

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE GUNTHWAITE AND
INGBIRCHWORTH PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY,
14TH JULY 2008**

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

- (1) **APOLOGIES** - None received.
- (2) **DECLARATION OF INTEREST** - None declared
- (3) **SOUTH YORKSHIRE POLICE** - No information received. Councillor Batley has a meeting on Wednesday to try and get a meeting organised for the cold calling scheme. The chapel can be used for this meeting, and the next step will be to try and inform the residents so that they all turn up.

Councillor Whitbread stated that some thefts from cars have taken place on Wellthorne Lane.

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

(5) **MATTERS ARISING -**

- (a) **Football Field** - Nothing has yet been heard following the submission of the application for grant. It was agreed that the Parish Councillors have a short meeting on Tuesday, 15th July in case the application goes to the net stage and needs some tweaking.
- (b) **Highway Matters** - No information has been received from Highways. It was agreed to write to Highways regarding the state of the carriageway from Mr. Clynch's home to just above the old Rose and Crown site. The tarmac has been badly damaged following an accident on Monday, 7th July when a spillage of some hazardous material was spilt on the road. District Councillor Millner advised the Clerk to write to highways and ask for this stretch of road to be resurfaced to a safe standard.
- (c) **Neighbourhood Pride** - A letter has been received stating that the trailer on Gypsy Lane has been removed, presumably by the owner. However there is some fly tipping in the vicinity and they are arranging to have it removed. Councillor Hallos reported that a car has been burnt out at this location and the clerk is to write and report this.

It was reported that the grass verge at the junction of Falledge Lane / Huddersfield Road is not being cut properly. Councillor Hallos previously met with Elaine Down to discuss this matter and she agreed to have the grass cut up to the fence. The Parish Councillors worked together to clear stones etc. so that the machine operator could cut up to the fence, but this is not being done, and someone is dumping grass clippings on the area.

- (d) **Claim for Insurance to cover stolen picnic table** - The completed claim form returned to Allianz Insurance on the 18th June but no information has yet been received. Clerk is to contact them again. It was agreed that should this claim be successful another picnic table, of the same design, will be purchased.
- (e) **Scour Test, Ingbirchworth Res** - Although the Clerk made two telephone calls, and wrote to the department concerned, no response was forthcoming. As this test is to take place on Tuesday 15th July, members of the Parish Council are to go to the Sand Beds to see what effect this test will have on the area. They are to take photographs before 9.00 a.m. and then at intervals during the test.
- (f) **Purchase of petrol strimmer** - Councillors Coupe and Batley have made enquiries into the cost of a petrol strimmer. The prices range from £169 to £175. It was agreed that the best sort would have a blade and it was also agreed that gloves and goggles would need to be provided. Depending on the cost it was agreed that a cheque be signed out of meeting so that this can be purchased as soon as possible.

(6) PLANNING APPLICATIONS

No applications have been received since last meeting. District Councillor Millner spoke about the problem of proposed wind farms which are expected to be erected in the area. Some of these turbines could be in excess of 100 metres in height. The turbines at Royd Moor are beginning to come to the end of their useful life and this site could be demolished in the future and replaced by these much taller turbines. The Parish Council have submitted their comments on the proposed 'Spicer House site. It was reported that it is hoped to begin demolition work at the Concrete Works shortly. Councillor Coupe is to enquire if demolition means that work has commenced and the S.106 money will be lodged with B.M.B.C.

(7) YORKSHIRE LOCAL COUNCILS ASS.

Various documents concerning minutes and Annual report and accounts were received and noted.

(8) CORRESPONDENCE

A letter has been received from the Electoral Services Office updating the Parish Council records and casual vacancy procedures.

Letter received from CE Electric UK on the subject of building links within our community. This was noted.

A letter of thanks has been received from Hunshelf Parish Council for the cheque recently sent.

Letter received from Ian Turner regarding certain items raised at the Borough/Parish Council Liaison meeting.

(9) PARISH PATHS

A letter has been received from BMBC regarding Gunthwaite Lane, path No. 3/6. They state that Trevor Mayne's role is changing and whilst he still currently has a role which is involved in maintaining public rights of way this will stop shortly. Sarah Ford in PROW will be responsible for correspondence. The team is moving to highways and Engineering, telephone 01226 772142. Our letters dated 18th June and 12th March have been forwarded to Sarah Ford and she should respond directly.

(10) PAYMENTS

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

91	C. Coupe	Chairman's Allowance (April , May and June)	£13.00
92	J. Methley	Postage, telephone etc. (April, May and June)	£20.45
93	J. Methley	Typewriter ribbons	£9.33
94	J. Methley	Salary (April, May and June)	£311.12
95	Y.P.O.	Stationery	£15.31

(11) DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held on Monday, 1st September in the Methodist Chapel at 7.15 p.m.

(12) NEWSLETTER

Councillor Edmondson has produced the second newsletter for approval by the Council. This has been well presented. It was agreed to ask Marlene and Arthur Holmes if they will run this off. The Council will provide a pack of paper and an ink Cartridge. There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.15 p.m.

Chairman _____

Date _____