

Little Houghton Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held at 7 pm on Monday, December 2nd, 2019 at the Sandhill Golf Club.

Present:

Mr Vince Keating
Mrs Diana Young
Mr Gary Oldfield
Mrs Lisa Oldfield
Mr Kevin Osborne

In Attendance:

Mrs Doreen Bemelman Local resident
Mr Allen Watson Local resident

Ms Caroline Donovan Clerk to the Council

1. **Questions from Parishioners**

A local resident asked what are the Parish Councillors plans to alleviate problems in the Village with regard to floods. He had not received a response from Barnsley MBC in relation to his request for a road sweeper, and the silt and leaves from the fields regularly block the drains between the village stone and the bench. The footpath is in a disgraceful state and needs sweeping. The drain near the turning circle also gets blocked on a regular basis. Additionally the drain opposite the Golf Club spews water out like a fountain when there is heavy rainfall and is clearly not working properly. A discussion followed and it was agreed that the Clerk would report the residents' concerns through to Barnsley MBC.

2. **Apologies for Absence**

Apologies for absence were received from Mrs Valerie Wistow

3. **Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on December 2nd, 2019**

The minutes of the meeting held on December 2nd, 2019 were agreed as a correct record.

4. **Matters arising**

Councillor Osborne updated the meeting that the planning application for a residential development of 8 no. dwellings at the land off Lesmond Crescent and Rotherham Road, Middlecliff, Barnsley, S72 0EZ had been withdrawn, but it may be resubmitted at a later date with suggested changes.

5. **Correspondence**

The Police and Crime Panel Annual Report was circulated for the Councillors information.

BMBC annual inspections of the Little Houghton play area and multi use games area were discussed and noted.

The National Association of Local Councils report on `Strengthening Police Powers to tackle unauthorised encampments` was noted.

6. Finance

6.1 Bank Reconciliation 31st October 2019.

The Parish Councillors noted the Bank Reconciliation is represented, to date, as follows:

Investment Account	£2,900.00
Current Account	£4,931.52
Total	£7,831.52

6.2 With cheques still to be paid out as follows:

Grounds maintenance 2nd instalment	£822.84
Mr Laughton	£60.00
Clerk Qu 3	£180.00
HMRC	£45.00
Total	£1,107.84

7. Any Other Business

The Clerk circulated a draft of an information sign to go on the play area and the multi use games area. The Parish Councillors agreed the design and asked the Clerk to progress the signs being made.

It was agreed that the Clerk would progress the Parish Council Web Site on behalf of the Councillors.

It was agreed that the Clerk would send a thank you card from the Parish Councillors to Mrs Jane Bashforth, at the village shop on Middlecliff Lane, to thank her for being a `Community Hero`, and for all the help and support she gives in the village

Thanks were also given to the Plevna and Parva group for organising the Christmas lights in the village.

It was noted that the litter at the turning circle was really bad.

It was noted that a small touring caravan had appeared on some grazing land in the village. One of the Councillor has reported this through to the Planning Department as the development of grazing land is unlawful.

The Parish Councillors noted that Barnsley MBC has miscalculated the amount of fly tipping in the Borough which had actually increased year on year by 20%.

8 Date and time of next meeting

It was agreed that the date of the next meeting would be scheduled to take place on Monday, January 13th 2020, at 7 pm, at the Sandhill Golf Club.

To:

Mr V Keating
Mrs D Young
Mr G Oldfield
Mrs L Oldfield
Mrs V Wistow
Mr K Osborne

c.c.

Councillor Trevor Smith, Pauline Markham, Caroline Saunders
Peter Clark, Barnsley MBC, Governor Services