

Little Houghton Parish Council**Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held at 7 pm on Monday, October 21st, 2019 at the Sandhill Golf Club.****Present:**

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

In Attendance:

Councillor Caroline Saunders
Ms Caroline Donovan Clerk to the Council

Local Residents:

J. Greasley
B Sowerby
L Sowerby
B. Turner
D M Bemelman
Colin Ward
John Davis
J Bashforth
J Mallinson

1. Questions from Parishioners

1a. A Parishioner expressed concerns about installing double yellow lines outside the local village shop, as this would severely affect the business as the shop relies on passing trade. Councillor Osborne said that the matter had been raised by someone at the Plevna and Parva Community Group meeting, and that the person no longer lives in the village. Councillor Osborne said that there was a link on the BMBC web site where any road safety issues should be raised. A discussion followed and as there had never been a problem in the seventeen years that the shop had been open it was agreed that they were not required. Councillor Saunders said that there was limited funding available for yellow lines being put in, and if there had been no history of any accidents in the area then they would not be installed.

1b Councillor Osborne said with regard to the sycamore tree he had made contact with a BMBC Officer who has fed back that the tree is not on Borough Council land, or on Parish Council Land. Councillor Osborne will pass on the name of the BMBC officer to the resident.

1c Several residents raised their concerns with regard to a planning application at Lesmond Crescent. After careful consideration it was agreed that the following e mail highlighting the objections to the proposal from the Parish Council would be sent to Barnsley MBC's planning department:

At the meeting of the Little Houghton Parish Council held on 21st October 2019 the Parish Council resolved to object to the Planning Application:

APPLICATION NO:	2019/0984
DESCRIPTION:	Residential development of 8 no. dwellings (Outline with All Matters Reserved apart from access and layout)
LOCATION:	Land off Lesmond Crescent and Rotherham Road, Middlecliffe, Barnsley, S72 0EZ

After careful consideration, and consultation with local residents, the Parish Council would like to object to this application on the grounds on the two points of access between numbers 4 and 5 Lesmond Crescent, and access at the track at the side of the Old Post Office on Rotherham Road.

1. With regard to the access between numbers 4 and 5 Lesmond Crescent, the access strip measures 14 foot wide, as the owners of both these properties purchased some of this access strip from BMBC approximately 20 years ago. The required access width would be 15 and a half feet and the Parish Council object to this access due to it not meeting the required width requirements. It is the Parish Councillors understanding that, although this has been raised with BMBC Planning Department, they are not aware of any Officer visiting the site to measure the width of the access strip.

2. With regard to the access at the side of the Old Post Office building from Rotherham Road, this track was refused as access on a previous planning permission application for the area due to Highway Safety issues. The existing four way junction on to Rotherham Road continues to be extremely busy and the Parish Council object to a further access route being made in this area.

Councillor Caroline Saunders was also at the Parish Council meeting and agreed with, and fully supports, the Parish Council resolution

1d Councillor Osborne apologised that he had to leave the meeting held on July 8th, 2019 early, as this was due to a fire at his next door neighbours house. He commended the Fire Service on their quick, and efficient, action in dealing with the incident

2. Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on July 8th 2019.

The minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on July 8th 2019 were agreed as a correct record.

3. Matters arising

With regard to the information requested re the Neighbourhood Services policy regarding weed killer, feedback received said that there was no specific policy where applications takes place. Councillor Saunders updated the meeting that there has been some extra funding received for the Government for weed spraying across the Borough.

With regard to the cutting down the trees along Park Spring Roads this was not done through Neighbourhood Services. Councillor Osborne thought it may have been done as part of the Sheffield City Region improvements.

4. Correspondence

- The Clerk updated the Parish Councillors that she had received an e mail from Councillor Trevor Smith saying that he had been having technical problems with his emails and had not received the Parish Council minutes. This issue has now been resolved.
- The Police and Crime Panel Annual Report was circulated for the Parish Councillors information.
- It was noted that £12,000 had been approved by the Park Springs fund to complete the extension at the Houghton Main Recreation Ground.

5. Finance

5.1 Bank Reconciliation at 31st July, 2019

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

Investment Account	£2,900.00
Current Account	£6,399.37
Total	£9,299.37

5.2 With cheques still to be paid out:

- Yorkshire Local Councils Association @ £120.85
- Clerk Quarter 2 @ £180.00
- HMRC @ £45.00
- Mr Laughton @ £150.00

The Councillors noted that the Yorkshire Local Councils Association payment @ £120.85 was the pro rata fee for membership from November 2019 to March 2020.

6. Any Other Business

Councillor Osborne said he had been approached by residents requesting that the trees around the play area are cut down so that they can see their children playing. It was noted that the no dog fouling stencil at the side of the children's play area had worn off. Colin Ward kindly agreed to re spray it.

Residents of George Street have complained about loud music and cannabis being smoked in the new houses. Parish Councillor Osborne said he had reported this through to the My Space Housing Association, but had not had a reply to date from their Community Liaison Officer.

Mr Greasley said that a new Neighbourhood Watch Group has been set up in Lesmond Crescent, and the inaugural meeting has been held. There are lots of problems with drug dealing and stolen cars in the area, in addition to vehicles being driven that have not been taxed. The Group is now getting regular updates from the Police Liaison Officer, and are just waiting for the Neighbourhood Watch signage to be put up. The Neighbourhood Watch was receiving very positive feedback on social media.

Councillor Saunders said she would e mail the Tasking Officer to update her after this meeting and ask her to feed back all the complaints to the Police. She will ask that the area become a Pact priority which should result in a more visible presence of PCSO's in the area. She also noted that the bus turning circle was thought to be an area used for drug dealing.

Councillor Saunders updated the Parish Council that the Tidy Teams, who are funded through the Area Council are working with volunteers to help with environmental improvements.

Councillor Osborne said there was no official pedestrian crossing between Cathill roundabout all the way to Hemsworth, and that it was very dangerous for residents crossing Middlecliffe Road especially at the peak times of 7 am and 3 pm. A discussion followed and Councillor Saunders said that she would ask for a traffic review to be undertaken along Middlecliffe Road.

With regard to the proposed web site Stuart had contacted Councillor Oldfield, and will look into whether an iPad could be used to upload information on to the proposed web site. The Clerk would contact Stuart for further information.

It was noted that one of the steps on to the balance beams was missing. The Clerk would contact Park Services about this.

7 Date and time of next meeting

It was agreed that the next meeting would be held at 7pm on Monday, December 2nd, 2019 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.

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