

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE GUNTHWAITE AND INGBIRCHWORTH PARISH COUNCIL HELD  
ON MONDAY, 27<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2017 IN DENBY CHURCH**

**PRESENT:** Councillors Batley, Whitbread, Healey, District Councillor Millner and J.Methley  
(Clerk)

(1) **APOLOGIES:** Councillor Edmondson. No declarations of interest were made at this time.

Mr. Charles Coupe has contacted the Clerk, and also spoken to each councillor, to say that he has made the decision to resign from the parish Council. As Councillor Edmondson was on holiday Councillor Batley took the chair.

In view of the above a vacancy will have to be advertised but it was agreed to leave this until the May meeting. Dist. Cllr Millner suggested the clerk contact the Clerk of Penistone Town Council and check the correct procedure.

(2) **TO CONFIRM THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 13<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY**

Proposed Councillor Whitbread, sec. Councillor Healey that the previous minutes be signed as a correct record.

(3) **TO REPORT ANY MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES NOT ON THE AGENDA – FOR INFORMATION ONLY**

No notification whatsoever has been received from Barnsley Council regarding the estate agent advertising boards at the bottom of Wellthorne Avenue. Dist. Cllr Millner agreed to try and process this matter.

(4) **TO RECEIVE A REPORT FROM COUNCILLOR BATLEY ON THE PENISTONE EAST CRIME AND SAFETY GROUP AND TO REPORT ANY MATTERS ARISING**

Councillor Batley gave each councillor a copy of the crime statistics for the borough. He also reported that Thurgoland, Silkstone and Penistone have been taken off the Priority I list.

Dist. Cllr. Millner reported that Penistone West Crime and Safety Group are hoping to start up their group again. He also reported that following a meeting with Mr. Billings and Penistone Town Council a rethink may take place regarding the complete closure on Penistone Police Station and this may be reopened for a few hours each week for the public to attend. It is hoped that more officers may be used for extra police cover in the area. Councillor Millner also spoke about the problem of drugs in the area and a meeting has been held at Penistone Grammar School but the feeling is that this is not out of control. Councillor Millner also stated that Penistone Town Council would like to organise a meeting with the new Chief Constable of South Yorkshire but make this a public meeting. It is hoped that all Parish Councils will be invited to attend, in possibly two months time and the venue will be Penistone Grammar School. When this is firmed up details will be circulated.

(5) TO RECEIVE ANY ITEMS RELATING TO PARISH PATHS

The Clerk reported that she has e-mailed and written to Sarah Ford asking information on Bridleway 18 to clarify if the work on the path is complete. No response whatsoever has been received. Dist. Councillor Millner agreed to look into this matter on behalf of the Parish Council.

(6) TO ADJOURN THE BUSINESS OF THE PARISH COUNCIL IN ORDER THAT MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC CAN BRING ITEMS TO THEIR ATTENTION.

No members of the public were present

(7) TO CONSIDER ANY PLANNING APPLICATIONS RECEIVED

No applications have been received

(8) TO RECEIVE INFORMATION ON APPROVED/DECLINED PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Application No. 2016/0215 – Erection of detached agricultural works dwelling (resubmission) Land at Gunthwaite Lane, Gunthwaite. This has been granted.

(9) TO BRING ANY ITEMS TO THE ATTENTION OF NEIGHBOURHOOD SERVICES

No matters arose to be forwarded to Neighbourhood Services. However it was stated that there are two propane bottles and two empty bitumen containers dumped over the wall at the corner of Annat Royd Lane/Mill Lane on Yorkshire Water Land. It was agreed to write to Yorkshire Water and request they remove them.

(10) TO RECEIVE ANY ITEMS IN RELATION TO HIGHWAYS

Councillor Batley reported that all the highway work near the Fountain Inn has now been completed. Two parking bays are in place and double yellow lines have been painted at the top of Wellthorne Lane and around the Reservoir Bank Road corner. On 25<sup>th</sup>/26<sup>th</sup> March two teams were playing football and the supporters parked all around the yellow lines and two large 4 x 4 vehicles were left entirely on the pavement. It was agreed to write to the football club stating these facts and requesting they inform their supporters where they can park. It is felt that the best solution would be to stop them using the field at the end of this season.

(11) TO RECEIVE ANY INFORMATION ON THE PRODUCTION OF AN INFORMATION BOARD TO BE POSITION NEAR THE RESERVOIR

Councillor Edmondson was not at the meeting so no information was to hand regarding trying to obtain an information board from RSPB. However after a discussion it was agreed to go ahead with the plan which Richard Turner had drawn up. If a board is available from RSPB at a later date this could be fixed.

(12) TO RECEIVE ANY FURTHER INFORMATION ON THE DIFFIBULATOR MACHINE

Councillor Batley stated that he and Councillor Whitbread have identified a lamp post outside Andrew Knowles property which could be suitable for the box. This box could be bracketed on to the lamp post with the electric feed direct to the machine. Councillor Batley agreed to try and

contact Mr Chad Wall at BMBC to get a definite price for the work involved. Dist. Cllr Millner suggested that an application form be completed and submitted to the Ward Alliance for the remainder of the money needed.

(13) TO DISCUSS AND RESOLVE WHAT ACTION SHOULD BE TAKEN REGARDING ILLEGAL LOPPING OF TREES ON THE FOOTBALL FIELD.

It was reported at the meeting that vandalism and illegal lopping has taken place on trees on the football field. After a discussion it was agreed that the Clerk send a letter to the properties which back on to this area and ask if they have any information as to who may have cut these trees.

(14) TO RECEIVE INFORMATION ON THE PRECEPT

A letter dated 15th March has been received from Mr. Stuart Wilson. He confirms that the precept and council tax support grant is as follows –

Precept issued/sum required	£5,933
Council tax support grant is	£ 47
Revised precept (after support grant)	£5,886

Based on current tax base of 272.365 band D equivalents the precept for Band D would equate to £21.61 which represents a 2.13% increase.

(15) TO RECEIVE ANY NEWSLETTERS/CIRCULARS

The following were received noted – White Rose Update and Clerks and Councils Direct, Briefing pack introducing Phase 2 on the Barnsley Town Centre redevelopment plans, Briefing note from South Yorkshire Fire and Rescue service and BMBC local plan submission.

(16) TO AGREE PAYMENTS AND NOTE INCOME RECEIVED

No payments were made.

Income received. Nat West. Interest .01p

(17) TO CONFIRM THE DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING

The annual parish meeting will be held on the 8<sup>th</sup> May 2017 at 7.30 pm in Denby Church. All members of the public are welcome to attend.

Following this meeting the annual parish council meeting will take place.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.35pm