

GUNTHWAITE AND INGBIRCHWORTH PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY, 16th AUGUST 2021, 7.30 PM, DENBY VILLAGE HALL

PRESENT; Councillors Edmondson, Karle, Berry, Ogden, Guest; A. Murphy (Clerk); 2 members of the public; S. Weber (Barnsley chronicle)

(1) TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES AND APPROVE REASONS FOR ABSENCE

No apologies were received.

(2) TO RECEIVE DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST IN ITEMS ON THE AGENDA

No declarations were received.

(3) TO CONFIRM AND SIGN THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 5TH JULY 2021

Resolved – minutes confirmed and signed as accurate.

(4) TO RECEIVE INFORMATION ON THE FOLLOWING ONGOING ISSUES AND DECIDE FURTHER ACTION WHERE NECESSARY.

4.1 TO NOTE THE COUNCIL MEETING IN SEPTEMBER WILL BE HELD IN DENBY VILLAGE HALL, ST. JOHNS CHURCH ON A WEDNESDAY AS MONDAY WAS UNAVAILABLE, BUT FOR SUBSEQUENT MEETINGS THE VENUE IS TO BE CONFIRMED.

Noted.

4.2 TO NOTE RESPONSE FROM THE BROOK GROUP ABOUT THE USE OF THE MEETING ROOM AT THE FOUNTAIN INN.

Noted – Brook Group will arrange with the Parish Council to view the room to assess suitability, probably in September - date to be confirmed. The Chairman also noted that although the intention is to make the room available without charge for community group meetings, as a statutory body the Parish Council should pay a usage fee, as it does to use Denby Village Hall.

(5) TO ADJOURN THE BUSINESS OF THE MEETING IN ORDER TO RECEIVE COMMENT AND QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC ON AGENDA ITEMS.

Noted – members of the public will comment when relevant items are discussed.

(6) TO RECEIVE AND CONSIDER PROGRESS OF THE PETANQUE TERRAINS COMMUNITY PROJECT.

6.1 TO NOTE THAT THE PLANNING APPLICATION FOR THE PETANQUE TERRAINS HAS BEEN APPROVED AND APPLICATIONS FOR GRANT AID SUBMITTED.

Noted – planning application has been approved with the usual conditions. Two applications for grant aid have been made to the National Lottery Community Fund (by Councillor Berry) and the Blackstone Edge Community fund (by Councillor Edmondson). Responses from both organisations are expected in October 2021.

6.2 TO APPROVE APPOINTMENT OF A PARISH COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE TO INGBIRCHWORTH PETANQUE SOCIAL CLUB MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE.

Noted – Councillor Berry noted that access up onto the playing field for petanque and other activities is a Parish Council responsibility; this will be added as an agenda item for the next meeting. Also the Council expressed disappointment at the response from Barnsley Council Sports Development to requests for assistance. Penistone Ward Alliance may be approached next if the current grant applications are only partially successful.

Resolved – Councillor Berry will be the Parish Council representative for the club.

Councillor Berry wished to express the Council's thanks to the two residents who came up with the idea for the club, and did the work to get it started.

(7) TO RECEIVE ANY PLANNING APPLICATIONS SINCE THE LAST MEETING 2021/0912 - Front porch and associated external alterations.

Noted – no comments by Council.

(8) TO RECEIVE AND NOTE 'HIGH LEVEL APPRAISAL OF POTENTIAL CAR PARK SITES' DOCUMENT FROM YORKSHIRE WATER AND ANY OTHER PROGRESS AROUND PARKING ISSUES AT INGBIRCHWORTH RESERVOIR AND WELLTHORNE LANE.

Noted – the Council welcomed the results of the appraisal. Two sites will be subject to further investigation, including options for the most suitable management regime. The options are 'community management' or 'low management'. Maintenance and anti-social behaviour need to be considered when deciding. Councillor Guest noted that community management (locking gates etc.) is a serious commitment needing careful consideration.

Resolved – the Council will consider the feasibility of the community management option, Councillor Berry will let Yorkshire Water know that this is in progress.

(9) TO RECEIVE AN UPDATE ABOUT THE COMMUNITY VENUE QUESTIONNAIRE.

Noted – Councillor Berry has had responses from 50% of the community and is collating and analysing the information now. A member of the public present noted that there were no instructions about where/how to return the questionnaire - noted for future similar exercises.

(10) TO RECEIVE AN UPDATE ABOUT THE COMMUNITY FUN DAY.

Resolved – Parish Council agreed to cover the cost of any additional public liability insurance which may be required for the Ingbirchworth Community Group when they are using the PC owned playing fields for the Fun Day on Sunday 5th September 2021. The same volunteers will still organise and run the event. Councillor Karle will send a list of hired items to the Clerk. Clerk to contact the Council's insurers about providing cover for the event, and any conditions or additional premium payments that are required.

(11) TO RECEIVE AN UPDATE ABOUT FLY-TIPPED MATERIAL AT GUNTHWAITE.

Resolved – leave until autumn to follow up as site now overgrown and material not easily visible.

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

12.1 TO NOTE PROGRESS FOR NEW LITTER BINS FOR HIGH LANE/INGFIELD AREA AND MUGA.

Resolved – Councillor Edmondson will purchase two bins at an approximate cost of £150 per bin. Councillor Edmondson also wanted to express the Council’s thanks to Mr. and Mrs. Coupe who regularly litter pick the recreation ground and empty the bin there, to the benefit of the wider community.

12.2 TO CONSIDER OUTCOME OF DISCUSSIONS WITH TWIGGS ON POSSIBLE COMMUNITY ENVIRONMENTAL SCHEMES.

Noted – postponed to next meeting.

12.3 TO NOTE THAT THE ANNAT ROYD SITE IS NO LONGER BEING CONSIDERED FOR A GREAT CRESTED NEWT POND.

Noted – Wildscapes (who deliver the project in this area on behalf of Natural England) confirmed the site is not suitable.

12.4 TO RECEIVE AND CONSIDER THE LAND OWNERSHIP POSITION AT THE ANNAT ROYD RESERVE.

Noted – member of the public who tenants a part of the land at Annat Royd had discussed its future management with Yorkshire Water. Yorkshire Water would fence the area if they took it over due to safety concerns as it is a former quarry, leading to concerns by the member of the public about impacts on wildlife. The existing ‘Nature Reserve’ sign on the Parish Council part of the site gives the impression there is a public right of way on the site, but there is not. Councillor Guest proposed returning the site to Yorkshire Water to manage although Councillor Edmondson pointed out it was Barnsley Council owned land originally.

Resolved – existing ‘Nature Reserve’ sign will be replaced with new signage near the stone seat explaining there is no public access on the site other than the area adjacent to the stone seat. The Council’s area will be managed as a natural or wildlife area, working with the neighbouring tenant to achieve this.

12.5 TO RECEIVE AN UPDATE ABOUT AGREED GRASS MANAGEMENT BY T&D CONTRACTORS AT SUMMERFORD AND SANDBEDS AFTER COUNCILLORS’ SITE VISITS.

Resolved – Two areas at Summerford will be managed for wildlife, these will be mown fully in March and October, and remaining areas will be mown monthly. Sandbeds and the recreation field will be mown every two weeks. Sandbeds will be dredged to clear Himalayan Balsam.

Maintenance of the Council’s outdoor assets currently done by Councillors and/or community volunteers needs long term planning; to be added as an agenda item for the next meeting.

(13) TO CONSIDER ARRANGEMENTS FOR REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY AND THE CHRISTMAS TREE SWITCH-ON.

Noted – Councillor Edmondson has booked the Denby Dale Lions Santa Sleigh for the village Christmas tree lights switch-on, and will contact Shepley Brass Band to book them.

Councillors Karle and Guest and residents have knitted some poppies for Remembrance Sunday, these will be put out on display near the memorial on the day.

Resolved – Councillors Karle and Ogden to contact Revd. Stocker and Mr. Thompson, two residents who have taken part in previous Remembrance Day events to see if they will do so again; Clerk to contact Billingsley to order a Christmas tree, and also the Royal British Legion to order a wreath and five crosses for Remembrance Sunday.

(14) TO CONSIDER STORAGE OF PARISH COUNCIL GOODS AND GAZEBO.

Noted - Councillor Karle can no longer store these items at home.

Resolved – Councillor Ogden to speak with a local business about storage on their premises.

Noted – a Council owned gazebo of 6mx3m could be useful for a number of events held outside, and would avoid being let down when these are unavailable to hire, as has just happened for the Community Fun Day. Expected cost would be £400 or less so Council agreed that a purchase can be made.

Resolved – Councillor Karle to get costs from three companies for consideration prior to purchase.

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

Noted - Councillor Edmondson noted that new street name signs are needed at the following places to avoid confusion for road users:

‘Mill Lane’ sign at the junction of Mill Lane and the A629

‘New Row Lane’ sign where New Row Lane meets Mill Lane

‘Annat Royd Lane’ sign where Annat Royd Lane meets Wellthorne Lane

Resolved – Clerk to write to Highways to request the new street name signs.

(16) TO CONSIDER MATTERS FOR REFERRAL TO NEIGHBOURHOOD SERVICES

Nothing for referral.

(17) TO RECEIVE AND CONSIDER CRIME AND SAFETY MATTERS

Nothing for consideration.

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

Noted – member of public present suggested selling it if it cannot be used. Councillor Ogden noted that it is still used as a book exchange. Councillor Edmondson noted that if it were removed there are electric cables underneath that would need to be made safe.

(19) TO NOTE THAT THE PUBLIC INSPECTION PERIOD OF THE COUNCIL’S ACCOUNTING AND GOVERNANCE HAS CLOSED AND NO REQUESTS WERE RECEIVED.

Noted – Clerk had received no enquiries from the public by the time the inspection period closed.

(20) FINANCIAL MATTERS

20.1 TO RECEIVE ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT AND NOTE INCOME RECEIVED

Accounts for payment

16.08	#648	D. Edmondson	Chairman’s Allowance (Apr-Jun)	£13.00
16.08	#649	K. Batley	Paint for village maintenance	£24.45

Income received

30.06	Nat West Bank	Interest	£0.01
30.07	Nat West Bank	Interest	£0.01

20.2 TO NOTE BANK RECONCILIATION REPORT TO JULY 30th

Noted.

(21) TO NOTE CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED

21.1 SYPTE – YOUNG PEOPLE’S TRAVEL PASSES, DISCOUNTED TRAVEL PASSES FOR SUMMER

Noted – Councillor Ogden published these on the Community Facebook page.

21.2 YLCA WHITE ROSE UPDATES/LAW AND GOVERNANCE BULLETINS (JULY/AUG)

21.3 EMAILS FROM MEMBER OF PUBLIC ABOUT BAD PARKING ON THE BEND NEAR THE RESERVOIR, AND CONCERNS ABOUT CONSTRUCTION LORRIES ENTERING THE FOUNTAIN INN SITE VIA THE ANNAT ROYD APPROACH INSTEAD OF WELLTHORNE LANE.

Noted - Clerk has been in contact with member of the public and Conroy Brook about the issue.

22. TO CONFIRM NEXT MEETING DATE AS WEDNESDAY SEPTEMBER 29TH 2021.

Noted – next meeting date is Wednesday 29th September 2021, Clerk could not book Denby Village Hall on a Monday as it is in use regularly.