down, and there was a lack of independent play apparatus for the under fives. To address this situation it was proposed to purchase a low level climbing frame and slide and some spinner dishes. The Clerk to contact Thuja Phillips, to request the cost of installation and also, of the repair or replacement of the safety matting. Councillor Jones proposed setting a budget of £10,000 for the playground. This was seconded by Councillor May and all agreed.

37.2 Councillor Finnigan confirmed that the new litter bins were high spec and would have lids. This would, hopefully, address the recent issues with rats attracted to the playground, due to food waste.

37.3 Councillor Brown queried as to when the CCTV would be operative again to monitor the playground. Councillor Finnigan stated that this was unlikely because of legal challenges.

37.4 The Clerk to contact Chris Stirk, Parks and Countryside, regarding the Raisby gravel area at the Meeting Hall. The Clerk advised that the picnic tables were likely to be installed before 18th June.

37.5 Councillor Jones reported that the landscape improvement outside the Tipsy Calf and Sorellas was due to start week commencing 19th June,

37.6 Councillor Jones advised that it was not financially or logistically feasible to take over the grass cutting contract from Leeds.

37.8 Councillor Finnigan advised that Sue Bunn was going to address the state of the Brownie landscaped area which had been funded by Ward Councillors, and suggested that Parks and Countryside might take over the maintenance.

38.0 Meeting Hall Update

38.1 Councillor Bailey informed the meeting that the previous design plan had been superseded because Leeds City Council will not allow the acoustic panels to be attached to the ceiling. Lengthy discussion took place regarding the new design plan. Councillor Jones stated that it was essential to make a decision and move the project forward. To this end he proposed the acceptance of the new design in principle, and this was seconded by Councillor Cook. In a requested show of hands, all agreed. Councillor Jones emphasised that all ideas regarding the design plan should go via Councillor Bailey, the project leader. Councillors should not act individually.

38.2 The Clerk advised that, as there still appeared to be an issue with colour choice, she would bring the colour chart round to each councillor over the next few days. The Clerk stated that there were a number of Agenda items still to be discussed and sufficient time had already been spent on Item38.

38.3 Councillor Nixon left the meeting at 8.10pm.

39.0 Highways Issues

39.1 It was noted that correspondence had been received from Mandeep Flora, Traffic Engineering, confirming that a survey would be undertaken regarding potential for a zebra crossing at the Gildersome Primary School entrance. Councillor May was concerned that the number of crossing points near the school might affect LCC's criteria. Councillor Finnigan assured the council that Highways would look at that stretch of Town Street and if it meets the threshold will put it on the list.

39.2 Councillor Finnigan reported that he had received a complaint about speeding at East View. Discussion took place regarding options to address this. Councillor Finnigan suggested that a survey may reveal that the 20mph restrictions might need to be extended to include East View. Initially, it was decided to move the SID presently at Scott Green to East View.

39.3 Councillor Barker had reported parked cars blocking the pavements on Mill Lane. The Enforcement Officer to be contacted.

40.0 Past & Future Events

40.1 Councillor Cook confirmed the arrangements for the Scarecrow Festival on 18th June. It was decided, for those available, to meet on Saturday 17th at 2pm to do initial preparation, and an 8am start on Sunday 18th.

41.0 Mill Lane Project

41.1 Councillor Cook advised that there was nothing further to report.

42.0 Footpaths

42.1 The Clerk confirmed the receipt of the P3 Footpath Grant with a 10% increase this year. Total £1329.

43.0 Planning

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

43.2 Councillor Finnigan advised that he had raised his concerns regarding the Lidl application at a briefing meeting. There were also concerns about the lack of publication of a number of letters of objection on the LCC Public Access website.

43.3 Councillor Barker stated that the resident at Harthill Parade had the right of appeal until 24th June.

44.0 Finance

44.1 Section 1 – Annual Governance Statement 2022/23 was approved by the Parish Council

and duly signed by the Chair, Steve Jones and the Clerk, Pat May.

44.2 Section 2 – Accounting Statements 2022/23 was duly signed by the Chair, Steve Jones.

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

Finance Report – May 2023

44.3 The balance on the Parish Council’s **Current Account** currently stands at: £10,977.88

44.4 Payments made via Bankline :

HMRC/April PAYE	99.60
Gildersome Get Together Group/Grant	500.00
Gildersome Happy Memories Café/Grant	500.00
The Flower Connection/Summer Plants	271.44
The Flower Connection/Summer Plants	993.60
Lym Productions/Grant	100.00
British Gas/Electricity/MUGA	40.41
The Flower Connection/Compost &Plants	25.20
Ms J. Latham/Website Support	29.30
J.Bellhouse/Laminates	11.95
The Flower Connection/Summer Plants	25.08
The Flower Connection/Summer Plants	32.40
The Flower Connection/Summer Plants	64.80
P.May/May Salary	398.73
B.Haigh/Garden Help	50.00
Bankline Fee	<u>5.60</u>
	3148.11

44.5 Payments Received

LCC/CIL Payment	123.21
Nat West Bank Interest	52.99

44.6 The balance on the Parish Council’s **Reserve Account** currently stands at: £54,617.05

45.0 Applications for Grants

45.1 A grant of £500 was approved for Messy Time, a group specialising in provision for the 1-3 year old age group. Councillors May and Holroyd left the meeting while this application was considered.

46.0 Date of Next Meeting

46.1 The next Council Meeting will be held on Tuesday 4th July 2023 at 7.00pm, at Gildersome Meeting Hall.

