

GUNTHWAITE AND INGBIRCHWORTH PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COUNCIL HELD ON WEDNESDAY, 5TH MARCH 2025, 7.30 PM, FOUNTAIN VILLAGE PUB FUNCTION ROOM

PRESENT; Councillors Berry, Edmondson, Ogden, Hazeldine; Clerk; four members of the public.

2024/134. TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES AND APPROVE REASONS FOR ABSENCE.

Noted – no absences.

2024/135. TO RECEIVE DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST IN ITEMS ON THE AGENDA.

Noted – Councillor Edmondson declared an interest in item 2023/0310.

2024/136. TO CONFIRM AND SIGN THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 22ND JANUARY 2025.

Resolved – Councillor Edmondson signed the minutes as Councillor Berry was absent from the January meeting.

2024/137. TO REPORT ANY MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES NOT ON THE AGENDA – FOR INFORMATION ONLY.

Noted – no matters to report.

2024/138. CO-OPTION MATTERS.

2024/138.1 TO RECEIVE AND CONSIDER EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC AND THE PRESS FROM THE MEETING BEFORE DISCUSSING THE NEXT ITEM (CO-OPTION OF A NEW COUNCILLOR).

Resolved – Councillors agreed that members of the public should be excluded from the meeting during the discussion of item 2024/138.2

2024/138.2 TO RECEIVE AND CONSIDER THE CO-OPTION OF A NEW COUNCILLOR.

Resolved – Councillors unanimously agreed to the co-option of Mrs Nicola Ackerley to the Council, with immediate effect.

2024/139. TO ADJOURN THE BUSINESS OF THE MEETING TO RECEIVE COMMENT AND QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC ON AGENDA ITEMS.

Noted - a member of the public present asked about the proposed car park and how any anti-social behaviour would be managed, especially at night. Councillor Berry gave an overview of previous discussions about this, especially the difficulty in finding suitable sites in Ingbirchworth, and that a car park would need to be gated overnight to reduce the risk of anti-social behaviour.

Another member of the public asked about planning matters and how the Parish Council decides what planning applications it will or won't respond to. Councillor Berry noted that the Council has commented in detail on matters with wider community impact/interest, not on individual housing matters such as extensions. Councillor Edmondson noted that when the redevelopment of the Fountain pub site in Ingbirchworth village came up, the Parish Council requested changes to the application to retain the pub as a hospitality venue, as this would benefit the wider community.

2024/140. TO RECEIVE AND CONSIDER ANY PLANNING APPLICATIONS SINCE THE LAST MEETING.

2025/0053 SINGLE STOREY REAR EXTENSION TO DETACHED DWELLING, INGBIRCHWORTH.

Resolved – no comment by the Council.

2023/0310 ERECTION OF ONE DWELLING ON NEW ROW LANE. NOW GONE TO APPEAL – REFERENCE APP/R4408/W/23/3355298 (CARRIED OVER FROM LAST MEETING).

Noted – Councillor Edmondson noted that on the Barnsley Council planning portal the Parish Council's comment is shown as being from Penistone Town council.

Resolved – Clerk to contact the planning department to have this corrected.

2024/141. TO RECEIVE AND CONSIDER MATTERS RELATING TO PROVISION OF PARKING IN INGBIRCHWORTH VILLAGE.

Noted – Councillor Berry noted there had been no more updates about this.

2024/142. TO RECEIVE AND CONSIDER MATTERS RELATING TO THE TREE SURVEY REPORT FOR BROWNSEGE WOODLAND.

Noted – The report on the Brownsedge woodland survey revealed that ash dieback is present in most of the ash trees there. The Council will need a management plan for these to cover the next 3-5 years. On a positive note, there are other healthy native tree and shrub species and no invasive non-native species present. Gaps could be replanted with native species as part of the management plan.

Resolved - Councillor Edmondson will contact Greenotes CIC (the Penistone area environmental team) to see if they can assist with a management plan and tie this in with biodiversity improvements in the woodland.

2024/143. TO RECEIVE AND CONSIDER MATTERS RELATING TO GRASS MOWING AT SUMMERFORD PICNIC AREA.

Noted – Clerk noted that the contractors had said they use a different mower on Summerford as it is rougher than other areas. Councillor Berry raised the issue of ticks in long grass and previous unfavourable comments from members of the public when this area wasn't cut. Previous attempts to create more of a meadow in the field were unsuccessful and would require upfront creation and an ongoing management plan.

Resolved – Clerk to find out when the contractors start to cut this area. If they cut in April, then they could miss out May (no mow May).

2024/144. TO RECEIVE AND CONSIDER POLICIES AND PROCEDURES (STANDING ORDERS, FINANCIAL REGULATIONS, CODE OF CONDUCT, BIODIVERSITY, COMPLAINTS, SOCIAL MEDIA, PRIVACY (STAFF, COUNCILLORS AND ROLE HOLDERS), GENERAL PRIVACY) AS PUBLISHED ON THE COUNCIL'S WEBSITE (CARRIED OVER FROM LAST MEETING).

Noted – Councillor Hazeldine noted missing details in the Standing Orders for items 3f, 3g, 4d, 6d and the Clerk's old email address on the Social Media policy.

Resolved – Clerk to add or correct the details as stated and get the updated versions uploaded to the webpage.

2024/145. TO RECEIVE AND CONSIDER MATTERS RELATING TO THE COUNCIL'S GOV.UK DOMAIN AND RELATED EMAIL ADDRESSES.

Noted – still some difficulties accessing two of the new webmail accounts that have been created.

Resolved – Clerk to contact Force36 (the provider) to ask for advice and liaise with the Councillors.

2024/146. TO CONSIDER MATTERS RELATING TO PUBLIC RIGHTS OF WAY AND PUBLIC OPEN SPACES.

Noted – Councillor Ackerley reported potholes on Annat Royd Lane, Councillor Ogden had reported leaves on pavements on Huddersfield Road (between Wellthorne Avenue junction and bus shelter) however the pavement has been damaged.

Resolved – Clerk to report pavement damage to BMBC.

2024/147. TO CONSIDER MATTERS FOR REFERRAL TO BMBC HIGHWAYS AUTHORITY.

Noted – no matters raised.

2024/148. TO CONSIDER MATTERS FOR REFERRAL TO NEIGHBOURHOOD SERVICES.

Noted – no matters raised.

2024/149. TO RECEIVE AND CONSIDER CRIME AND SAFETY MATTERS.

Noted – Councillor Berry completed a crime survey, Councillor Hazeldine noted that the defibrillator on Wellthorne Lane had been taken out but not used, so no new pads needed.

2024/150.FINANCIAL MATTERS

2024/150.1 TO RECEIVE ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT AND NOTE INCOME RECEIVED.

Accounts for payment

05.03	#785	BL Lonestar Ltd	Function room hire fee (March 2025 meeting)	£30.00
05.03	#786	YLCA	Training course Cllr Hazeldine	£70.20
05.03	#787	Crown Consultants Ltd	Tree survey and report Brownsedge woodland	£936.00

Income received

31.12	NatWest Bank	Interest	£9.73
29.01	Northern Powergrid	Wayleave payment	£19.02

Debit card account payments made by Clerk

21.02	Force 36 Limited	Monthly Microsoft Exchange Online Plan 1 (webmail) subscription	£25.80
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2024/150.2 TO RECEIVE AND NOTE BANK RECONCILIATION REPORT TO JANUARY 30TH.

Noted – a bank balance of £13,349.72 was reported.

Resolved – the bank reconciliation report was checked and signed by a Councillor.

2024/150.3 TO RECEIVE AND CONSIDER THE BUDGET MONITOR REPORT TO MARCH 5TH.

Resolved – budget monitor report accepted.

2024/151.TO NOTE CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED.

2024/151.1 YLCA WHITE ROSE WEEKLY NEWS AND NOTIFICATIONS/TRAINING (JAN/FEB).

2024/151.2 A REQUEST FROM SHEFFIELD AND ROTHERAM WILDLIFE TRUST TO PUBLISH INFORMATION ABOUT VOLUNTEER DAYS AT INGBIRCHWORTH AND IN THE LOCALITY.

Resolved – Clerk to forward email to Councillor Berry.

2024/151.3 FROM BMBC ELECTORAL SERVICES REGARDING THE LATEST ELECTORAL REGISTER.

2024/152. TO CONFIRM THE NEXT COUNCIL MEETING DATE AS WEDNESDAY APRIL 16TH, 2025.

Resolved – next meeting date is Wednesday April 16th.