

MINUTES OF THE GUNTHWAITE AND INGBIRCHWORTH PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON
MONDAY, 1ST FEBRUARY 2016 HELD IN DENBY CHURCH

PRESENT: Councillors Batley, Coupe (Chair), Edmondson, Healey, Whitbread, Sarah Ford (BMBC), J. Methley (Clerk/and two members of the public.

(1) APOLOGIES: Paul Whitehouse (Barnsley Chronicle)

(2) DECLARATION OF INTEREST - None made.

(3) SOUTH YORKSHIRE POLICE - Councillor Batley reported that there is little to report from the police. Farms are still being targetted, but unfortunately there are so many the PCSO officers cannot get round them all. He reported that the PCSO officers are now to leave Penistone at the end of February. Councillor Edmondson reported that he recently attended a Ward Alliance meeting and the members were informed that CCTV cameras are available from Neighbourhood Watch if anyone finds themselves in a vulnerable situation.

(4) MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING - Proposed Councillor Batley, sec. Councillor Edmondson that the previous minutes be agreed and signed as a correct record.

(5) MEETING WITH SARAH FORD, BMBC - The Chairman welcomed Sarah to the meeting who had agreed to attend to put forward plans under the Clean and Tidy scheme and also to discuss work involved in trying to upgrade Bridleway 18. The Clean and Tidy group are now up and running and if the Parish Council have any projects they would like to have considered these should be made via the Area Council. They are carrying out additional litter picks, additional mowing, clearing footway etc. Any number of projects can be put forward either as a group or a single item. One project that they are to carry out is on Annat Royd Nature Reserve. The Biodiversity Officer has inspected the area and highlighted that scrub and bracken should be removed to encourage regrowth of heather.

Sarah went on to explain the work she would like to carry out on Bridleway 18 to Royd Moor Res. BMBC have been in discussion with Yorkshire Water, to provide some funding, along- side BMBC, which will come from the Working Together Fund, but like the involvement of the Parish Council. She stated that she would complete the form but the Parish Council have to submit this. Councillor Batley stated that from looking at the map part of the area involved is under Penistone Town Council so therefore it should be a joint application. Sarah agreed to contact Penistone and then forward the form to the Parish Council.

(6) ANY MATTERS NOT ON THE AGENDA - No items were raised.

(7) MATTERS RAISED BY THE PUBLIC - Two members of the public raised the matter of a seat which is set into the wall on Huddersfield Road. They state that the wooden slats are in a poor condition and the seat is not fit to sit on. They have made a lot of enquiries to see who owns this seat but have drawn a complete blank. They asked if the Parish Council could do anything with it. This matter is to be placed on the agenda for further discussion at the next meeting.

(8) MATTERS ARISING

(a) Highway matters - Councillor Batley reported that the pot holes previously reported have been filled in. Regarding the state of the verges around New Row Lane/Mill Lane Councillor Edmondson stated that it looks as if some tidying up has been done, with all the wet weather it does not look much different.

Councillor Coupe stated that the state of the highway down Carr Lane, just below Rusbys down to Gunthwaite Spa is extremely bad. The tarmac is broken away and the hardcore can be seen, there is thick silt on the road and the new culvert is blocked. Councillor Coupe, knowing the meeting was not until 1st February, sent an E-mail to Highways, who have agreed to inspect the area.

The problem of water running down Mill Lane, which appears to start from the grass verge near Hawthorne House, and collects at the junction of Mill Lane/New Row Lane is worse. There is nowhere for this water to go and it hides many pot holes.

(b) Seat and Path near the War Memorial - Councillors Batley and Whitbread have visited the quarry to enquire if they have any suitable stone for the base for the two seats to sit on. They state that 12 sq. mtres would cost approx £200. Councillor Whitbread stated he has seen two wooden seats at KDA and they would cost £300 for the two. A discussion took place regarding putting a path from the footpath up to the war memorial and Councillors Whitbread and Batley agreed to measure the area and obtain prices. If this extra work does proceed it was suggested that the Parish Councillors ask for volunteers to help.

(c) Neighbourhood Services - Nothing to report. Councillor Coupe reported that a resident, who has recently moved into Gunthwaite, as asked if he could do some tidying up at Gunthwaite Spa, i.e. clearing dead leaves, collecting tin cans etc. No objections were raised and Councillor Coupe agreed to contact him.

(d) Grit and Salt Spreader - The two spreaders have been delivered and already used.

(e) Transparency Code - Councillor Edmondson reported he has obtained prices for a lap top etc. but as setting up costs and monthly rental costs can be claimed he asked the Clerk to obtain prices from her telephone company. When these are known he will send in the application form.

(f) Any information from BMBC regarding siting of diffibulator
Despite writing again and making telephone call's no information has been received. Councillor Edmondson stated that the applications to the British Heart Foundation for these machines has been over subscribed and the scheme closed.

(g) Noticeboard - Councillor Batley reported he has obtained some material for the noticeboard and hopes to start work when the weather improves.

(h) Lease for War Memorial - The Clerk has visited the solicitor who helped her complete the form to be sent to the Land Registry office. No charge was made for this service.

(9) PRECEPT - A letter dated 11th January has been received from Directorate of Finance which asks what the requirements would be for the Parish Council for the year 2016/2017. Notification has been received from YLC Ass. that the 'referendum principles' which can trigger a referendum if there is an 'excessive' rise in council tax or precept will not apply to local town, parish councils setting their precept for 2016/2017. After discussion it was agreed by all councillors to precept for an extra £275, making a total of £5783.

(10) PLANNING APPLICATIONS - No applications have been received.

(11) CORRESPONDENCE - A letter dated 18th January has been received from T & D Contractors with an estimate for cutting and collecting grass opposite No. 40 Wellthorne Avenue, on the war memorial site at £20.00 per cut. After discussion it was agreed by all councillors to accept this price.

Other items were read and noted.

(12) YORKSHIRE LOCAL COUNCILS ASS. - Various briefing notes were received and noted, together with copies of White Rose Update.

(13) PARISH PATHS - These issues were discussed with Sarah Ford earlier in the meeting.

(14) ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT - Six accounts were put forward for payment and the necessary cheques drawn and signed.

386	Land Registry	Lease	£40.00
387	ESE Direct	Grit/salt spreader	£737.21
388	T & D Contractorsl	Grass cutting	£1152.00
389	J. Methley	Salary	£333.46
390	J. Methley	Postage etc.	£22.55
391	C. Coupe	Chairman's All.	£13.00

(15) DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on Monday, 14th March 2016 at 7.30 in Denby Church.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.40

Chairman _____

Date _____