

MINUTES OF THE GUNTWAITE AND INGBIRCHWORTH PAARISH ANNUAL MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY, 21ST MAY 2019 IN UPPER DENBY CHURCH

PRESENT: D.A. Edmondson (chair) J. Methley (clerk) and five members
of the parish.

(1) APOLOGIES: S. Weber (Barnsley Chronicle)

(2) TO AGREE AND SIGN THE PREVIOUS MINUTES DATED 28TH MAY 2018
Proposed Ingrid Karne, sec. Graham Leeming that these minutes be signed
as a correct record.

(3) REVIEW OF THE YEARS EVENTS BY THE CHAIRMAN

I shall start this years review halfway through the year at last years
Remembrance Sunday service. Most of you will have seen the new memorial stone
installed to mark the 2018 centenary of the end of World War One and may

have been at the Remembrance service when it was dedicated. There is a
photographic record of the war memorial project from 2016-2018 on the
Ingbirchworth Community Group site. Look under the item called "Files".
Copies have been given to Barnsley Archives so that there is a permanent
record. Perhaps for the bicentenary in 2118 someone will look back to see
what we did a hundred years previously. I would like to read out part of
a letter which I think encapsulates what this community has done.

"I was moved to the heart to see the care and dedication that the current
generation of villages have shown to honour the fallen, including Uncle
Ernest. My brother, my cousins and I are honoured that Ernest's bravery and sacrifice have been
properly

acknowledged in the place where he was
born and brought up. This is a measure of true remembrance, which is now
reflected for all time in the beautiful memorial that has been created
Thank you one and all" Yours sincerely Clive Goodhead.

Clive is a nephew of Ernest Roebuck, killed in action in September 1944.

A big thank you to all who were involved with the project.

In this connection it was with great sadness that the community heard of the
death of Pauline Stocker, the wife of the Revd. David Stocker who leads our
Remembrance service and the mother of Elizabeth Stocker who was part of the memorial team and

plays the music at the service.

On a more mundane level, the parish council has raised a number of issues with BMBC including bad drainage on several local roads, potholes, the long standing deterioration of Carr Lane at Gunthwaite and planning contraventions. It is frustrating that the borough council often take a long time to react, if at all, but the parish council will continue to press for resolutions. Occasionally we do get a success, such as the current improvements on Folly Lane bridleway, which we have been requesting for three years (this will be in the main meeting). I must also acknowledge the good service we get from BMBC Neighbourhood Services who collect the bags of litter collected in the village and promptly remove fly tipped rubbish we report.

Councillor Batley and our parish clerk, in her role as a councillor on Thurgoland parish council, to attend meetings of the Penistone Area Crime and Safety Group. Thefts and speeding traffic have been major concerns both in our parish and the wider Penistone area. Working with the Penistone Clean and Tidy Group and their contractor Twiggs we have done some initial work on the parish council owned Annat Royd nature reserve. This is primarily intended to manage it as a habitat rather than open space though a small amount of appropriate public use may follow. The parish council would like to thank residents who have come forward through the Ingbirchworth Community Group to help out at the reserve and also at the Sand Beds picnic site opposite Rosemead.

The annual Christmas tree switch on and carol event took place again in early December. We plan to arrange it again for this December with the usual Father Christmas appearance, refreshments and brass band accompaniment. However, if anyone has any ideas for additional activities they would be welcome.

(4) PRESENTATION OF ACCOUNTS

The clerk had produced copies of the necessary accounts. These were sent to Mr. David Horsfall, who acts as internal auditor, and these were signed off as being correct. The clerk answered some queries which were raised.

(5) ANY ITEMS TO BE RAISED BY MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

Pauline raised the matter of trying to get the children in the village interested in providing a bug farm which could be constructed on Summer Ford. This was thought to be a good idea and will be discussed at a future meeting.

No other matters were raised and the meeting closed at 8.0pm