

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 3rd October 2023

Present

Councillor K. Bailey	Councillor A. Holroyd
Councillor D. Barker	Councillor S. Jones
Councillor J. Bellhouse	Councillor E. Knight
Councillor K. Cook	Councillor A. May
Councillor L. Gettings	Councillor J. Moxon
Councillor R. Finnigan MBI	

Attendance of a Resident

Claire Batley attended the meeting to present an overview of her idea to set up a Little Plant Library in Gildersome. Claire was happy to take the lead in promoting it and also to be the caretaker. She also had the support of people who would build the structure and help with watering. Claire suggested some possible locations – the two Greens, front of the Co-op and near the Little Library opposite the Griffin. It was hoped that the idea may, ultimately lead to the formation of a community- based garden.

82.0 Apologies for Absence

82.1 Apologies were received from Councillors Brown and Nixon.

83.0 Declaration of Interest

83.1 Councillor Moxon declared that he was an employee of Leeds City Council and had involvement with Gildersome Spurs, should there be any Planning issues arising. Councillor May also declared involvement with Gildersome Spurs. Councillor Holroyd declared an interest in Item 89.0.

84.0 Register of Interests

84.1 Councillor Jones requested councillors to notify the Clerk of any changes.

85.0 Police: Monthly Report

85.1 The Police did not attend the meeting.

86.0 Chair's Remarks

86.1 There were non.

87.0 Minutes of the Meeting held on 5th September 2023

87.1 Councillor Knight wished it to be noted that with reference to Item 77.1 he had stated that a decision, not to hire or lend out Parish Council equipment had been taken a number of years ago. The Clerk advised that she thought that it had been Councillor Gettings.

87.2 Councillor Gettings wished it to be noted that with, reference to Item 73.3, she had been contacted by the Police.

87.3 The Clerk reported that Councillor Brown had sent a message requesting that with reference to Item 69.2, Councillor Brown “wants the fact that she did not agree to the Parish Council paying for the Playground repairs, that are the responsibility of Leeds City Council minuting.”

87.4 There were no Matters Arising.

88.0 Correspondence

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

89.0 Co-option of Councillor

89.1 Councillor Jones stated that an application for the post of Councillor, received from Jordan Warrior, had been sent out to all councillors. Councillor Jones proposed that Jordan Warrior was co-opted as a Councillor to serve on Gildersome Parish Council. All were in favour. (Councillor Holroyd did not take part in the vote, as per her Declaration of Interest). The Clerk to inform Jordan of the decision.

90.0 Village Maintenance

90.1 Discussion took place regarding Claire Batley’s proposals for a Little Plant Library in the village. The Parish Council decided to support the project and suggested that it be located, initially, at Griffin corner. The Clerk to contact Claire to confirm this, and also to find out more details of the intended structure. Councillor Finnigan suggested that the Shed Group might be contacted, if any help was required with the construction, as this group had recently received an MBI grant. Councillor Moxon offered to be the point of contact.

90.2 Councillor May confirmed that the work on the playground had been completed and it was a great improvement. LCC had, in fact, repaired under the slide as an extra to the requested maintenance work. Councillor May reported that the safety gate at the entrance to the carpark was, however, still missing. The Clerk to contact Thuja Phillips and Chris Stirk at Parks and Countryside.

90.3 In response to resident Allen Hindmarsh’s email requesting the Parish Council to organise a litter pick, a number of ideas were put forward on this subject. These included the involvement of local community groups organising litter picks, residents such as Mr Hindmarsh organising neighbourhood litter, more signs and advertising on social media.

90.4 The Clerk advised that Mark Taylor had confirmed that the family wished to purchase a stone trough as a memorial, and place it at the entrance to Ashwood Drive.

90.5 The Clerk also advised that the memorial seat for the Green family had been ordered, and they had requested that it be located opposite Yarra Court.

90.6 In response to resident Kirsty Caine’s enquiry regarding the trees at Church Avenue, Councillor Finnigan agreed that Leeds City Council’s failure to remove them earlier was not acceptable. He would make further enquiries.

90.7 The Clerk confirmed that she had spoken with Paul Senior at Leeds City Council and the failure in the electricity supply at the MUGA was being investigated.

90.8 Councillor Moxon gave an overview of a project spearheaded by Incredible Edible Leeds, to promote the creation of orchards in the local community. He considered that this might be possible at some locations in Gildersome.

91.0 Meeting Hall Update

91.1 Councillor Bailey reported that the installation of the acoustic panels was complete, the workmanship was excellent from Agile and the feedback had been brilliant. Sue Bunn, the leader of Gildersome Brownies had emailed with specific praise for the effectiveness of the panels. Councillor Bellhouse, organiser of the Memories Café Dementia Group, was also in agreement. Councillor Jones thanked Councillor Bailey for spearheading the installation with Agile, and also Councillor Finnigan for his support throughout the project.

92.0 Highways Issues

92.1 The Clerk advised that Mandeep Flora, at Traffic Engineering, had confirmed that LCC would undertake a survey at Mill Lane, to monitor the problems with parking, particularly at school times. Councillor Finnigan stated that there might be a possibility of yellow lines being put in place, but it was, as we knew from previous experience, a long and involved process. He suggested gathering as much photographic evidence as possible.

92.2 Councillor Bailey stated that there had been no response from Highways regarding relocating the SID.

92.3 Councillor Jones informed the council that an Enforcement Meeting would be held in Morley Library at 10.15am on Tuesday 10th October, if anyone could attend.

92.4 Councillor Bailey reported his concerns regarding the tree and leaf debris on the paths and road along Town Street. Councillor Finnigan to put in a request for street cleaning.

93.0 Past & Future Events

93.1 Remembrance Sunday

It was confirmed that most arrangements were in place. All those available to meet at 9.30 to prepare for refreshments at the Meeting Hall.

93.2 Light Up Night

The Clerk confirmed that the following had been actioned: Road Closure, SAG Event Notification Form, Big Screen, Roger Bennett – Fireworks and to source Christmas Tree, both schools hopefully performing, Morley Concert Band to play.

Councillor May and Holroyd agreed to organise the refreshments, and liaise with Lynne Rawson.

Discussion took place as to whether the council wished to include the juvenile ride on Light Up Night. There were mixed feelings regarding this, but it was decided to trial it for this year.

93.2 Councillor Bellhouse enquired if the council were going to purchase the plastic floor covering to protect the Meeting Hall floors at such events. Councillor Jones to purchase some from Toolsatation.

94.0 Preparation for Review of Standing Orders

94.1 The Clerk advised that a review was required of the Parish Council's Standing Orders. Councillors were asked to read through the current Standing Orders prior to the next meeting, when a decision would be taken on any amendments, or indeed, whether to adopt the NALC draft Standing Orders, which was a very hefty document.

95.0 Mill Lane Project

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

96.0 Footpaths

96.1 Councillor Knight reported that Footpath 26 had been cleared, but LCC were contacting the landowner regarding cutting back the hedge.

96.2 Councillor Knight also advised that LCC had been notified about the overgrown hedge along the ginnel in the Springbank area.

96.3 Councillor Moxon reported that there was a tree across Footpath 51, Stone Pitts Lane. The Clerk to contact David Cowburn.

97.0 Planning

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

97.2 Councillor Barker gave an update on the Retrospective Planning Application 23/04083/FU for boundary fence and railings to the front and side of 21, Harthill Parade.

97.3 Councillor Barker also raised the Parish Council's concerns regarding the application 23/05116/FU for access to land at Spring Villas, which was actually a retrospective application, as the gate was already in place. It was noted that in both applications, Enforcement had failed to act, and we were now waiting for LCC's decisions.

98.0 Finance

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

Finance Report – September 2023

98.1 The balance on the Parish Council's **Current Account** currently stands at: £10,139.08

98.2 Payments made via Bankline :

HMRC/August PAYE	99.60
British Gas/MUGA Electricity Supply	22.81
Ms J. Latham/Website Support	29.30

P.K.F Littlejohn/External Audit	252.00
P.May/September Salary	398.73
Agile Acoustics/Balance	4815.00
Bankline Fee	<u>2.00</u>
	5619.44
TOTAL	5619.44

98.3 Payments Received

Green Family/Memorial Bench	1273.67
Nat West Interest	51.58
TOTAL	1325.25

98.4 The balance on the Parish Council's **Reserve Account** currently stands at: £44,820.56

98.5 The Clerk confirmed that the AGAR (Annual Governance and Accountability Return) had been approved and signed off by PKF Littlejohn, the External Auditors.

98.6 The Parish Precept Timetables for 2024/25 had been sent out by LCC, with the provisional Council Tax base due just before Christmas.

99.0 Applications for Grants

99.1 Equine Pathways, a charity based at Carr Hall Farm, and providing equine therapy for children and adults suffering with mental disorders and impairments, applied for a grant. The Council decided to award a grant of £200.

100.0 Date of Next Meeting

100.1 The next Council Meeting will be held on Tuesday 7th November 2023 at 7.00pm, at Gildersome Meeting Hall.

