

GUNTHWAITE AND INGBIRCHWORTH PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY, 5th JULY 2021, 7.30 PM, DENBY VILLAGE HALL

PRESENT; Councillors Edmondson, Karle, Berry, Ogden, Guest; A. Murphy (Clerk); 2 members of the public; S. Weber (Barnsley chronicle)

(1) TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES AND APPROVE REASONS FOR ABSENCE

No apologies were received.

(2) TO RECEIVE DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST IN ITEMS ON THE AGENDA

Noted – Chairman submitted the planning application for petanque terrains (2021/0626) on behalf of the new petanque club.

(3) TO CONFIRM AND SIGN THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 24TH MAY 2021

Resolved – minutes confirmed and signed as accurate.

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

4.1 TO NOTE THE COUNCIL MEETING IN AUGUST WILL BE HELD IN DENBY VILLAGE HALL, ST. JOHNS CHURCH BUT FOR SUBSEQUENT MEETINGS THE VENUE IS TO BE CONFIRMED

Resolved – Clerk to request Village Hall for September meeting.

(5) TO ADJOURN THE BUSINESS OF THE MEETING IN ORDER TO RECEIVE COMMENT AND QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

Noted – MoP will comment when relevant items discussed.

(6) TO CONSIDER AND NOTE THE NEW LGA MODEL COUNCILLOR CODE OF CONDUCT (2020).

Resolved – Council agreed to adopt new code of conduct.

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

2021/0626 Works to create playing surface for petanque (French boules)

2021/0611 Erection of front porch extension to dwelling

2021/0819 Ground floor infill extension to form wc, Fountain Inn

Noted – no comments by Council.

(8) TO NOTE PROGRESS ON THE FOUNTAIN INN REOPENING.

Noted - developers are keeping the community informed of progress.

(9) TO RECEIVE AND NOTE OUTCOME OF MEETING HELD WITH YORKSHIRE WATER, SOUTH YORKSHIRE POLICE AND BARNESLEY COUNCIL REGARDING PARKING ISSUES AT INGBIRCHWORTH RESERVOIR AND WELLTHORNE LANE.

Noted – Councillor Karle noted the positive response by all stakeholders at the meeting, Councillor Berry noted that due to complexities of land ownership in the area a parking solution will be a multi-year process. MoP present had strong reservations about siting a car park on land near the pumping station and the nearby houses, Councillor Berry confirmed that a parking solution away from the Ingbirchworth village ‘pinch-point’ is needed. A previous car park in the village was closed due to anti-social behaviour.

Yorkshire Water committed to deliver a high-level informal feasibility report by July 23rd.

(10) TO RECEIVE AN UPDATE ABOUT THE COMMUNITY VENUE QUESTIONNAIRE

Resolved – distribution/collection is planned to start after July 19th when Covid restrictions are due to be removed.

(11) TO RECEIVE AN UPDATE ABOUT THE PETANQUE TERRAIN PROVISION

Noted – Councillor Karle said that a York based company had quoted £13,755 for four terrains and £4,137 for required footpath levelling. The club now has a Chairman, Secretary, bank account and is waiting for the planning decision. BMBC has staff who can help with funding requests if the planning application is approved, Councillor Karle to liaise.

(12) TO RECEIVE AN UPDATE ABOUT THE COMMUNITY FUN DAY

Noted – Councillor Ogden confirmed that the event is still on course for September 5th. Clerk confirmed that the Council’s own insurance will not cover the event, so separate insurance will be arranged nearer the date.

(13) TO RECEIVE AN UPDATE ABOUT REMOVAL OF FLY-TIPPED MATERIAL WITH COMMUNITY ASSISTANCE

Noted – Councillor Edmondson discussed it with the landowner but they are unsure what the waste contains.

Resolved – Councillor Guest will get some pictures to see if this helps identify what is in the waste.

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

Noted – Councillor Edmondson requested that the minutes record the thanks expressed by the Parish Council to Mr. Batley and Mr. Whitbread for all the work they do for the community maintaining the outdoor areas.

Noted – Grass and wildflowers has been left to grow at Summerford to see what paths naturally form, but a MoP has raised with Councillor Ogden that the lack of a mown path was creating difficulty with social distancing. Councillor Edmondson and Mr. Batley strimmed a pedestrian route round the edge of Summerford, Councillor Edmondson will ask T&D Contractors to maintain a 2m track. Councillors Karle, Guest and Berry suggested a smaller area to be left for wildlife as it is a popular amenity use area.

Resolved – Councillor Guest to arrange meeting of all Councillors to agree mowing regime at Summerford.

Noted – Councillor Ogden observed a lot of vegetation in Sandbeds, cannot be easily removed by hand, T&D Contractors have cleared this previously.

Resolved – Council to discuss management of both sites with T&D Contractors.

14.1 TO NOTE PROGRESS FOR ADDITIONAL LITTER BIN FOR HIGH LANE/INGFIELD AREA

Resolved – Councillor Edmondson will get costs for two new bins, one here and one to replace existing one at the MUGA.

14.2 TO NOTE PROGRESS OF MANAGEMENT PLAN AND COSTS FROM TWIGGS

Noted – Councillor Edmondson circulated the plan and costs to other Councillors, has sent a holding reply to Twiggs.

Resolved – Councillor Edmondson will follow up with Twiggs.

14.3 TO NOTE PROGRESS ON PROPOSAL FOR A GREAT-CRESTED NEWT POND AT ANNAT ROYD NATURE RESERVE AND NOTE FOR SUBSEQUENT CONSIDERATION SPLIT LAND OWNERSHIP AT THE RESERVE.

Noted – Councillor Edmondson monitoring water levels this year. Existing pond is a remnant of a larger ‘blue lagoon’ pond filled in by Yorkshire Water in 2000 over safety concerns, confirmed by MoP who tenants the land. No signage to show boundary between Parish Council land and tenanted Yorkshire Water land. MoP said some of it unsuitable for farm use so may be better kept as a wildlife site, will discuss with Yorkshire Water.

Resolved – all Councillors to visit site with tenant to view and note the site boundary, and consider if any signage required e.g. for existing pond.

14.4 TO CONSIDER FRUIT TREE PLANTING AROUND THE RECREATION GROUND.

Noted – Councillor Edmondson looked into the tree planting scheme for the platinum jubilee in 2022, ‘wild nature’ packs include elder and crab-apple, although other packs are available with different species mixes. Councillor Guest suggested buying edible fruit trees to have a community orchard planted for the jubilee year.

Resolved – Council to consider other free packs in the offer, Councillor Karle to look for suitable edible varieties.

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

Noted - Councillor Ogden noted that the damaged fence and telegraph pole caused by recent road incident have not been repaired/removed.

Resolved – Clerk to write to Highways to find out when this will be repaired.

(16) TO CONSIDER MATTERS FOR REFERRAL TO NEIGHBOURHOOD SERVICES

Nothing for referral.

(17) TO RECEIVE AND CONSIDER CRIME AND SAFETY MATTERS

Noted – Councillor Berry has been checking the social media site but has not yet found anything relevant to the Parish. MoP stated that wildlife crime is not published on the police social media channels yet it is a common problem in parts of the parish.

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

Noted – proving difficult to find someone to undertake the paint removal as this requires sandblasting.

19. TO NOTE THAT ALL ACCOUNTING AND GOVERNANCE STATEMENTS HAVE BEEN PUBLISHED ON BMBCS WEBSITE AND THE PUBLIC INSPECTION PERIOD IS STILL OPEN.

Noted – Clerk had received no enquiries at time of meeting. Inspection period closes on July 19th.

(20) FINANCIAL MATTERS

20.1 TO RECEIVE ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT AND NOTE INCOME RECEIVED

Accounts for payment

05.07	#644	Clerk	Salary (Apr-Jun)	£423.54
05.07	#645	I.Karle	Soil/Compost	£14.40
05.07	#646	I.Karle	Plants	£37.86
05.07	#647	Zurich Insurers	Insurance 2021-22	£474.39
			Income received	
14.05	HMRC		VAT refund 2020-21	£109.19
28.05	Nat West Bank		Interest	£0.01

20.2 TO NOTE BANK RECONCILIATION REPORT TO JUNE 4TH

Noted – Clerk presented the bank reconciliation to June 4th showing that two unrepresented cheques represented the difference between the accounts (cash book) and the bank statements.

The earmarked reserves of £8000 for facilitating a community venue will be held in the council's reserve account; as the reserve account already has £1,372 in it this will require a balancing amount to be moved from the council's current account.

20.3 TO APPROVE PURCHASE OF PAINT FOR PARISH COUNCIL STREET FURNITURE.

Resolved – paint can be purchased.

(21) TO NOTE CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED

21.1 YLCA CIRCULAR ABOUT LIGHTING OF QUEENS PLATINUM JUBILEE BEACONS IN 2022.

Resolved – Clerk will circulate this to all councillors.

21.2 YLCA SOUTH YORKSHIRE ANNUAL BRANCH MEETING JUNE

21.3 YLCA WHITE ROSE UPDATES/LAW AND GOVERNANCE BULLETINS (MAY/JUNE)

21.4 BARNSELY COUNCIL DAILY NEWS DIGEST.

30. TO CONFIRM NEXT MEETING DATE AS MONDAY AUGUST 16TH 2021.

Noted – next meeting date is Monday 16th AUGUST 2021.