

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE GUNTHWAITE AND INGBIRCHWORTH PARISH CONCIL HELD
ON
THE 2nd APRIL 2019 IN DENBY CHURCH

PRESENT-Councillors Edmondson, Whitbread, Batley, Leeming, Karle, S. Weber (Barnsley Chronicle)
J Methley (clerk) and three members of the public.

(1) APOLOGIES AND DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST-No apologies were received and no declaration made.

(2) TO CONFIRM THE MINTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 21ST JANUARY 2019 - Proposed Councillor Karie, sec. Councillor Leeming that these minutes be signed as correct record.

(3) TO REPORT ANY MATTERS FROM THE MINUTES, NOT ON THE AGEND. - Councillor Edmondson raised the amount of precept. Although the Parish Council had not asked for any increase the council bills are showing an increase of 1.7% on the last two years. The clerk agreed to contact Finance Dept and ask if they can explain the increase.

Councillor Batley asked if anything had been done about Rockwood Hunt going on Summer Ford. The clerk stated she had spoken to Tessa Down of Rockwood Hunt and explained that Summer Ford is owned by the Parish Council and is to be used by walkers etc. Under no circumstance must horses use the area. She confirmed that the hunt would not on again.

(4) TO RECEIVE REPORT FROM COUNCILLOR BATLEY REGARDING THE PENISTONE EAST CRIME AND SAFETY GROUP - Councillor Batley reported that there was no information from the crime and safety group. However the PACT meetings, which are open to the public, are coming under fire. When these meetings are held often the police do not turn up, saying they are too busy to attend. This enrages the members of the public and they are making it very clear they are dissatisfied with the police. There is to be an open meeting on the 16th May when the Crime commissioner, Alan Billings is to attend. Councillor Batley reported that some farm machinery has been set on fire but the police failed to turn up when this was reported. 2 for 1 burglaries are still taking place and he advised people to be careful where they keep their car keys.

(5) PARISH PATHS AND OPEN SPACES - Councillor Edmondson stated that after receiving information that a hole has been made in the wall on the children's play area. Councillor Edmondson stated he has contacted the Parks Dept, at B.M.B.C and reported this matter and asked for urgent attention to be given to the matter. Councillors Batley and Whitbread agreed to put in some poles and stretch tape across the hole to stop children getting through onto the main road.

The Clerk stated she had not looked at the deeds to see who is responsible for the wall at the top of the football field.

It was suggested that the Councillors, perhaps with help from volunteers, could rebuild this wall. The Clerk suggested asking Twiggs if they could help with this. Councillor Edmondson agreed to discuss this with Adam Price.

The work on the Sands Beds, i.e., clearing the stream, has been carried out by T&D Contractors. The silt etc. has been left at the side and Councillor Karie asked if it would be ok if she planted summer flowering bulbs. This was agreed.

(6) To adjourn the business of the Parish Council as members of the public can bring any items to their attention.

No matters were raised

At this point it was agreed to bring item 13 forward for discussion.

(13) To receive information on the work carried out on Annat Royd Nature Reserve.

Some preparatory work was carried out Wednesday 27th March with Councillors, volunteers and Twiggs working on the project for approx. 2 hours.

It was agreed that another session will be arranged, preferably early July. Councillor Edmondson agreed to fix this date with Adam Price of Twiggs.

(7) To consider any planning applications and other planning matters since the agenda was prepared

a letter has been received from planning regarding the alleged large advertising sign mounted on scaffolding at 2 Wellthorne Lane. They state that the Parish Council's complaint will be investigated to establish whether or not a breach of planning control has occurred and if so whether it is expedient to take action. They will advise the Parish Council of their intended course of action in due course. They have not answered the initial question of was planning approval given before the scaffolding was put up.

Information has been received from Kirklees regarding the Kirklees local Plan Inspectors report the local plan was adopted by full council on 27th Feb 2019.

Regarding the matter of Application no. 2017/0343, change of use for agriculture building Cockle Edge Farm. Following our request for information as to whether an extra access to the site was granted. Planning Departments reply stated that there look from the plans to have been an existing access and a new access approved on planning application 2017/0343.

Three planning applications have been received since the last meeting i.e., application 2019/0189 Erection of first floor side extension and removal of part of Stable Straw Hill Cottage, Ing. No Objections.

Application 2019/0136 - Erection of garage/workshops building with balcony on top, auxiliary to the existing house, The Slivermine Mill Farm, New Road, Gunthwaite. No objections

Application no. 2019/0065 - Cockle Edge Farm. No objections.

Barnsley Met B.C have now confirmed that paper copies of planning applications are no longer to be sent out, but all details will be accessed electronically. These details will be sent to Councillor Edmondson.

(8) TO RECEIVE INFORMATION ON APPROVED/DECLINED APPLICATIONS - No information received.

(9) TO BRING ANY ITEMS TO THE ATTENTION OF NEIGHBOURHOOD SERVICES -It was reported that a double glazed window unit has been left at the top of Carr Lane. Councillor Leeming agreed to try and pin point the area when reporting to Neighbourhood services.

Councillor Leeming brought up the subject of trying to produce a time capsule. He thought that children in the village could perhaps put some items together. A suggested site to bury this could perhaps be near the Christmas tree site. It was agreed to give this some further thought in the future.

(10) To receive any information on highway matters. No reply has been received from Highways regarding the water running down New Row Lane, which, pools at the junction with Mill Lane.

Councillor Edmondson has spoken to Yorkshire Water regarding this matter. They state that one of their technicians have carried out an inspection. At his visit he found no leak was present and has given his feedback as follows, 'This is naturally occurring ground water that shows here following periods of wet weather. This is a historic problem going back some years. The water does ~~not~~ stop during prolonged dry spells. This is a highways issue, and not Yorkshire Water responsibility.'

It was agreed to write again to highways and send them a copy of this letter.

Councillor Batley reported he has read that £9.9m is available for highway matters and only two sites have been identified. Some months ago District Councillor Milner approached the Parish Council and asked them to prioritise any areas which needed attention. Carr Lane down to Gunthwaite Lane was put at the top of the list. District Councillor Milner forwarded this information back to highways. He came back with information that they would try and carry out this work when finance was available. It now seems with £9.9m to spend there is plenty available to carry out this work. It was agreed to write back to highways with the information.

(11) To receive a letter regarding insurance to cover the new memorial.

A letter has been received from Zurich Municipal regarding covering the new memorial. They confirm this has been added to the policy in the sum of £1300 and an updated policy sent. They have waivered the premium for this year, however the premium renewal will increase by £3.10.

(12) To agree on the Clerk asking David Horsfall to carry out the internal audit. This was agreed.

(13) This item was dealt with earlier.

(14) To receive any letters/circulars. /

A notice of Election details was received and put on the notice board.

A letter has been received from Seafarers UK regarding flying the red ensign for Merchant Navy Day on 3rd September. This was noted.

A letter has been received from Ian Turner which he is to retire on the 29th March and the note of Parish Council Liaison Officer will pass to Peter Clerk. In terms of the registration of interest form for Parish Councillors these can still be sent to B.M.B.C monitoring Officer, for attention of Debra Lloyd at P.O.Box 634 Barnsley S70 9GG.

Copy of Clerks and Councils Direct received and noted. f

(15) To agree payments and not any income received cheque no. 529 was signed out of meeting on the 15th March 2019.

529 T&D Contractors	Grass cutting	£1152.00
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Six accounts were put forward for payment and the necessary cheques drawn and signed.

Monies received

NatWest	Interest	£0.45
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(16) To agree the date for the next meeting.

It was agreed that the next meeting will be held on Tuesday 21st May at 7.30.p.m.

This will be the annual Parish meeting followed by the Annual Parish Council Meeting.

(17) This item was discussed without press or residents being present.

The Clerk stated that her Broadband has been increased by £2.50 per month. It was agreed that this now be increased to £30.00 per quarter.

Information has been received from NALC that the pay spine rates for Clerks has been altered. The Clerk provided details of this and it was agreed by all Councillors to agree this increase in line with recommendations.

Councillor Leeming raised the matter of hours worked by the Clerk and thought her present hours were not enough. It was agreed to increase this by one half hour per week and look at the matter again if it is felt more hours are needed.