

MINUTES OF THE GUNTHWAITE AND INGBIRCHWORTH PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 2ND MARCH 2020 IN DENBY CHURCH

PRESENT – Councillors Edmondson, Batley, Karle, Whitbread, Leeming J. Methey (clerk) and five members of the public.

(1)APOLOGIES AND DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No apologies were received. No declarations of interest were made.

(2)TO CONFIRM THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON THE 27TH JANUARY 2020

Councillor Batley stated that under item 9 the route of the school bus should have read *the bus travels up Wellthorne Lane and then carried on to Millhouse and Thurlstone* It is the service bus that goes up Wellthorne Lane, and returns the same way.

Item 3. Councillor Edmondson said that *the site is likely to be used, subject to a planning application, for housing..

After these amendments were made it was proposed by Councillor Whitbread, sec. Councillor Batley that these minutes be signed as a correct record.

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

Councillor Batley reported that the repaired defib machine has been returned and is working He has returned the one which was on loan. Councillor Edmondson stated that the defib machines have been taken out in response to three emergency calls to the ambulance service so far but neither machine had to be used but it is reassuring to know that they are there and could save a life.

One item raised at the last meeting was the problem of accessibility to people in wheel chairs or who have trouble walking, i.e. drop curbs or access from the reservoir path on to the main road. It was suggested that a walk about around the village could be arranged with councillors and members of the public, i.e. with wheel chairs, so the problems could be highlighted and a letter then sent to Highways department.

Councillor Edmondson stated that in response to comments made by a resident at previous meetings he has looked into the matter of parish council websites locally. Seven councils in the Penistone East and West wards have their own websites, to which the BMBC website merely provides a link. We and Wortley and Langsett Parish Councils use dedicated pages within the BMBC website itself, which are managed by Barnsley staff. Following discussion on the merits and implications of establishing our own website, it was decided that the practice of utilising the Ingbirchworth Community Group site on Facebook should remain for the time being. Whilst this requires residents to sign up to Facebook and ICG, a separate Parish Council website running in parallel would probably be of little benefit and not cost effective.

(4)TO ADJOURN THE BUSINESS OF THE PARISH COUNCIL IN ORDER THAT MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC CAN BRING ANY MATTERS TO THEIR ATTENTION

Pauline Ogden stated that she had received two items from the public on the facebook page, i.e.

(a) Removing the noticeboard from its present site and putting it near the bungalows in Wellthorne Lane and (b) the publication of a newsletter.

In regard to the noticeboard it was agreed that the present position is the best, being more central for the village. It was stated that the glass steams up so notices cannot be clearly seen but Councillor Karle agreed to wipe the glass each time she goes past it.

In relation to the newsletter Councillor Edmondson felt that the Ingbirchworth Community Group provides more convenient and effective means of providing information than an infrequent hand delivered newsletter, although recognising that not all parishioners are members of the group.

(5) TO CONSIDER ANY PLANNING APPLICATIONS RECEIVED SINCE THE AGENDA WAS PRODUCED.

Two applications have been received, i.e. application No. 2020/0137, Erection of 2 no silage pits, Gunthwaite Hall Farm,, Gunthwaite Lane, Gunthwaite, and application 2020/0098 Conversion of barn to form dwelling, Stock Yard Barn, New Row Lane, Ingbirchworth. No objections were raised to either plan.

(6) TO RECEIVE ANY INFORMATION ON APPROVED/DECLINED APPLICATIONS.

No information received.

(7) TO RECEIVE A REPORT FROM COUNCILLOR BATLEY REGARDING THE PENISTONE EAST CRIME AND SAFETY GROUP

Councillor Batley reported that there had been 9 burglary dwellings and 8 attempts in Penistone east, one burglary shed and 1 attempt (both at Thurgoland) 3 taking of motor vehicles, 15 taking from motor vehicles and one high value robbery from a property in Cawthorne, whilst the residents were inside.

(8) TO RECEIVE ITEMS TO BRING TO THE ATTENTION OF NEIGHBOURHOOD SERVICES AND THE CLEAN AND TIDY GROUP

No information regarding Neighbourhood Services.

On the 31st March at 10 am meeting in Ings Way. Twiggs are carrying out an event to scrape back footpaths and wall edges to leave a cleaner finish. Twiggs will provide tools etc but would like volunteers.

It was agreed to write to BMBC regarding a privet hedge adjoining No 3 Wellthorne Lane which is badly overgrowing the footpath.

(9) TO RECEIVE ANY COMMENTS RELATING TO FOOTPATHS AND PUBLIC RIGHTS OF WAY

Councillor Karle raised the matter of trying to get a village hall on the football field. The clerk stated that when the field was purchased a covenant was put on it which forbids any building being erected. Councillor Karle agreed to do some research on this to ascertain if the covenant can be removed.

(10) TO RECEIVE ANY MATTERS RELATING TO HIGHWAYS.

Councillor Batley raised the matter of the fence around the field, especially on the boundary with the Fountain Inn. This fence has been badly damaged and needs to be repaired by the people who purchased the site. Councillor Carle is to try and get the address of the owners so the clerk can write.

Quite a lot of issues were raised regarding highway matters

A member of the public brought up the matter of water flooding down Annat Royd and flowing on to the main road. He also stated he had dug out a drain taking him approx. 10 minutes and the water rapidly ran away. The problem with all this water is that the gullies at the site of the road are all blocked and need to be cleared. The tarmac is all breaking away from the edges so it is felt that a morning's work with a digger would save a considerable amount of money with not having to retarmac the area. There are a great many pot holes that are in need of filling in especially at Gunthwaite Lane/Coach Gate Lane. It was reported to the parish council that cars are being damaged because some of the holes are so deep.

No work has yet been carried out at the bottom of Carr Lane/Gunthwaite Lane despite highways saying this would receive attention.

No further work has been undertaken with the water problem which runs down New Row Lane/Mill Lane.

(11) TO RECEIVE ANY INFORMATION FROM YORKSHIRE WATER REGARDING THE ACCESS FROM THE RESERVOIR ONTO THE MAIN ROAD

A letter dated 27th February has been received from Yorkshire Water together with a map showing the access point. It was agreed that the site is correct. Mr. Tennyson stated he will discuss this with their Reservoir Engineers and let the parish council know their findings.

(12) TO RECEIVE ANY FURTHER INFORMATION FROM SYPTE

No information received.

(13) TO RECEIVE ANY NEWSLETTERS/CIRCULARS

Leaflets on equipment supplied by Glasdon received.

(14) TO DISCUSS IF ANY EVENTS ARE TO BE ARRANGED FOR VE DAY

In view of the fact that many events are to take place in the area it was agreed not to proceed with anything in Ingbirchworth. As an alternative to an event Councillor Whitbread proposed that the parish council purchase a flag pole, and flag, and position this near the war memorial. This was agreed.

(15) TO DISCUSS AND AGREE A DATE FOR THE FIRST AID COURSE

Pauline reported that she has only got seven names, one short of the required number. It was agreed that this could not go ahead.

(16) TO RECEIVE ANY INVOICES FOR PAYMENT AND NOTE ANY MONIES RECEIVED

One account was put forward for payment and the necessary cheque drawn and signed.

573	T & D Contractors	Grass Cutting	£1368.00
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Monies received

Nat West. Interest .23p

T & D Contractors provided a breakdown of costs for the year. It was agreed that the stream on the sand beds be cleared as and when required. They have also provided an estimate for cutting the grass where the two village name signs are. The cost per cut is £30.00. It was agreed to ask them to do four cuts per season,

(17) RESIGNATION OF COUNCILLOR BATLEY

Councillor Batley informed the meeting that it is his intention to tender his resignation from the council as from the 6th April.

(18) TO CONFIRM THAT THE NEXT MEETING WILL BE HELD ON MONDAY, 25TH MAY IN DENBY CHURCH.

This meeting will be the annual parish meeting commencing at 7.30 and will be followed by the Annual Parish Council meeting.

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