

MINUTES OF THE GUNTHWAITE AND INGBIRCHWORTH PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 31ST JULY 2017 IN DENBY CHURCH

PRESENT; Councillors Edmondson, Batley, Heeley, Karle, Whitbread and J. Methley (clerk)

1. APOLOGIES AND DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST –No apologies were received nor any declarations of interest made.
2. TO CONFIRM THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON THE 19TH JUNE 2017 – These were agreed and signed as a correct record.
3. TO REPORT ANY MATTERS FROM THE MINUTES, NOT ON THE AGENDA.
No matters were raised.
4. TO RECEIVE INFORMATION FROM CUMBERWORTH FOOTBALL CLUB.
Members of the Parish Council met with Michael Mannifield from the football club to discuss trying to find a solution to the drainage on the field. Their main concern was that they did not want to put money into this project and then be told they could not use the field for a longer period. Michael agreed to discuss this with the club and report back to the parish council meeting . Unfortunately he failed to attend the meeting and the Clerk did not receive any apologies. It was agreed the Clerk contact him again and invite him to the meeting on the 11th September.
5. .TO RECEIVE A REPORT FROM COUNCILLOR BATLEY ON THE CRIME AND SAFETY GROUP
It was reported that an attempted burglary had taken place in Ingbirchworth. Two more day time burglaries have taken place in Upper Denby.
6. TO RECEIVE ANY ITEMS RELATING TO PARISH PATHS.
Councillor Batley reported that the stream on the Sand Beds is in need of clearing out again. It was agreed to contact the Clean and Tidy Group and ask if they can undertake this work, as they did previously, and perhaps try and do this work twice a year.
Councillor Batley reported he has painted all the benches on Summer Ford and put up another sign asking dog walkers to clear their dog's mess up. He has also cleaned out and painted the inside of the bus shelter. Thanks were expressed to him.
7. TO ADJOURN THE BUSINESS OF THE PARISH COUNCIL IN ORDER THAT MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC CAN BRING ITEMS TO THE ATTENTION OF THE PARISH COUNCIL.

No members of the public were present.
8. TO CONSIDER ANY PLANNING APPLICATIONS SINCE THE AGENDA WAS PRODUCED.

One application has been received, i.e. Application 2017/0756- Erection of single storey side extension to dwelling, Far Broad Oak Cottage, Gunthwaite. No objections raised.
9. TO RECEIVE INFORMATION ON APPROVED/DECLINED APPLICATIONS. No information has been received

10. TO BRING ANY INFORMATION TO THE ATTENTION OF NEIGHBOURHOOD SERVICES.

Councillor Batley reported that a number of black bags had been dumped on Gypsy Lane and he had contacted Neighbourhood Services and this had been cleared.

11. TO RECEIVE ANY ITEMS IN RELATION TO HIGHWAYS.

Councillor Batley reported that he and Councillor Heeley had cut back a lot of branches which were overhanging the footpath on Huddersfield Road, opposite the old Methodist Chapel. However they stated that the footpath requires clearing of a lot of vegetation. The verges need clearing of a lot of vegetation and grass sods, which prevent water going down and into the drains. These covers also require clearing. It was reported to the Parish Council that the drains down New Row Lane seem to have disappeared because this area is also overgrown. There is only one drain cover exposed. The water cannot go into the drain system so runs down the road and puddles at the bottom.

It was also agreed to report a number of large pot holes near the junction of Annat Royd Lane/Spicer House Lane.

It was agreed to write to Dist Cllr Milner following a meeting he attended on the 6th June 2016 when he stated that Highways Dept were hoping to compile a list of highway matters to prioritise which required attention first. The parish council sent in a list of matters covering this parish but nothing has been heard. It was agreed to write and ask Cllr Millner if he can process this matter on our behalf.

An E-mail has been received from Andrea Jackson asking for proposals for the planters to be sent so they can check the road safety aspect of any design, Licenses are not given for planters on the highway as technically there is no such licence. This matter was also to be discussed with the football club rep. but as he did not attend it was agreed to hold this in abeyance.

Councillor Karle said she had ordered some plants for these planters and now suggested that some plastic containers be sunk into the verges on the tarmac path leading to the football field. She suggested bulbs to be put in over winter/spring and bedding plants for the summer months.

It was reported that the 40 mph sign has faded so much it is hard to see it and it was agreed that the clerk write to Kirklees MBC and ask if they can replace it. This is positioned on the roadside as you approach the village just before the junction of Falledge Lane/Huddersfield Road.

(12) TO RECEIVE INFORMATION ON THE DIFF BOX.

Councillor Batley reported that this machine is now fully operational. Councillor Edmondson agreed to check this on a weekly basis and Councillor Heeley agreed to check the one on Wellthorne Lane. The account for the electrical work has not yet been received and Councillor Batley agreed to chase this up.

13) TO CONFIRM ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY SERVICE

Councillor Edmondson reported he has spoken to David Stocker regarding taking the service and he stated he would be very pleased to do this. However his daughter is unable to play due to other commitments but Councillor Edmondson stated his wife has agreed to carry out this duty. The clerk is to order a wreath and five wooden crosses at the beginning of

October. It was agreed to ask an older resident in the village if he would be able to read the list of soldiers out.

(14) TO RECEIVE AND MAKE COMMENT OON THE COMMUNITY GOVERNANCE REVIEW

A letter has been received dated 10th July 2017 asking for comments on the above. The parish councillors stated they are quite happy with the current arrangements. They agreed that no parish council should be abolished. They feel that the ward boundaries still accurately reflect the local communities. As the parish council has five councillors and it is felt that this ratio is consistent to voters. Over the last few years a large amount of new properties have been built so the number of residents has greatly increased. The parish has not had an election for some time but if a vacancy arises the correct procedure is carried out.

(15) TO RECEIVE A REPORT ON THE PROVISION OF NEW CHRISTMAS TREE LIGHTS

Councillor Heeley has found a supplier of Christmas tree lights on-line and an order was placed for 10 runs at a total cost of £258.38 which Councillor Batley paid for on his credit card. These have been tried out and found to be very satisfactory.

(16) TO RECEIVE NEWSLETTERS AND CIRCULARS – FOR INFORMATION ONLY.

Information from Bernalisia Homs, South Yorkshire Fire and Rescue Update, YLC. Ass. Annual Revie and clerks and councils direct received and noted.

(17) TO AGREE PAYMENTS AND NOTE INCOME RECEIVED.

The following accounts were put forward for payment and the cheques drawn and signed.

460 J. Methley	Salary	£339.30
461 J. Methley	Postage et.	£22.72
462 J. Methley	Broadband	£22.50
463 D.A Edmondson	Chairmans Allowance	£13.00
464 Melvyn Carr	Post mix	£32.40
465 A. Whitbread	White paint	£4.97
466 Cancelled		
467 K. Batley	Christmas tree lights	£258.38

Income received. Nat. West. Interest 0.01p

(18) To confirm that the next meeting of the Parish Council will be held on Monday, 11th September 2017 at 7.30 p.m. in Denby Church.