

**MINUTES OF THE GUNTHWAITE AND INGBIRCHWORTH PARISH
COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON MONDAY, 17TH DECEMBER 2007 IN
THE METHODIST CHAPEL**

PRESENT: Councillors Coupe, Hallos, Whitbread, Batley, Edmondson, J. Methley (Clerk) and one member of the public

(1) APOLOGIES - None received

(2) DECLARATION OF INTEREST - Councillor Coupe declared an interest under Planning - Application No. 2007/1738

(3) SOUTH YORKSHIRE POLICE - The Clerk received a telephone call from P.C. Andy Thompson regarding the blocking of access for a disabled scooter. He confirmed that the relevant people have been spoken to and told to leave sufficient space. He will monitor the situation. At the same time he enquired if anyone from the Parish Council would be interested in attending a meeting to try and organise a Crime and Safety Sub Committee for Penistone East. As Gunthwaite comes under this area three Parish Councillors attended, and Councillor Batley agreed to be the vice chairman of the group. A meeting is to be held on the 15th January 2008 and if any points arise they should be communicated to Councillor Batley.

(4) MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING - The previous minutes, having been circulated, were agreed and signed as a correct record

(5) MATTERS ARISING

(a) Football Field - Councillor Edmondson reported he has studied the papers given to him by David Jones and it would appear that a grant of perhaps 65% of the money may be obtained from the Football Foundation, therefore there will be a shortfall of 35% which will have to come from other sources. It was agreed to check with the Chairman of Silkstone Parish Council and ask if they can give any assistance as to where grants may be obtained from. It was agreed once this information is to hand to try and arrange a meeting with Parish Councillors and members of the Football Club.

(b) Highways Matters - A letter has been received from Highways stating that both the directional sign at Spicer House Lane and the street name plate for Wellthorne Avenue have been included in the programme and the repairs will be ordered as soon as resources allow. They also confirm that the footway at the entrance of the new development will be completed by the developer. An acknowledgement card has been received in connection with Horn Lane.

The following items were raised by members of the public and the Clerk is to write to Highways.

Another accident has occurred on Huddersfield Road and the wooden fence has again been smashed. It was agreed to write to Highways and ask for this to be repaired and also if it would be possible to fix some reflectors on the fence to highlight the bend.

The wall which is on the edge of the wide grass verge near the name stone is down in several places and some rough wire fencing has been constructed to fill the gaps. Could Highways confirm whether this wall is the responsibility of Highways or the landowner.

Since the work on Reservoir Bank Road was done some large holes have been left, instead of it being flat. These are still full of water from the rain last week and now the icy weather is here this surface is now dangerous to motorists, Could attention please be given to this.

(c) Sand Beds - An account has been received from Dransfield, Hodgkinson and Lofthouse for work done in registering the Sand Beds, in the sum of £757.63p. This also covers the costs involved in registering Annat Royd Quarry, Summer Ford and Brownsedge Road,

(d) Neighbourhood Pride - A letter has been received dated 5th December. The fly tipping has now been removed and the team are currently working on removing leaves and tree pruning. Tree pruning is being done by the name stone and Falledge Lane junction which should enable the grass cutting issues mentioned to be dealt with. If it can be ascertained who is tipping the garden waste they can take action against them.

With regard to the problem of litter Neighbourhood Pride have positioned a litter bin in the lay-by opposite the Fountain Inn. If a litter pick is arranged then equipment can be supplied. It was agreed to ask for suitable locations within the village where black bags can be left for collection.

It was agreed to write and ask if the bus shelter can be swept out as there is a large collection of leaves and litter in it.

(e) Gunthwaite Spa - Councillor Coupe reported that all Parish Councillors visited Gunthwaite Spa and did a considerable amount of work to tidy the area.

(f) Production of Newsletter - Thanks were expressed to Councillor Edmonson for all the work he has done in producing the newsletter. It appears that a very good feed back has been received from members of the public and it was agreed it may be possible to produce two each year. It was agreed to send a letter of thanks to Mr. and Mrs. Holmes for running off the copies.

(g) Christmas Tree - Councillor Coupe thanked everyone who was involved with the Christmas tree and its erection and setting up. Approx. 60 people turned

up for the switch on. Councillor Whitbread asked if it would be possible to provide another set of lights for the tree. This was agreed by all Councillors and he is to obtain prices.

(h) Summer Ford - Dog Mess - The van in question has not been seen on Summer Ford since the last meeting but it was agreed to keep an eye out for it and obtain the registration number if possible.

(6) PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Two plans have been received since last meeting.

Councillor Coupe had declared an interest in this application and left the room at this time.

Application No, 2007/1738 - Erection of extension at 4 Ings Way, Ingbirchworth. After discussion there were no objections raised subject to any extension being in strict accordance with criteria laid down in Supplementary Planning Guidance 4, particularly in relation to size and overshadowing. Attention is drawn to drainage problems experienced in the area from surface run off.

Councillor Coupe returned to the meeting.

Application No, 2007/1898 - Quarrying Grenoside (resubmission) Land at Spicer House Lane, Near junction with Annat Royd Lane. Due to this application being received only four days before the dead line Councillor Coupe is to ring and ask for an extension until this can be fully discussed.

(7) CORRESPONDENCE

A letter has been received from Dunford Parish Council regarding the problems of windfarms in the area, and the proposal to hold a meeting in January with other concerned Parish Councils. It was agreed to reply asking for details and expressing an interest to be involved.

Various circulars were received and noted.

(8) YORKSHIRE LOCAL COUNCILS ASS.

Information has now been received that the National Joint Council (NTC) for Local Government Services has reached agreement on rates of pay applicable from 1st April 2007. In view of the fact that the Clerk has not had a pay rise since 2004 it was agreed that this be put on the agenda for the next meeting.

(9) PARISH PATHS - The missing footpath sign has now been replaced.

(10) ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

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

58	Dransfield Hodgkinson and Lofthouse	Registering of land	£757.63
59	J. Methley	Carbon paper	£2.59
60	Horsfield	Christmas tree	£114.00
61	Y.P.O.	Stationery	£12.51
62	J. Methley	Clerks salary (Oct .Nov .Dec)	£286.61
63	J. Methley	Postage etc. (Oct .Nov .Dec)	£14.59
64	C. Coupe	Chairman's Allowance (Oct. Nov. Dec.)	£13.00
65	C. Coupe	Litter picks	£23.96

(11) NEXT MEETING

The next meeting is to be held on Monday, 28th January 2008 in the Methodist Chapel at 7.15 p.m.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.50 p.m.

Chairman _____

Date _____