

GUNTHWAITE AND INGBIRCHWORTH PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY, 10TH AUGUST, 2020, AT DENBY CHURCH

PRESENT; Councillors Edmondson, Whitbread, Karle, Berry, Ogden; J. Methley (Clerk); S. Webber, Barnsley Chronicle

(1) APOLOGIES AND DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No apologies were received. No declarations of interest were made.

(2) TO AGREE AND SIGN THE LAST MINUTES DATED 6TH JULY 2020

This meeting was held remotely via ZOOM. These had been circulated and accepted as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

(3) TO REPORT ANY MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES NOT ELSEWHERE ON THE AGENDA

The work which had been requested to be carried out by Yorkshire Water, namely the reinstatement of the steps at Scout Dyke reservoir path and the installation of a handrail, had been completed. It was agreed to send a letter of thanks to them.

(4) TO RECEIVE A NOMINATION FOR VICE CHAIR

Proposed Councillor Ogden, seconded. Councillor Karle, that Councillor Whitbread be appointed Vice Chair. He accepted this position.

(5) TO SIGN THE DECLARATION OF OFFICE FORM BY THE TWO NEW COUNCILLORS AND THE CHAIR

These were completed and handed back to the Clerk.

(6) TO APPOINT COUNCILLORS TO REPRESENT THE PARISH COUNCIL ON OUTSIDE BODIES

Councillor Ogden presently attends the Ward Alliance meeting in her role as Ingbirchworth Community Group administrator. She agreed to carry on as the Parish Council representative.

Councillor Edmondson agreed to carry on as representative on the Blackstone Edge community fund management group.

There has not been a Crime and Safety Group meeting for some time. At the moment, it is not known whether this group will continue. Appointment of a representative was therefore postponed pending further information. The Clerk acts as secretary to this group and said she will forward a copy of the minutes to the Chairman if no representative is appointed.

(7)TO ADJOURN THE MEETING SO MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC CAN RAISE ITEMS FOR ATTENTION.

No members of the public were in attendance.

(8)TO DISCUSS THE RECRUITMENT OF A NEW PARISH CLERK

The parish clerk had decided to resign from her position as clerk with effect from 30th September 2020. An advertisement for the position had been placed in the Barnsley Chronicle at a cost of £100 plus VAT and also with Yorkshire Local Councils Association for inclusion in the White Rose Update, at a cost of £15.00. Three enquiries had been received to date.

The Chairman stated that he and Councillor Berry will undertake the interviews.

(9)TO AGREE AND SIGN OFF THE ACCOUNTS FOR 2019/2020

Further to minute 6 of the meeting of 6th July, Councillor Berry stated that there remained a small discrepancy in the bank reconciliation. It was agreed the sum of £16,571.05p be carried over to the financial year 2020/2021.

The clerk reported that David Horsfall, who has undertaken the internal audit for a number of years, has stated that he has decided not to continue. She advised that the council will need to appoint a replacement for the current year's accounts.

(10)TO RECEIVE ANY PLANNING APPLICATIONS SINCE THE LAST MEETING

No further information is to hand regarding the proposed application on the old Fountain Inn site.

Three applications have been submitted but no objections were raised, i.e.

2020/0467	Agricultural building
2020/0670	Car park at Spicer House
2020/0732	Front porch at Summerford

(11)TO RECEIVE ANY APPROVE/DECLINED APPLICATIONS.

No information has been received. It was agreed to leave this item off any future agendas.

(12)TO REPORT ON ANY HIGHWAY MATTER

Councillor Whitbread raised the matter of a car which is being parked on Ings Way , at the rear of the property of No. 7 Wellthorne Lane. This car is being parked on a corner of the road and causes problems if large vehicles have to pass. The clerk agreed to contact the PCSO officer at Penistone and ask if they can look into the matter.

Councillor Edmondson reported that residents have raised concerns about vehicles travelling too fast on Ivy Bank where children are playing. It was resolved to write to Highways on the matter, requesting 'Slow – Children Playing' signage and that consideration be given to designation of the wider Wellthorne Lane area as a 20 mph zone. Councillor Ogden stated that she had seen signs through villages in Lancashire stating 'Community Concern Speed Area'. It was agreed to forward this to Highways and request they adopt such signs.

A parishioner contacted the Chairman asking if spraying can be carried out to eradicate ragwort growing in the verges. Following discussion of the need for this, it was agreed the clerk pass the request to BMBC.

(13) TO RECEIVE ANY INFORMATION FROM NEIGHBOURHOOD SERVICES AND CLEAN AND TIDY GROUP

No information received.

It was reported that the stream on the Sand Beds requires cleaning out. Councillors Ogden and Karle asked whether a volunteer group could again be organised under the Clean and Tidy campaign. Councillor Whitbread said it would be better to get T and D Contractors to clear this with their machine. It was agreed that Councillor Karle contact T & D to meet on site to discuss the matter and ask for a price and she will report back at the next meeting.

Keith Batley sent in an invoice to cover the cost of paint which he had purchased to stain the picnic tables and various benches and seats around the village. Although he is no longer on the parish council, he is still willing to paint furniture and trim grass at its various sites.

(14) TO RECEIVE ANY INFORMATION ON THE CRIME AND SAFETY GROUP

This group has not met for several months – see item 6.

(15) TO RECEIVE INFORMATION ON THE ARMISTICE SERVICE

The clerk asked if a poppy wreath and small crosses would need to be purchased. She suggested they be purchased direct from the Royal British Legion at Aylesford. It was resolved to order these for delivery to the Chairman's address.

(16) TO RECEIVE ANY ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT AND NOTE ANY MONIES RECEIVED.

Since the last meeting, three accounts have been put forward and cheques signed.

581	Yorkshire Purchasing Organisation	Supply of stationery	£28.98
582	J. Methley	Computer repair	£20.00
583	C. Leeming	Underpayment on previous cheque	£4.00

Six accounts were put forward for payment and the necessary cheques drawn and signed.

584	Barnsley Chronicle	Advertisement	£120.00
585	Yorkshire Local Councils Assoc.	Advertisement	£15.00
586	I. Karle	Plants and compost	£75.99
587	St. Johns Church	Hire of room 3 x £30.00 and COVID cleaning fee @ £22.50	£122.50
588	K. Batley	Paint	£11.00
589	British Legion	Wreath and 5 small crosses	£24.50

Monies received:

Nat West.	Interest	£0.01
Charity of Samuel Wordsworth	Donation	£23.00

(17)DATE OF NEXT MEETING

After a discussion it was agreed to have the next meeting in eight weeks, i.e. 5th of October.