

MINUTES OF THE GUNTHWAITE AND INGBIRCHWORTH PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON
MONDAY, 21ST DECEMBER 2015 IN UPPER DENBY CHURCH

PRESENT: K. Batley, C. Coupe (Chair), D. Edmondson, A. Whitbread, S. Heeley, Paul Whitehouse and J. Methley (Clerk)

(1) APOLOGIES: None received.

(2) DECLARATION OF INTEREST - No declarations made.

(3) SOUTH YORKSHIRE POLICE - Councillor Batley reported that a Crime and Safety meeting had been held on the 17th December and stated that although no PCSO's are to lose their jobs at the moment, as from 4th April 2016 they will work from Barnsley and get up to the Penistone area as and when possible.

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

(5) MATTERS NOT ON THE AGENDA

Following the death of George Hallos, a Parish Councillor for 20 years, a vacancy has arisen. The Clerk has received a letter from a Mr. S. Heeley, a resident of Ingbirchworth, to put his name forward. He was asked to give a brief outline of what his interests are. As all the other Parish Councillors knew him it was agreed by all that he would be a welcome addition and he was therefore co-opted on. He signed a Declaration of Office form.

Councillor Edmondson raised the subject of the Clean and Tidy scheme being undertaken by the Ward Alliance. Two specific Clean and Tidy operatives and an apprentice placement, whose role will be to carry out improvements to the village/town and country-side environment. Councillor Edmondson has E-mailed that two areas would be suitable, i.e. removal of encroaching scrub at Annat Royd Nature Reserve and also work on Gunthwaite Spa.

Councillor Batley raised the matter of flooding down Wellthorne Avenue and produced a letter sent to Yorkshire Water by a Mr. A. Hird regarding this subject and their reply. They confirm that a scheme is being put in place to resolve the issues. The details of the scheme are: Weir off from the existing sewer in to a single storage tank sewer giving a total of 110m³, and a gravity return flow 40 metre down stream to the existing gravity sewer in Huddersfield Road.

Following the Christmas Tree switch on it was agreed to send a letter of thanks to Lotetta Pickton of 33 Huddersfield Road for the hard work she put in in serving mulled wine and excellent soup.

(6) MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES:

(a) Highway Matters

Overgrown vegetation. Councillor Edmondson has passed on the information to the caravan owners

and for them to pass on the areas concerned to BMBC.

War Memorial - The Clerk has received a telephone call from the Land Registry which stated that the form should be completed by a solicitor. The Clerk is to contact Penine Law to make an appointment.

Pot Holes - A number of pot holes were reported around Annat Royd Lane/junction of Mill Lane Area. The clerk is to write and request these be filled in.

Councillor Edmondson reported he has recently attended a Ward Alliance meeting and that a change has occurred under the Traffic Regulation Order. If yellow lines need to be painted BMBC do not cover this cost and it has to be paid for the group requesting it.

(b) Neighbourhood Services - Councillors Batley and Coupe both reported that they had informed Neighbourhood Services of rubbish tipped on Gypsy Lane and down Gunthwaite.

Grit/salt spreader - The grant for one spreader has been received and paid into the bank. It was agreed that the Clerk now order two spreaders at a cost of £307.17. The specification is SW35-E Stainless Steel Frame spreader, pneumatic, 35 litre capacity, and to be delivered to Councillor Batley's home.

(d) Transparency Code — Councillor Edmondson has read this document and confirmed that grants are available for computer equipment and set up costs. Councillor Edmondson agreed to complete this application form as soon as possible due to the time frame.

(e) Any response from BMBC regarding siting diffibulator -
No information has been received. Councillor Edmondson stated he has learnt that a machine etc. can be provided by the British Hearth Foundation but before an application is sent the Parish need to know that the site for this has been confirmed by BMBC. Clerk agreed to write again.

(f) Any information received from BMBC regarding siting a bench and removal of old equipment.

A letter has been received dated 7th December regarding the proposed alterations, including replace/relocate the existing bench and flagged seating area, cut back existing shrubbery and level/grass seed this area. Nick Jones has confirmed that in principle the Council has no objections to the proposal. Eric Steer has confirmed Berneslai Homes have no objection to this and stated that the Parish Council can relocate the bench if they wish.

Councillor Edmondson stated he has contacted John Openshaw regarding the money left over from the original grant to see if it can be used towards the new scheme. He has confirmed that the surplus money can be used and is classed as being part of the original application. With regard to the seat and new path Councillor Batley stated that Jim Milner is interested in being involved. It was agreed that the Parish Councillors would get together sometime before the next meeting to try and obtain a drawing for one or two seats, with prices, and decide from where to where the path needs to run.

Councillor Whitbread stated if possible he would like to have a small steel framed fence put around the war memorial but it was agreed to leave this over until more definite finances are known at the year end.

(g) Any response from T & D. Contractors - No information been received.

(h) Noticeboard - Councillors Batley and Whitbread reported that the noticeboard is very wet inside and rotting. After discussion it was agreed that they; purchase the materials needed to make this noticeboard weatherproof . They will undertake the work when time allows.

(7) PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Two applications have been received since the last meeting. i.e.

2015/1385, Erection of two storey side extension to dwelling, 40 Ings way. No objections.

2015/1400, Erection of garage extension to dwelling, 27 Huddersfield Road. No comments.

(8) YORKSHIRE LOCAL COUNCILS ASS.

Copy of White Rose Update and further information on Transparency Code received and noted.

(9) Correspondence has been received which states that Stephen Edwards has been appointed to Executive Director at SYPTE.

Briefing letter for December from South York. Fire & Rescue Auth.

A letter from Kirklees Council states that their consultation period on the draft local plan has been extended to 1st February.

(10) PARISH PATHS - ANY RESPONSE REGARDING BRIDLEWAY 38

A letter and map has been received from Sarah Ford in respect of Bridleway 18. She has asked to attend our next meeting so this can be discussed fully. It was agreed to write and invite her to our meeting on the 1st February.

(11) ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

384	C. Coupe	Provision for Christmas tree switch on, mulled wine etc	£46.00
		5 notices	£10.00
385	T. Whitbread	Rope	£4.62

(12) DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting is to be held on Monday, 1st February at 7.30 in Upper Denby Church.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.20pm.

Chairman _____ Date _____