

Little Houghton Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held at 7 pm on Monday, January 7th 2019, at the Sandhill Golf Club.

Present:

Mrs Diana Young
Mr Gary Oldfield
Mrs Lisa Oldfield
Mrs Valerie Wistow
Mr Kevin Osborne

In Attendance:

Allen Watson Parishioner
Ms Caroline Donovan Clerk to the Council

1. Questions from Parishioners

A resident highlighted that some of the gullies were still not cleared.

2. Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Colin Ward

3. Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on November 19th 2018

The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on November 19th 2018 were agreed as a correct record, with the amendment that Mr Luke Watson be recorded as a Barnsley Chronicle reporter. It was agreed that the minutes would be altered accordingly, and a correct copy sent to Parish Councillor Valerie Wistow to put in the Notice Board.

4. Matters arising

There were no matters arising not included in the agenda

5. Correspondence

The following correspondence was noted:

- BMBC Litter Bin charges
- Councillor Coates Feedback regarding gulley emptying, the road sweeper and Christmas Trees.
- Tanya Dickinson Contact details for accessing the Parish Notice Board

6. Finance

- 6.1 Bank Reconciliation
Please see attached sheet

6.2 The following requests for payment were approved.

- Playground inspections at Middlecliff Park play area @ £406.00 - via e mail
- Playground inspections at the multi use games area @ £406.00 – via email
- Service payment for Health and Safety and maintenance checks at Middlecliff Park made payable to Mr Geoff Laughton @ £280.00 – via e mail
- Grounds maintenance second instalment @ £796.56
- Clerk Quarter 3 @ £180.00
- HMRC @ £45.00

6.3 The Clerk circulated the new Barnsley CVS offer to the Parish Councillors. A discussion followed and it was agreed that the Parish, would now request Barnsley CVS, as a professional body, to audit their accounts.

6.4 Internet Banking

The Clerk updated the Parish Councillors that BMBC no longer accepted cheque payments. This means she has to draw quite substantial amounts of cash from the Yorkshire Bank and walk across Town to Barclays Bank, which is not really good practice, The Clerk would like to be able to access internet banking just to pay Barnsley MBC accounts, following their approval by the Parish Council . A discussion followed and it was agreed that this would be a sensible idea.

Resolved

That the Clerk can set up internet banking for BMBC payments

7. Any Other Business

It was noted that the Peel Environment Limited's application for changes to the conditions attached to the existing planning permissions was under consideration, and that the target date for Planning Board decision was March 7th 2019.

The Clerk had been invited to a briefing session with regard to the forthcoming Parish Council Elections, and will feedback to the next meeting of the Parish Council.

The Chapel Lane barrier was not locked and trials bikes had been seen on the bridle path. It was agreed to contact Great Houghton Parish Council about this.

The footpath near the dog waste bin and the entrance to the field had large pot holes which were trip hazards and this should be reported through to Highways.

The Parish Councillors asked for their thanks to be recorded to Mr Laughton for the excellent service that he is providing ensuring that the playground area is inspected on a weekly basis.

8 Date and time of next meeting

Monday, March 11th, 2019 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
Mr C Ward

c.c.

Councillors Dorothy Coates, Pauline Markham, Caroline Saunders
Ian Turner, Barnsley MBC, Governor Services