

GUNTHWAITE AND INGBIRCHWORTH PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY, 1st MARCH 2021, ONLINE

PRESENT; Councillors Edmondson, Karle, Berry, Ogden, Guest; A. Murphy (Clerk); 1 member of public; S.Weber (Barnsley chronicle)

(1) APOLOGIES

No apologies were received.

(2) DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations of interest made.

(3) TO AGREE AND SIGN THE LAST MINUTES DATED 18th January 2021

Resolved – minutes accepted as true and correct record and signed by the chairman.

(4) TO RECEIVE INFORMATION ON THE FOLLOWING ONGOING ISSUES AND DECIDE FURTHER ACTION WHERE NECESSARY

4.1 Noted – Clerk has registered a Declaration of Compliance (Employers) with the Pensions Regulator.

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

Noted – member of public in attendance asked about creating two petanque terrains on part of the playing field owned by the Council. They said it is a game suitable for all ages, is very sociable and could benefit many in the community. Resolved - Councillors agreed that the member of public should find out the level of interest for this in the community and return with a more detailed proposal for consideration.

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

2021/0040 Side extension including garage, rear extension, re-modelling and reroofing of garage and dormer to rear elevation of house.

(7) TO CONSIDER FOUNTAIN INN SITE

7.1 TO RECEIVE AND CONSIDER RECENT UPDATED PROPOSAL.

Noted – a new application with a revised proposal is expected soon, and comments will need to be sent to planning before the next Council meeting. Councillors have had informal meetings with the developer to review the new proposals and are broadly in favour, but are waiting to see the formal

planning application before commenting officially. The new proposal retains the pub but the newer accommodation block will be demolished. A first floor room in the pub building will be available for dual use – both private hire and for local groups/small community meetings. Councillor Berry was disappointed that the room is not fully accessible to all the community as no lift provision is planned. Resolved – dual use room considered by the Council to be a meeting room rather than a full community room.

7.2 TO CONSIDER PROGRESS ON COMMUNITY VENUE QUESTIONNAIRE.

Noted – Councillor Edmondson confirmed in an email to the developer that the community venue option being explored is separate to the Fountain Inn development. Councillor Guest asked for this to be made clear in the questionnaire via additional information slips. Councillor Berry noted that distributing the questionnaire after the new Fountain Inn planning application has gone through is better timing as residents can respond knowing what is planned on the Fountain Inn site.

Resolved – Clerk to print additional material reiterating that the community venue is separate to the Fountain Inn development, for distribution with the questionnaire.

(8) TO CONSIDER MATTERS FOR REFERRAL TO HIGHWAYS AUTHORITY.

8.1 TO CONSIDER PARISH COUNCIL FUNDING OF ‘CHILDREN PLAYING’ WARNING SIGNS AT IVY BANK, CLLR EDMONDSON TO REPORT.

Noted – Councillor Edmondson stated that the Parish Council can provide warning signs under the Road Traffic Act, but not statutory road signs. He suggested that the Parish Council could pay for one or two ‘Children Playing’ signs if Highways at BMBC will put them up.

Resolved – Clerk to write to Highways BMBC to request cost of them doing this.

8.2 TO CONSIDER SNOW CLEARANCE PROVISION ON SIDE ROADS, CLLR KARLE TO REPORT.

Noted - Councillor Edmondson stated that Parish Council does not have the power to do this work on public highways, plus there could be liability issues, as well as the extra cost. Councillor Karle looked into equipment for purchase but found nothing suitable for the job. Wellthorne Lane is the main problem as many side streets access this but it does not get cleared.

Resolved –Clerk to contact BMBC Highways to find out which roads in Ingbirchworth are scheduled to be gritted/cleared in winter conditions.

Noted – a member of public raised matter of severe potholes on A629 with the Clerk prior to the meeting, they had reported it to BMBC. Concerns have also been raised on the community Facebook group and it seems the potholes are in Kirklees not BMBC according to Borough councillor Kitching.

Resolved – Councillor Ogden to check and report the potholes to Kirklees council on behalf of Parish Council.

(9) TO CONSIDER MATTERS FOR REFERRAL TO NEIGHBOURHOOD SERVICES.

No matters for referral.

(10) TO CONSIDER MATTERS RELATING TO PUBLIC RIGHTS OF WAY AND PUBLIC OPEN SPACES.

10.1 TO CONSIDER THE NEED FOR FOOTPATH SIGNAGE AT SUMMERFORD, CLLR EDMONDSON TO REPORT.

Noted - Councillor Edmondson noted that the path through Summerford is a permissive path, not a dedicated highway, also that the land is Parish Council land not Yorkshire Water land, as there is confusion about this currently. Signage to clarify these points would be useful and two ready-made signs can be bought for around £50.

Resolved – Councillor Edmondson will order two signs.

10.2 TO CONSIDER PROVISION OF ADDITIONAL LITTER BIN FOR HIGH LANE/INGFIELD AREA, CLLR OGDEN TO REPORT.

Noted – Resident has raised littering problem on a footpath adjacent to campsite and livestock fields with Councillor Ogden. There is no bin in that area, the resident would be prepared to move the contents to a suitable collection point if the Parish Council provides the bin.

Resolved – Councillor Karle will ask Mr. Whitbread if he will make a bin if the Parish Council cover cost of materials. Councillor Edmondson will look into the costs of buying bins, as one is needed for the MUGA/recreation ground also.

10.3 TO CONSIDER MEMORIAL TREE PLANTING AT SUMMERFORD.

Noted – a resident has asked Councillor Karle about the possibility of memorial tree planting at Summerford, for example for pets. Councillor Guest pointed out that a policy on how many trees, the type of trees, where they could be planted etc. would be needed to manage this, as is done at other similar sites.

Resolved - Councillor Ogden is expecting Twiggs to provide a management plan for Sandbeds/Summerford next week, need to review this first.

Noted – Councillor Edmondson has agreement from Yorkshire Water that some of their land could be used to create a wildlife/newt pond in the Wildscapes scheme.

Councillor Guest suggested that an interpretation board at Gunthwaite Spa would be a useful addition as these are provided at other sites in the Parish, there is nothing there now.

Resolved – Clerk to contact Wildscapes again about pond enhancement opportunities in the Parish. Councillor Guest to look into signage proposal for Gunthwaite Spa.

(11) TO NOTE RESPONSES TO COMMUNICATIONS IN RESPECT OF VISITOR NUMBERS AND CAR PARKING AT INGBIRCHWORTH RESERVOIR.

Noted - Councillor Berry is still collating data about numbers of cars in and outside holiday peak times and suggested arranging a remote meeting with Yorkshire Water, South Yorkshire Police and Borough Councillor Kitching to discuss findings and press home residents' concerns over this, as it is unlikely to improve once lockdown ends. Councillor Karle has found it difficult to contact the police about poor parking and getting them to take action at the time it occurs.

Resolved – Councillor Berry to arrange meeting with stakeholders in April.

Councillor Guest had circulated a response to her communication to Yummy Yorkshire about littering, they have agreed to put a rubbish bin on the outskirts of their land for customers to use, and to stop advertising the walk - although they pointed out that it is advertised elsewhere.

Resolved – Councillor Guest to contact them to thank them for the new bin, and Councillors will continue to monitor the situation.

(12) TO CONSIDER REQUEST BY THURLSTONE SPORTS CLUB TO HIRE THE PLAYING FIELD FOR SUNDAY LEAGUE FOOTBALL, ONE TEAM ONLY, ALL TRAINING WILL BE DONE ELSEWHERE.

Noted – Councillor Ogden stated that the club are actively raising funds to restore their own pitch, so the use of the Parish playing field is a temporary measure. Councillor Berry reiterated the already discussed concerns of residents over parking in that area so need to consider carefully. Councillor Guest stated that the Council should not let the parking issues stop usage of the playing field, especially for grassroots sport, as it is there to be used.

Resolved – Clerk to contact Club to advise that they can use the playing field for a one month trial period, subject to parking and litter management, and there will be no charge for this.

(13) TO RECEIVE AND CONSIDER CRIME AND SAFETY MATTERS.

Postponed to next meeting.

(14) TO CONSIDER REFURBISHMENT AND USE OF FORMER BT TELEPHONE BOX

Postponed to next meeting.

(15) TO CONSIDER PURCHASE OF A NEW DEFIBRILLATOR BATTERY.

Noted – Parish Council maintains pads and batteries for two units. Batteries have a 4 year life span and cost £250 each.

Resolved - Councillor Edmondson to order a replacement for the Huddersfield Road unit when low battery life is indicated.

(16) TO CONSIDER PURCHASE OF WOOL TO KNIT POPPIES FOR REMEMBRANCE DAY CROSS.

Noted - Councillor Karle proposed this having seen it done elsewhere, and has a pattern for the poppies, estimates cost of wool for volunteer knitters to use at £50.

Resolved – Councillor Karle to purchase wool, and to ask Mr. Whitbread if he could make the cross from wood or wire.

(17) TO CONSIDER FINANCIAL MATTERS

17.1 TO RECEIVE ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT AND NOTE INCOME RECEIVED.

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

Accounts for payment		
629	DA Edmondson 1 Zoom licence (Feb)	£14.39
630	A Murphy Salary (Jan 1st – Mar 31 st)	£423.54
631	A Murphy Insurance reimbursement (business cover at home required for Clerk role)	£111.37
Income received		
29.01	Nat West Bank Interest	£0.01
09.02	Northern Power Wayleave rent payment	£21.91

17.2 TO NOTE THAT TOWN PARISH AUDIT HAVE BEEN APPOINTED AS THE YEAR-END AUDITOR.

Noted – Town Parish Audit have been appointed as the internal Auditor.

17.3 TO NOTE THAT CLERK HAS ADVISED BMBC FINANCIAL SERVICES THAT THE PRECEPT REQUIRED FOR 2021/22 IS THE SAME AS THE CURRENT AMOUNT.

Noted – precept amount to remain unchanged.

17.4 TO NOTE ADDRESS AND PRINCIPAL CONTACT OF BANK ACCOUNT AMENDED TO NEW CLERK DETAILS.

Noted – Clerk is principal contact for Council bank accounts.

(18) TO CONSIDER ‘BUSINESS CONTINUITY’ – TO ENSURE ACCESS TO THE COUNCILS PROPERTY (FILING CABINET, COMPUTER, PRINTER) KEPT BY THE CLERK.

Resolved – Councillor Edmondson will keep a spare key for the filing cabinet, and password for the parish council laptop, in a sealed envelope to be opened in the event that Clerk is indisposed for an extended period.

(19) TO NOTE CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED.

19.1 YLCA White Rose Update January

(20) TO CONFIRM NEXT MEETING DATE AS APRIL 12TH

Noted – next meeting date is April 12th