

GUNTHWAITE AND INGBIRCHWORTH PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY, 12TH OCTOBER 2020, ONLINE

PRESENT; Councillors Edmondson, Karle, Berry, Ogden; A. Murphy (Clerk); S. Webber (Barnsley Chronicle); Borough Councillor Hannah Kitching

The chairman opened the meeting by introducing and welcoming Amanda Murphy as the new Clerk to the Council. Council wanted to formally express their gratitude and best wishes to the outgoing Clerk, Mrs. Joan Methley, for her 40+ years of dedicated service to the Parish. Councillor Kitching on behalf of Borough councillors also extended her thanks, and her recognition of the valuable role that Clerks perform across all the parishes.

(1) APOLOGIES AND DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Apologies were received from Tony Whitbread who stood down from the Council wef October 12th. No declarations of interest were made. Declarations of interest will be a separate Agenda item in future.

Council also wanted to formally express gratitude and best wishes to Tony Whitbread for his 17 years of dedicated service, Clerk to send letter of thanks in recognition.

(2) TO AGREE AND SIGN THE LAST MINUTES DATED 10TH AUGUST 2020

Proposed Councillor Karle, seconded Councillor Ogden that the minutes be accepted and signed by the chairman as a correct record.

(3) TO REPORT ANY MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES NOT ELSEWHERE ON THE AGENDA

Re item 4. A new Parish Councillor will be required, Councillor Edmondson will post information on Community Facebook page. Also, a new Vice-Chair will need to be nominated at the next meeting.

Re item 12. BMBC Highways and PCSOs at Penistone have indicated they cannot take action as the vehicle is not parked illegally.

(4) NOTE ARRANGEMENTS FOR NEW CLERK

Amanda Murphy is the new Clerk wef 12th October. Handover of equipment and documents from former Clerk to be arranged as soon as possible. Includes Bank mandate for new signatories. Only the chairman now remains mandated to sign cheques but three signatures, the clerk's and two councillor's, are required.

The chairman raised the matter of the Clerk's salary, currently payable quarterly by cheque in arrears. Councillor Karle suggested the Council moves to online banking. Clerk to investigate online banking options for Parish.

(5) TO ADJOURN THE MEETING SO MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC CAN RAISE ITEMS FOR ATTENTION.

No members of the public were in attendance.

(6) TO RECEIVE ANY PLANNING APPLICATIONS SINCE THE LAST MEETING

Three applications have been notified for the Council's observations. No objections or comments were submitted.

2020/0830, conversion of outbuilding to dwelling, Hazel House Farm

2020/0905, rear extension, Summerford

2020/0956, demolition of outbuilding and construction of agricultural manager's dwelling/office, Annat Royd Farm

(7) PLANNING APPLICATION 2020/0474 FOUNTAINS INN SITE.

Councillor Kitching said planning department is still waiting for a response to queries they have raised to developers about highways, and housing volumes. Concerns that have been raised by Parish Council and Borough Councillor about loss of the last community space in the Parish and mitigation that will be required will be addressed, but highways/housing volume are most urgent at moment.

(8) TO REPORT ON ANY HIGHWAY MATTER

Councillor Ogden reported collapsed fencing on pavement at top of Carr Lane. To be reported to Highways.

Carr Lane to Gunthwaite Dam has been resurfaced although road closure signage still in place.

Footpath to Upper Denby starting at Huddersfield Road between two houses is overgrown.

Councillor Edmondson will send footpath number to Councillor Kitching to pass to Barnsley team.

Traffic problems Ivy Bank area – letter summarising issues and proposed solutions (refer previous minutes) to be sent to Highways from Parish Council, Councillor Kitching to be copied.

(9) TO RECEIVE ANY INFORMATION FROM NEIGHBOURHOOD SERVICES AND CLEAN AND TIDY GROUP

Councillor Karle got a quote for clearing the Sandbeds stream of vegetation including Himalayan Balsam, this was from the Council's contractors, T&D, for £160. Due to time of year this work was deferred to Spring 2021 when balsam is growing.

Councillor Karle said that T&D do an excellent job at competitive rate.

(10) TO RECEIVE INFORMATION ON THE ARMISTICE SERVICE AND CHRISTMAS EVENTS

Due to Covid-19 restrictions and to align with wider Borough policy it was agreed that no public gathering to lay wreaths would be arranged by the Council this year. Wreaths will be laid by Councillors. Public are free to pay their respects individually or in households if they wish. Councillor Edmondson suggested that people could stand at their door at 11am on Armistice day to observe the silence. Council agreed this was a good idea so information about this will be posted on the community Facebook page.

Councillor Ogden to ask Mr. J Thompson to play the 'Last Post' at the memorial on the day.

Christmas tree has been ordered, due to be delivered w/c 1st December. Councillor Edmondson to arrange putting up tree and lights. Councillor Karle will store the lights after Christmas. Further discussion to be held in November on what, if any, community event can be held this year.

(11) MANHOLE COVER FOR RECREATION GROUND

It was agreed to purchase a cast iron cover to replace a current light-weight one, cost quoted at £63+VAT (Naylor Myers). Councillor Edmondson will make the arrangements for installation.

(12) TO CONSIDER WELCOME PACK FOR NEW RESIDENTS

Councillor Berry proposed providing information about community Facebook group, Parish Council etc. when people move into the Parish. Councillor Berry and the Clerk to come up with draft for next meeting.

(13) TO CONSIDER REFURBISHMENT AND USE OF FORMER BT TELEPHONE BOX

Discussion postponed to next meeting.

(14) TO NOTE A REPORT ON EXTERNAL FUNDING

The chairman had circulated an analysis of major Council spending over the last twelve years and emphasised the importance of grant aid and donations to the work carried out.

(15) TO RECEIVE BANK MANDATES FOR COMPLETION BY NEW COUNCILLORS AND CLERK.

Clerk to arrange and send out the necessary paperwork.

(16) TO RECEIVE ANY ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT AND NOTE ANY MONIES RECEIVED.

Nine accounts were put forward for payment and the necessary cheques drawn and signed.

590	Denby PCC	Hire of room 3 x £30.00 and COVID cleaning fee @ £22.50	£112.50
591	DA Edmondson	Chairman's Allowance	£13.00
592	J. Methley	Cancelled	
593	J. Methley	Broadband (July, Aug, Sept)	£30.00
594	Billingley Christmas Trees	Provision of tree	£228.00
595	A. Whitbread	Paint, petrol, bolts	£62.77
596	J. Methley	Salary plus 2 weeks (July, Aug, Sept)	£500.22
597	J. Methley	Postage (1 st July to 12 th October)	£27.90
598	DA Edmondson	Zoom licence	£14.39

Monies received:

Nat West.	Interest	£0.01
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NOTE- cheque #590 is replacement for #587 as Hall is now a separate account to Church. #587 sent back to Clerk and voided.

(17) DATE OF NEXT MEETING

After a discussion it was agreed to have the next meeting in eight weeks, i.e. Monday 7th of December. Meetings are likely to be online for some time.