

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE GUNTHWAITE AND INGBIRCHWORTH PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY, 12TH NOVEMBER 2007 IN THE METHODIST CHAPEL

PRESENT: Councillors Coupe, Hallos, Whitbread, Batley, Edmondson and J. Methley, Clerk

(1) APOLOGIES AND DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST - None were received.

(2) SOUTH YORKSHIRE POLICE - A letter has been received dated 1st October regarding the problem of speeding on the A629, Huddersfield Road, Ingbirchworth. They have explained what the criteria is that covers this road, and that it would be of no benefit to reduce the speed limit to 30 mph. The sign cannot be moved further towards Penistone as it would serve no useful purpose.

The following matter was raised and the Clerk is to write and ask if attention can be given to it. Cars are being parking fully on the pavement from just above the new development up Huddersfield Road. A resident in this vicinity is unable to drive his disabled scooter to his premises because he cannot get through the gap left by the cars.

(3) MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

The minutes, having been circulated, were agreed and signed as a correct record.

(4) MATTERS ARISING

(a) Football Field - Councillor Coupe has been given a file by David Jones, of the Football Club, regarding grants which could be obtained for work on the football field. Councillor Edmondson agreed to take the file to read.

(b) Highway Matters — The following responses have been received.

(i) New Row Lane — Following the letter and photographs sent a relevant area inspector has been asked to attend the site and assess what works need to be carried out.

(ii) Horn Lane — A letter has been received stating the work on Horn Lane will be carried out in the middle of October. They also state that the Engineering Services Section are also to undertake remedial works to the defective carriageway in Annat Royd Lane this year.

(iii) High Lane/New Row Lane This matter has been passed to the Councils Engineering Services requesting that the matter of the sand trap be investigated and appropriate action taken. The following matters were raised and the Clerk is to write to Highways and ask for their assistance.

A directional sign is missing at the junction of Spicer House Lane/Horn Lane. Could this be replaced.

A resident of Wellthorne Avenue has previously reported to Highways, as early as May , that the sign at the top of Wellthorne Avenue is missing and needs to be replaced.

The footpath that runs into the new development on Huddersfield Road has not been completed. Is this the responsibility of Highways or the developer.

(c) Sand Beds— A letter has been received from Dransfield Hodgkinson and Lofthouse, which states that the land registry have now registered the land in favour of the Parish Council with only a possessory title. This can be upgraded in due course provided there is no adverse claim. Mr. Lofthouse will now proceed with the voluntary registration of the other lands in the ownership of the Parish Council.

The Parish Council have been successful in obtaining a grant in the sum of 1500 for work on the bridge and picnic tables at the Sand Beds. It was agreed to write to H & B Fabrications Ltd., John Street, Walkley Lane, Heckmondwike WF16 ONA and order the bridge, at a price of £900 plus the cost of galvanising and extra wood. The cost of galvanising has to be done on weight so a price will not be known until the bridge is finished.

It was agreed to purchase picnic tables in the spring, when the weather is better. It was also agreed that Parish Councillors and local volunteers will now begin preparatory work to the stream bed and bank ready for when the bridge is delivered. Councillor Coupe thanked all Parish Councillors for the work they have done on this project.

(d) Neighbourhood Pride— A letter has been received dated 26th October which states that a request for the spraying of the weeds and nettles on New Row Lane and Mill Lane have been passed to Highways Department for their consideration.

On the subject of litter on Wellthorne Lane BMBC state that there is a possibility that they could provide a litter bin and site it alongside the dog bin, or collect full bags of litter from volunteers, or both. After discussion it was agreed to write back and ask for the bin, if one is available, to be sited in ..the layby. It is felt that people will not walk up to where the dog bin is but drop their litter in the layby.

In connection with the problem of litter it was agreed that it may be possible to organise a litter pick and to this end it was agreed to ask Neighbourhood Pride if they could supply black bags and gloves. In view of the nature of the things which may require to be picked up it was agreed to obtain a quantity of litter grabs. Councillor Coupe agreed to obtain these and submit an invoice at the next meeting.

It was reported that some black bags have been dumped at the junction with Reservoir Bank/Horn Lane. Fly tipping has occurred on Gypsy Lane again and some grass clippings are being dumped on the grass verge at Falledge Lane. , presumably by someone living across the road . It was agreed to ask if this rubbish could be collected.

(e) Gunthwaite Spa— Councillor Coupe reported that some cleaning out requires to be done at Gunthwaite Spa. After discussion it was agreed that the Parish Councillors get together to do the work and then perhaps next year do some restoration work at the site.

(f) Production of a Newsletter— Councillor Edmondson has produced a newsletter which outlines who the Parish Councillors are and what the Council tries to do. It was agreed to deliver a copy to each property, with a tear off slip for any responses. Mr. and Mrs. Holmes agreed that these can be left at the shop and they have kindly agreed to run the copies off. The Clerk is to take a pack of paper to them.

(g) Christmas Tree — The Clerk has ordered a Christmas tree from Tom Horsfield at a price of £100, plus VAT and delivery. It was agreed to ask for this to be delivered on the 24th November. The switch on is to be on the 1st December at 5.00 p.m. Councillor Whitbread has obtained, as agreed, a timer switch for the lights.

(h) Summer Ford — Dog Mess — It was reported to the meeting that a large van is coming up Wellthorne Lane with a large amount of dogs in. These are then walked into Summer Ford and onto the reservoir. In view of the problem with dog fouling it was agreed to try and obtain the name from the van and registration number and this could then be passed on to the Resource Department for action. Councillor Batley stated that the paint from the dog foul sign has faded and he agreed to do the work if paint can be obtained. It was agreed that he purchase the necessary paint.

(5) PLANNING APPLICATIONS

No plans have been received since last meeting. Notification has been received from Planning that Application No. 2007/1486, Erection of a 2 storey extension to dwelling at Green Gate Farm, Horn Lane, has been refused.

(6) CORRESPONDENCE

The following information was received and noted:

SYLTE — Details on National concession scheme.

Area Forum minutes and agenda

Persona Ass. — News on Mottram By pass

Parish and Town Councils Charter amendments

Parish Councils Website

Borough/Parish Councils Liaison meeting information

Dunford Parish Council — re windfarms.

(7) YORKSHIRE PARISH COUNCILS ASS.

Copies of minutes of meetings.

(8) PARISH PATHS — A telephone call has been received from Trevor Mayne regarding the sign for Path 3. At the moment this is a low priority.

(9) ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT One account for payment was put forward and the necessary cheque drawn and signed. 57 Mr. A. Whitbread Timer plug £6.46

(10) DATE OF NEXT MEETING — The date of the next meeting is Monday, 17th December 2007 at 7.15 p.m. at the Methodist Chapel.

Chairman _____

Date _____