

**MINUTES OF THE GUNTHWAITE AND INGBIRCHWORTH PARISH
COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON MONDAY, 28TH JANUARY 2008 IN
THE METHODIST CHAPEL**

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

(1) APOLOGIES AND DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST - None received

(2) SOUTH YORKSHIRE POLICE - No information has been received. Councillor Batley gave an update on the meeting he recently held of the Crime and Safety Sub Group.

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

(4) MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

(a) Football Field - Councillor Coupe reported that he has spoken to David Jones who stated that he has received information from the Football Association that they have money available for grants. He also stated that he has spoken to Councillor Liddell of Silkstone and asked if he could supply information on how they obtained their grants. He is to forward some information to Councillor Coupe. It was agreed that a meeting should be held with Parish Councillors and members of the football club to discuss applying for grants as soon as possible. It was also agreed to write to Yorkshire Parish Councils Ass, and ask if they have any information on where grants can be applied from.

(b) Highway Matters - No information has been received following letter dated 17th January 2008 on the condition of the A629, Huddersfield Road. Clerk to write again.

Councillor Hallos reported that there are some large pot holes on New Row Lane, Mill Lane, Annat Royd Lane and Horn Lane. Water is standing in places on these roads because drains and gullies are blocked. It was agreed to ask if there is any date when work will start on Huddersfield Road. The patching work done two weeks ago is as bad as ever and the debris has been thrown onto the pavements due to vehicles throwing it up. It was agreed to ask if the pavements can be swept.

It was also agreed to ask if any progress has been made on Horn Lane following letter dated 29th November when photographs were sent to highlight the problem. No information has been received following letter dated 19th December on the subject of the broken wooden fence on Huddersfield Road, and also the matter of the broken down wall which is near the large grass verge.

(c) Neighbourhood Pride - Councillor Hallos stated that he has swept and cleared the leaves from the bus shelter. Thanks were extended to him. The Clerk has received a telephone call from Elaine Down who confirmed that any litter collected can be left in tied bags, at the lay-by opposite the Fountain Inn, and they will be collected when the bin is emptied. She is to look into a suitable place for bags to be left at the bottom end of the village.

(d) Summer Ford - Dog Mess - Due to the bad weather this vehicle has not been seen.

(e) Sand Beds - Councillor Batley reported that the bridge for the Sand Beds is almost complete and should be delivered on Friday or Saturday. In view of the impending bad weather forecast it was agreed to contact the builder and ask if he can hold the bridge for a further week. Councillor Edmondson suggested that when everything is in place the Parish Council could perhaps have some kind of opening ceremony. This to be discussed at the next meeting.

(5) PLANNING APPLICATIONS

A letter has been received from Ian Turner which states that a presentation on Planning Issues is to be held on Thursday, 10th April at 4.30 to 6.30 in the Council Chamber, Town Hall. Councillors Coupe and Edmondson agreed to attend.

A letter has been received from Dunford Parish Council regarding their concerns at the number of wind farms proposed for the area. Councillor Coupe attended the meeting and briefly outlined what was said.

Three applications were received since last meeting, i.e.

Application No. 2007/2138 - Formation of car park, adjacent Whams model aircraft flying field, Browns Edge Road. No objections were raised to the plan, but it is felt that where the members have parked their vehicles the grass verges should be reinstated, perhaps using some of the materials and top soil to be removed from the car park.

Application No. 2007/2153 - Erection of single storey detached dwelling for use as a holiday home, Mill Farm. There were no objections to this and the Parish Council actually support it.

Application No. 2008/0092 - Erection of a two storey side extension to dwelling, 4 Wellthorne Avenue. There were no objections to the application but concern was raised regarding the number of car parking spaces which will be available at the property. Parking in Wellthorne Avenue is particularly bad without more vehicles adding to the problem.

(6) CORRESPONDENCE

A number of letters and circulars were received and noted.

(7) YORKSHIRE LOCAL COUNCILS ASSOCIATION

A copy of Clerks and Councils Direct was received.

(8) PRECEPT

A letter has been received from B.M.B.C. to ask what the financial requirement of the Parish Council will be to cover 2008/2009. After a lengthy discussion it was agreed to precept for £3,500.

(9) PARISH PATHS - Nothing to report.

(10) ACCOUNT FOR PAYMENT - None to report.

(11) DATE OF NEXT MEETING - The next meeting is to be held on Monday, 10th March at 7.15 p.m. in the Methodist Chapel.

(12) NATIONAL SALARY AWARD FOR LOCAL COUNCIL CLERKS

It was resolved to exclude all members of the public and the Clerk at this time in order that an annual increase in the Clerk's salary could be discussed.

After discussion the Clerk was recalled into the meeting and advised that the proposed salary increase as advised by the Society of Local Council Clerks had been agreed upon.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.20 p.m.

Chairman _____

Date _____