

GUNTHWAITE AND INGBIRCHWORTH PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY, 7TH DECEMBER 2020, ONLINE

PRESENT; Councillors Edmondson, Karle, Berry, Ogden, Guest; A. Murphy (Clerk); S. Weber (Barnsley Chronicle); 1 resident

(1) APOLOGIES

No apologies were received.

(2) DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations of interest made.

(3) TO AGREE AND SIGN THE LAST MINUTES DATED 12th October 2020

Resolved – minutes accepted as true and correct record and signed by the chairman.

(4) TO REPORT ANY MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES NOT ELSEWHERE ON THE AGENDA

Noted – no decision on Fountain Inn site planning application.

Noted – Covid secure Remembrance Day activities were successful. Planned village Christmas events have been cancelled. Fee for Denby Dale Lions and Shepley band (£30 each) will be donated anyway.

Noted – manhole cover in recreation ground has been replaced.

Resolved – Councillor Karle to ask the Denby Dale Lions to bring their Santa Sleigh to the village green for a Christmas photo opportunity for families. Additional donation of £20 to be made by Council for this.

Resolved – to pay Clerks salary Oct 12th to Dec 31st £390.96 and also New Clerk Induction Training (delivered by YLCA on Dec 8th) £48.00

(5) TO COOPT NEW COUNCILLOR TO FILL CASUAL VACANCY

Resolved - Mrs. Edana Guest co-opted onto the Council, since no bye-Election was requested.

(6) TO NOMINATE VICE-CHAIR OF COUNCIL

Resolved – Councillor Karle is new Vice-Chair.

(7) TO ADJOURN THE MEETING SO MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC CAN RAISE ITEMS FOR ATTENTION.

Noted – member of public in attendance will raise traffic and parking issue in Item 9.

(8) TO RECEIVE ANY PLANNING APPLICATIONS SINCE THE LAST MEETING

Two applications have been notified for the Council's observations. No objections or comments were submitted.

2020/1105 Construction of agricultural worker's dwelling, South View Farm.

2020/1131 Erection of two outbuildings, Summerford.

(9) TO CONSIDER MATTERS FOR REFERRAL TO HIGHWAYS AUTHORITY.

Results of mobility/safety survey conducted by Parish Councillors and Members of Public earlier in 2020 have been logged by Highways department in BMBC. The Council's request for 20mph zone in Wellthorne Lane and surrounding streets would be subject to prioritisation/budget availability. There is a pilot scheme in progress across the borough where 20mph zones have been created; success of this is still being assessed.

Poorly parked cars are blocking pavements, reducing visibility of oncoming traffic and causing safety issues for pushchairs, prams, wheelchair users and others with additional mobility needs. Issue raised by members of public attending meeting and via email to Clerk.

Resolved – Councillor Karle will create a draft card for review by Council. This will be placed on poorly parked cars, and will be in the form of a request for considerate parking from the Community, rather than the Council. Council will fund the cards.

(10) TO CONSIDER MATTERS FOR REFERRAL TO NEIGHBOURHOOD SERVICES.

Noted – Councillor Edmondson states a good service is provided, they respond quickly to clear up flytipping, waste bins, leaves on road.

(11) TO CONSIDER MATTERS RELATING TO PUBLIC RIGHTS OF WAY AND PUBLIC OPEN SPACES.

Councillor Edmondson reported theft of some historically significant paving slabs from Gunthwaite Causeway. A resident has requested a barrier to restrict access to the bridleway. Councillor Guest also reported broken stile on Broad Oak Lane

Resolved – Councillor Edmondson to report these matters to BMBC footpaths team.

Resolved – Councillor Ogden to report to BMBC about a tree hanging down and partly blocking the path from Huddersfield Road to Sandbeds.

Resolved – Councillor Edmondson to report to Yorkshire Water of possible leak from water main in field between reservoirs.

Noted - Councillor Edmondson requested new agenda item for next meeting about managing the Council's open grassy spaces for wildlife (wildflowers, bees etc.) in future.

(12) TO CONSIDER THE ISSUE OF CAR PARKING ON WELLTHORNE LANE.

Councillor Edmondson noted many concerns raised by residents along with increased usage this year. Pavements and lines of sight blocked. Two aspects (i) management of Wellthorne Lane and side streets/double yellow lines and (ii) proper car parking provision by BMBC and/or Yorkshire Water. Walks are promoted to visitors, but facilities to deal with resulting increase in numbers have not been provided.

Resolved – Councillor Edmondson to contact Yorkshire Water to start discussion.

Noted - Councillor Berry points out that some residents, not just visitors, are parking inconsiderately.

(13) TO APPROVE PROPOSALS FOR RESIDENT WELCOME PACK.

Councillor Berry circulated draft pack (contains information about Community facebook group, Parish Council, map of parish with Council owned land marked on, most recent newsletter) for review, and feedback has been positive. Got two quotes for printing, Digiprint Penistone (50 plus envelopes @£95) and Atkinson in Hoylandswaine (50 no envelopes @£78). A pack will be put in notice board.

Resolved – Councillor Berry to order 100 packs from Digiprint at cost of £139 (incl. VAT).

Councillor Guest asked for Gunthwaite to be included in communications more, will distribute hardcopies of the newsletter if they are provided.

(14) TO RECEIVE AND CONSIDER CRIME AND SAFETY MATTERS.

Councillor Karle spoke of several recent burglaries in area, the distress they caused, and the lack of protection (e.g. CCTV, police patrols) for the village despite contribution made via Council Tax to BMBC.

Noted – new agenda item at next meeting requested to discuss ‘target hardening’, where a crime prevention officer (CPO) raises awareness e.g. leaflets the village. This needs to come from the police.

Resolved – Councillor Karle to investigate provision of CCTV by BMBC outside of town centre & coordinate crime and safety activities.

(15) TO CONSIDER REFURBISHMENT AND USE OF FORMER BT TELEPHONE BOX

Noted – Councillor Ogden’s survey of book swap usage found 38 had borrowed and 22 visited - including from Upper Denby. Councillor Karle suggested if box was refurbished properly could sell advertisement space, or raise funding via an ‘in memoriam’ window. Councillor Edmondson suggested Blackstone Edge Community Fund may fund this type of one- off project.

Resolved – Councillors Ogden and Karle to come up with a proposal for the refurbishment and get quotes for the work.

(16) TO REVIEW PROVISION FOR LITTER AND DOG WASTE DISPOSAL

Councillor Edmondson noted that number of bins is sufficient; problem is people not using them. Councillor Berry asked about BMBC periodically doing patrols/issuing on the spot fines.

Resolved – Councillor Karle to ask Borough Councillor Kitching to request patrol from BMBC.

Noted – parish council has litter grabbers and bin bags available, Councillor Guest has offered to check Gunthwaite and Councillor Berry the same for Ingbirchworth.

Councillor Ogden raised that the regular and much appreciated litter collection from the reservoirs by Mr. Leeming would be made easier for him with a sack barrow/set of wheels to transport the bins for emptying.

Resolved – Councillor Ogden to get quotes for a sack barrow. Council to purchase one for use by Mr. Leeming/other volunteers.

(17) TO DISCUSS DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Resolved - next meeting Monday 18th of January 2021.