

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 7th November 2023

Present

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

Councillor R. Finnigan MBI

Attendance of a Visitor

Councillor Carol Edwards, a member of Drighlington Parish Council and Morley Town Council attended the meeting to observe.

Councillor Jones welcomed Councillor Jordan Warrior, who has now joined Gildersome Parish Council. Councillor Warrior signed the Declaration of Office and Declaration of Acceptance of Gildersome Code of Conduct.

101.0 Apologies for Absence

101.1 Apologies were received from Councillor Bailey.

102.0 Declaration of Interest

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

103.0 Police: Monthly Report

103.1 The Police were unable to attend, but PCSO Haile had emailed the following report:

- 6 x ASB Calls
- 1 x Burglary Residential
- 1 x Burglary Business
- 1 x Theft from a Motor Vehicle
- 1 x Theft of a Motor Vehicle

103.2 The Clerk advised that the Police were fully aware of the issues of anti-social behaviour at the Meeting Hall, and were waiting for CTV footage, in order to identify the suspects, if at all possible.

104.0 Chair's Remarks

104.1 There were non.

105.0 Minutes of the Meeting held on 3rd October 2023

105.1 The Minutes of the Meeting held on 3rd October were agreed as a true and accurate record.

105.2 There were no Matters Arising.

106.0 Correspondence

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

106.2 The Clerk mentioned two additional items of correspondence. An email from Brownie Leader, Sue Bun, regarding the storage of knives in the kitchen. The council agreed that it was the responsibility of LCC to provide a locked drawer, if required. There was also an email from Alisha Michelle, owner of a small local business, Bella Books Barn, who was planning to organize a book treasure hunt in the village.

107.0 Budget Review: Proposed Budget 2024/25

107.1 The Clerk had emailed a copy of the proposed Budget 2024/25 to all councillors.

107.2 Councillor Jones advised that the final Budget would be approved in January, following Leeds City Council's confirmation of the Precept figures for the new financial year. The Parish Council could then set the Precept for Gildersome.

107.3 Councillor Jones gave details of a statutory pay increase for the Clerk, which gave an increase of £1.01 per hour. This to be backdated to April 2022.

108.0 New Literature Festival

Councillor Nixon arrived during this Item.

108.1 Councillor Gettings gave a recap on the original Arts and Literary Festival, which had collapsed a few years ago. Councillor Gettings advised that the event was to be reinstated, but without paid employees and on a much smaller scale, with just one event involving both schools in the village. In the past, the Parish Council had supported the schools with a grant of £500, and it was hoped to continue this support.

109.0 Village Maintenance

109.1 Councillor Jones confirmed that the Green family's memorial seat had been installed by David Cowburn and the family were delighted.

109.2 Councillor Jones advised that the repair of the old notice board was almost complete. This had been undertaken by resident Albert Smith.

109.3 Councillor Brown reported that she would be contacting the garden centre this week to confirm the delivery date of the autumn plants.

109.4 It was confirmed that the MUGA lights were now working, following recent repair work.

109.5 Discussion took place regarding the movement of the trees from Church Avenue to the area below the Moorland's football field. There were still concerns about the present state of the Church Avenue area and the size of the trees to be relocated. Councillor Moxon suggested contacting the Climate, Energy and Green Spaces Group. Councillor Finnigan joined the meeting later and commented on this matter. He stated that he would continue to pursue the matter with Leeds City Council.

110.0 Highways Issues

110.1 Councillor Jones gave an update regarding the relocation of the SID. The Clerk stated that a resident, Luke Holroyd had contacted Councillor Finnigan on a number of occasions regarding his concerns about speeding at East View and recent accidents in this area. When Councillor Finnigan arrived at the meeting, he confirmed that Ward Councillors were to fund the £150 for the relocation of the SID, which would take place within 4-6 weeks. He had put forward a request for the 20mph to be extended, but Highways were reluctant to impose this, as they did not class it as a built-up area. Councillor Finnigan also confirmed that there was a possibility of yellow lines being put forward for the junction of Mill Lane with Town Street next year.

110.2 The Clerk advised that Flora Mandeep, Traffic Engineering, had submitted the Parish Council's request for a pedestrian crossing on Town Street. The Pedestrian Crossing Review process would take place next year, and installation of a crossing would depend on prioritisation of location within Leeds. Councillor Brown stated that she was happy with the present chicane system as a safety measure, rather than a zebra crossing. Discussion took place regarding the use of social media as a source of information for residents.

111.0 Past & Future Events

111.1 Remembrance Sunday

It was confirmed that arrangements were in place. Councillor Gettings advised that the Church service would start at 10.00am, and the Deputy Lord Lieutenant, Edward Ziff, would be attending. Any councillors available to meet on Saturday at 2.00pm to remove things from the containers, and then again on Sunday at 9.30am to prepare.

111.2 Light Up Night

It was confirmed both primary schools were taking part in Light Up Night this year.

The Clerk advised that the Christmas tree was to be delivered on Monday 13th

November and Adam Cousens had organised a lifter for Wednesday 15th, to enable the replacement of some tree lights along Town Street and on the Green. Preparation on the day to commence at 2.00pm.

112.0 Review of Standing Orders

112.1 Councillor Jones advised that, having compared our current Standing Orders with the NALC Standing Orders, he proposed that the Parish Council retain their own Standing Orders, making any amendments as required. This was agreed upon.

113.0 Mill Lane Project

113.1 Councillor Cook advised that any future work would take place next Spring.

114.0 Footpaths

114.1 Councillor Knight reported that the tree had been cleared from Footpath 51.

114.2 Councillor Moxon stated that footpath at the end of Woodhead Lane had been cut back, and if it wasn't maintained by the Parish Council, a mystery resident must have undertaken the work.

114.3 Councillor Knight to confirm the address of the overgrown hedge along the ginnel in the Springfield area, in order that Enforcement may be notified.

115.0 Planning

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

115.2 It was confirmed that Lidl's application to build a distribution centre had been approved. Councillor Finnigan advised that the Parish Council should receive some CIL funding.

115.3 Councillor Barker reported that the Springfield Villa application had been refused and that the consultation period regarding the Harthill Parade application had ended.

115.4 Councillor Jones thanked Councillor Barker for attending the Town and Parish Council Conference. Councillor Barker highlighted the concerns regarding access to, and publications on the Planning Public Access site. It was, therefore, now essential to register a Parish Council email address, in order that we may be linked to the consultee access. It was agreed to use the Clerk's email address.

116.0 Finance

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

Finance Report – October 2023

116.1 The balance on the Parish Council's **Current Account** currently stands at: £6,654.36

116.2 Payments made via Bankline :

HMRC/September PAYE	99.60
British Gas/MUGA Electricity Supply	29.24
Ms J. Latham/Website Support	29.30
Ms J. Latham/Domain Name	13.32
Equine Pathway/Grant	200.00
B. Haigh/Garden Services	80.00
Brosnans/Payroll	96.00
P.May/October Salary	398.53
Glasdons Ltd/Green Family Bench	1526.04

P.Brown/Renewal Cosco Card	26.40
Billingley Christmas Tree Ltd	510.00
Festive Lights/Xmas Lights	206.29
P.Hird/Centregraphics/Electrical Work	268.00
Bankline Fee	<u>2.00</u>
	3484.72

TOTAL 3484.72

116.3 Payments Received

Nat West Interest	56.98
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116.4 The balance on the Parish Council's **Reserve Account** currently stands at: £44,877.54

116.5 Councillor Cook confirmed that £3,700 would be transferred to the Parish Council from the Village Account.

117.0 Applications for Grants

117.1 There were no applications.

118.0 Date of Next Meeting

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

