

MINUTES OF THE GUNTHWAITE AND INGBIRCHWORTH PUBLIC MEETING HELD ON MONDAY, 1ST JUNE 2015 IN ST. JOHNS CHURCH, UPPER DENBY

PRESENT: Councillor Coupe (Chair), J. Methley (Clerk) and four members of the public. -

(1) APOLOGIES: None received.

(2) MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING: The previous minutes, having been circulated, were proposed by D. Edmondson, sec. K. Batley as being a correct record and signed by the Chair.

(3) ANY MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES: Keith Batley if any progress had been made in erecting a noticeboard in Gunthwaite. It was reported that no site has been identified which would be suitable to cover the whole area. It was agreed the best way to cover this would be to distribute a 'flyer' for anything specific to Gunthwaite.

(4) ACCOUNTS: The Clerk outlined the accounts, which had been prepared for audit. These were signed off by the internal auditor and will now be sent to the external auditor for their approval.

(5) REPORT BY THE CHAIRMAN: A very big thank you to all members of the Parish Council for their time and effort over the last twelve months. I must mention the considerable amount of work put in by our Clerk, Mrs. J. Methley – her contribution is invaluable.

Projects undertaken this year have seen two new dog waste bins installed which are well used, and these together with the one on Summer Ford are emptied by BMBC, with new bags being put in as and when required by Councillor Batley.

The new access path to the M.U.G.A. is now installed and finally the laying of the new tarmac entrance to the playing field is completed.

Litter picking is ongoing with the notable assistance of local resident John Springer who is regularly sighted doing his bit.

Strimming and seat and gate painting is ongoing, thanks to Councillor Batley. Councillor Batley is also our liaison with the local Crime and Safety Group of which he is Chairman.

Removal of the tree stakes etc. on the earlier planted trees on the playing field has been undertaken by Councillor Edmondson assisted, I believe, by his wife Lynn. Councillor Edmondson is also involved in excellent and expert work on Planning and Grant issues and producing the newsletter. He is also our liaison on the Ward Alliance.

The new Defibrillator is now commissioned following a very well attended meeting at the Fountain Inn. The use of the Function Room, courtesy of Mr. David Dobson was much appreciated. A letter of

thanks will be sent to him, also to Mr. Holmes at the village shop for allowing the machine to be positioned on the wall of his property. Thanks are also extended to Councillors Batley and Whitbread for installing the cabinet.

The Parish Council are exploring the possibility of a grit/salt spreader which will be a useful addition during winter months and will lighten the load of those of us who shovel snow.

Councillor Whitbread has started the process of the Parish having a War Memorial. Progress is ongoing, but this could be a lengthy process as it involves discussion with BMBC. Councillor Whitbread is also involved in matters practical with other councillors. Their expertise means we rarely have to subcontract work which saves us money and helps keep the precept down.

Finally can I say how pleased I am to see Councillor Hallos back on the scene after a period away due to health issues. His contribution at meetings has been greatly missed.

(6) ANY MATTERS TO BE RAISED BY THE PUBLIC: No matters were raised.

(7) ANY PROJECTS TO BE CONSIDERED OVER THE NEXT TWELVE MONTHS:

At this time no major projects are to be carried over.