

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 6th February 2024

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 J. Warrior
Councillor A. Holroyd	

148.0 Apologies for Absence

148.1 Apologies were received from Councillor R. Finnigan MBI.

149.0 Declaration of Interest

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

150.0 Register of Interests

150.1 Councillor Jones requested that councillors notify the Clerk of any changes.

151.0 Police: Monthly Report

151.1 The police did not attend the meeting.

151.2 It was confirmed that correspondence had not been sent to the Police, following last month's meeting.

152.0 Chair's Remarks

152.1 Councillor Jones welcomed the Clerk back following her recent illness.

153.0 Minutes of the Meeting held on 9th January 2024

153.1 The Minutes of the Meeting held on 9th January 2024 were agreed as a true and accurate record.

153.2 There were no Matters Arising.

154.0 Village Maintenance

154.1 It was reported that there had been no further update from LCC regarding the issue of the trees at Church Avenue.

154.2 Councillor Nixon to obtain a quote from the Little Library company, for renovation of the art work.

155.0 Highways Issues

155.1 There were no updates from the manufacturers regarding the SID.

156.0 Past & Future Events

156.1 Councillor Jones confirmed that the Meeting Hall had been booked for the Easter Event and the Scarecrow Festival.

156.2 Easter Event: Councillor May gave an update on preparations for the Easter Egg Hunt, to be held on 31st March. Councillors Nixon and May had met with the PTAs of both schools, as they wished to be involved in the event. Plus, they could help with obtaining chocolate eggs, donated from Asda, as gauging attendance and quantities might be difficult. It was confirmed that there would be an 'Easter Bunny', who would also be involved with the Easter Bonnet Parade. Weather permitting this would be held outside, possibly in the Park Playground.

156.3 Light Up Night: Councillor May reported back to the Council, following a sub- committee meeting arranged to discuss possible alterations/additions to the organisation of Light Up Night. A proposed layout and discussion points had been given to all councillors. Some of the new suggestions included outside provision of catering, a selection of stall to create a Christmas Market feel, the addition of staging, inclusion of a Santa's Sleigh and holding the event on Saturday afternoon into the evening, rather than Friday evening. There was considerable discussion regarding the various ideas. Councillor Jones proposed that all councillors gave further thought to the points raised and a firm decision be made at the March meeting. This was agreed upon.

157.0 Footpaths

157.1 Councillor Knight had nothing to report.

158.0 Planning

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

158.1 Councillor Barker stated that, despite the email from Steve Dobie, Planning Enforcement, stating that the application involving 21 Harthill Parade "was closed", once the appeal time had lapsed in March, the case could be reopened. He would then pursue the matter again. This would also apply to the Spring Villas application.

159.0 Finance

159.1 Councillor Jones informed the Council of the receipt of three outstanding invoices dating back over 3 years. These related to the payment for the services of the Enforcement Officer, and had never been received by the Parish Council in the past. Councillor Jones stated that, subsequently the Clerk and Councillor Finnigan had requested a breakdown of how all the charges were raised. Councillor Finnigan had contacted LCC and requested that the Parish Council be allowed to pay the June 2023 Invoice of £4,675.44 shortly, but be given 12 months to clear the older bills. Councillor Jones to clarify this proposal with Councillor Finnigan.

159.2 Councillor Jones considered that charges of £4600 or more for the Enforcement service were not justified. It amounted to almost 5% of the total Precept. He, therefore, proposed that the Parish Council withdraw from the service at the end of this financial year. This was agreed upon.

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

Finance Report – January 2024

159.3 The balance on the Parish Council's **Current Account** currently stands at: £4,173.98

159.4 Payments made via Bankline :

HMRC/December PAYE	286.00
British Gas/MUGA Electricity Supply	43.26
Ms J. Latham/Website Support	30.77
Zurich/Insurance Renewal	721.29
P.May/January Salary	433.70
P.Brown/Remembrance Expenses	29.70
Transfer to Petty Cash	100.00
P.May/Ink Cartridges	32.94
LCC/Improvements to Playground	17,076.71
Bankline Fee	<u>1.60</u>
	18,755.97

TOTAL 18,755.97

159.5 Payments Received

Transfer from Reserve Account (to cover money owed from LCC for the acoustic panels)	5,000.00
Nat West Interest	53.93
Transfer from Reserve Account for payment of Invoice for the Playground Improvements	17,000.00

TOTAL 22,053.93

159.6 The balance on the Parish Council's **Reserve Account** currently stands at: £23,036.71

160.0 Applications for Grants

160.1 There were no applications.

161.0 Date of Next Meeting

161.1 The next Council Meeting will be held on Tuesday 5th March 2024 at 7.00pm, at Gildersome Meeting Hall.

