# MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 9th January 2024 

## Present

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

Councillor R. Finnigan MBI
It had been agreed that Councillor Gettings would take the minutes in the absence of the Clerk. Councillor Finnigan stated that he would be leaving the meeting at 7.50 pm .

### 134.0 Apologies for Absence

134.1 Apologies were received from Councillor Knight and the Clerk, Pat May.

### 135.0 Declaration of Interest

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

### 136.0 Police: Monthly Report

136.1 The police did not attend the meeting.

### 137.0 Chair's Remarks

137.1 Councillor Jones wished everyone a Happy New Year. He also explained the Clerk's absence, wishing her well.

### 138.0 Minutes of the Meeting held on 5 ${ }^{\text {th }}$ December 2023

138.1 The Minutes of the Meeting held on $5^{\text {th }}$ December 2023 were agreed as a true and accurate record, apart from one change. Councillor Bailey was not present at the meeting in the $5^{\text {th }}$ December.
138.2 Matters Arising.
130.2 It was stated that clarification was required, that any future agreement needed to be adhered to.

### 139.0 Approval of 2024-25 Budget \& Precept

139.1 Councillor Jones explained the budget, stating that, as regards the Precept there had been no increase for 4 years. An increase of $4 \%$ was agreed upon.

### 140.0 Village Maintenance

140.1 It was noted that the Little Libraries were in need of some repair work. It was agreed to check with Albert Smith regarding the repairs, and await a price from the artists before making a decision.
140.2 The issue of the trees at Church Avenue was raised. Councillor Moxon, declared an interest. Councillor Gettings read out correspondence from Victoria Marsden. A good deal of discussion followed concerning climate change, public perception and feelings etc. It was agreed that they were the wrong trees in the wrong place; and that an original open space would become dense.

It was agreed that communication would be made with LCC regarding the previous agreement that the whips would be removed, and if nothing was resolved by the end of February, the Parish Council would take action.

### 141.0 Highways Issues

141.1 Councillor Finnigan to check whether the SID is repairable.

### 142.0 Past \& Future Events

142.1 There was a good deal of discussion regarding the dates, day (Friday/Saturday) and extension of Light Up Night to make it more of a Christmas Event.
A sub group was set up to look into all aspects.
142.2 It was agreed to hold an Easter Event on Sunday $31^{\text {st }}$ March. Councillors Nixon and May to price up any costs and bring back to the next council meeting.
142.3 After discussion, it was agreed to combine the Scarecrow Festival and Table Top Sale on Sunday $23^{\text {rd }}$ June.

### 143.0 Footpaths

143.1 Councillor Knight was absent.

### 144.0 Planning

144.1 It was confirmed that Councillor Barker had written again about the gate at Harthill Parade, and will keep an eye on it.

### 145.0 Finance

(The Clerk had sent out the following Finance Reports prior to the Meeting.)
Finance Report - December 2023
145.1 The balance on the Parish Council's Current Account currently stands at: £929.95

### 145.2 Payments made via Bankline :

HMRC/November PAYE
99.60

British Gas/MUGA Electricity Supply 29.85
Ms J. Latham/Website Support 29.30
Festive Lights/Replacement Lights \& Fitting 41.56
P.May/December Salary Plus Back Pay 1143.50

British Gas/MUGA Electricity 41.56
Bankline Fee $\quad \underline{13940}$
1394.63

TOTAL 1394.63
145.3 Payments Received
Nat West Interest 51.76
Income from Light Up Night
743.80
TOTAL $\quad 795.56$
145.4 The balance on the Parish Council's Reserve Account currently stands at: $£ 44,982.78$

### 146.0 Applications for Grants

146.1 There were no applications.

### 147.0 Date of Next Meeting

147.1 The next Council Meeting will be held on Tuesday $6^{\text {th }}$ February 2024 at 7.00 pm , at Gildersome Meeting Hall.

After the meeting there was a request to send a letter to the Police, as they were not present. This was regarding the dangers of electric scooters being ridden on pavements in the village.

