

MINUTES OF THE GUNTHWAITE AND INGBIRCHWORTH PARISH ANNUAL MEETING HELD ON
MONDAY, 28TH MAY 2018 IN DENBY CHURCH

PRESENT; D.A. Edmondson (chairman) J. Methley (clerk) and seven members of the parish.

(1) APOLOGIES – None received.

(2) TO AGREE AND SIGN THE PREVIOUS MINUTES DATED 8TH MAY 2017

These were agreed as a correct record and duly signed by the Chairman.

(3) TO RECEIVE THE ANNUAL REVIEW BY THE CHAIRMAN

Since my last review, the parish council has installed a second heart defibrillator, this fixed to a street lamp on Huddersfield Road towards the southern end of the village. This ensures good emergency coverage for the whole village. It is important to stress that the funding for this came from the community itself, first a very generous donation from a resident, who wishes to remain anonymous, secondly fund raising by a group of ten residents led by Pat Smith and Diana Hobson. I have a list of all the names involved. The parish council has taken on the responsibility for checking, maintaining and insuring the machine, as it has for the original one at Wellthorne Lane.

The parish council is working with Cumberworth Football Club, who pay an annual rent to use the football field off Wellthorne Lane. We have been endeavouring to address a number of issues, in particular car parking on match days and poor drainage, which often makes the pitch unusable in winter. CFC is a major provider of grass roots football with many teams across various age groups drawn from a wide catchment. It is pleasing that the football field is helping to meet the need for playing facilities in the wider area, but we also have to bear in mind that first and foremost it was provided and paid for as the village recreation ground.

The third Remembrance Sunday service was held around the war memorial at Wellthorne Avenue in November. It was again well attended, but we hope that working with the community attendance can be increased, especially in this centenary year. To mark the centenary of the Armistice this November we agreed at our December meeting to commission a further piece of stonework with the names of the five parishioners who were killed in the two world wars. I shall be reporting on this in the council meeting to follow.

Our annual Christmas tree event was again well attended and has become an established community occasion. As the old set of lights were becoming difficult to maintain we bought a new set of lights which were bigger and hope that you were pleased with the result.

We continue to work with Penistone Ward Alliance, Barnsley highways and neighbourhood services, and other organisations to get things done in the parish. As always I must thank my four fellow councillors for the effort they put into strimming, mowing, painting, planting and other routine work over the last twelve months, this on top of the many hours they devote to council business, both in and between meetings. I would also like to thank Richard Turner of Huddersfield Road for making the impressive bird information board at our summer Ford picnic site. Also Pauline Ogden for the initiative and hard work in setting up and managing the Ingbirchworth Community Group facebook site, now with an incredible 300 members including the parish council itself.

(4)PRESENTATION OF ACCOUNTS

A copy of the accounts for the year 2017/2018 have been completed by the clerk, and a copy passed to each parish councillor. These were itemised and explained and show a balance of £14,394 being carried over. These were signed by the chairman.

(5)ANY ITEMS TO BE RAISED BY RESIDENTS

The main concern raised by residents was the ongoing problem of dog fouling. Despite notice having been put up around the reservoir by Graham Leeming this problem still seems to be as bad as ever. It appears that the problem arises by people driving vans onto the site and walking in the region of five to six dogs at a time Obviously with so many dogs the walker does not know where the dogs are fouling so therefore does not pick up. Councillor Whitbread stated that he has purchased some more paint and is to paint the signs on the footpaths.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.10 p.m.