

TODWICK PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the council meeting held in Todwick Village Hall at 7.00 p.m. on Tuesday the 26th of October 2021.

Present

Councillor Dixon – Chairman
 Councillor Jeffrey
 Councillor Morley
 Councillor Newbold
 Councillor O’Sullivan
 Councillor Wright
 J R Walker – Clerk & Financial Officer

21/91 APOLOGIES

Apologies had been received from Councillors Carter and Davis and their reasons for absence were approved.

21/92 DECLARATION OF DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY AND OTHER INTERESTS

- (a) No disclosures were made by members of any disclosable pecuniary interests for the purposes of Section 31 of the Localism Act 2011 or any other relevant interests under the Members’ Code of Conduct
- (b) No requests were received for dispensations to councillors to take part in discussions and votes where they have declared disclosable pecuniary interests

21/93 ITEMS TO BE CONSIDERED IN THE ABSENCE OF THE PUBLIC AND PRESS

No items were raised.

21/94 PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS

Resolved:

That the minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on Tuesday 29th September 2021 be confirmed as an accurate record and signed by the Chairman.

21/95 REPORT BY THE CLERK AND FINANCIAL OFFICER

The Clerk and Financial Officer had written further letters and submitted an on-line complaint to Barclays Bank in connection with cheque number 101647 but no reply had yet been received. Business Stream had received and processed this cheque but it had not been recorded as being presented by the bank. A cheque for £20.00 had now been received from Business Stream as compensation for the delay in responding to his letters.

Monies received

	Nil
1. E.on – FiT Payment	508.77
2. Business Stream – Compensation re Cheque 101647	20.00

Payments made since last meeting

1. Cream Creative – “Informer” Printing	105.00
2. Blaze Fireworks Ltd. – Fireworks Display	4,300.00
3. Planning Portal – Planning Application Fee	145.00
4. Richard Taylor Master Locksmith – Replace Locks/Keys at Sports Pavilion	162.00

5. Green Pastures Pest Control – Pest Control at Allotments/Recreation Ground	123.75
6. RMBC – Grounds Maintenance	3673.72
7. Home and Garden – Bin Bags etc.	42.40
8. Susan Wright – Cleaning and Litter Removal	200.00
9. The Glow Co. UK Ltd. – Glow Sticks	339.97
10. Warburton Signs – Signs re Bonfire/Fireworks Display	72.00
11. Business Stream – Allotment Water Bill	248.16

Payments to be made

1. Robert Needham – Works at Sports Pavilion	75.00
2. HMRC – October Tax/NI	544.60
3. J R Walker – October Salary/Expenses and Back Monies	1640.47

Un-presented cheques

1. Business Stream – Allotment Water Bill	9.75
2. GS Architectural Designs Ltd – Storage Container Scheme Drawing	250.00
3. Rotherham MBC – Grounds Maintenance	3673.72
4. The Glow Co. UK Ltd. – Glow Sticks	339.97
5. Warburton Signs – Signs re Bonfire/Fireworks Display	72.00
6. Business Stream – Allotment Water Bill	248.16

Present bank statement balances

Business Saver Account (Cheque Feeder)	Community Account (Cheque)
£63,936.21	£1.00

Total balance after all payments to date = £57,102.54

21/96 SALARY AND WORKING HOURS OF THE CLERK AND FINANCIAL OFFICER

The Clerk and Financial Officer had submitted detailed information.

Councillors Jeffrey, Morley and O’Sullivan reported on their assessment and recommendations.

Resolved:

- (i) To increase the working hours of the Clerk and Financial Officer to 18 hours per week.
- (ii) To increase the salary of the Clerk and Financial Officer to £13,497.12/year.
- (iii) That the increases apply from the 1st July 2021.

21/97 COMMITTEES AND ORGANISATION REPORTS

(a) A report on the inspection of play areas was received from Councillors Morley and Dixon, prepared following their site meeting with the RMBC Inspector

Resolved:

- (i) To have monthly inspections of play areas carried out by RMBC.
- (ii) To have resistance testing carried out on the timber climbing frame at the recreation ground.
- (iii) To have annual inspections of the play areas carried out by an independent specialist.
- (iv) To ensure early completion of essential works identified in the report.

(b) A report on the installation of CCTV at the recreation ground was received from Councillor Dixon.

Resolved:

To receive quotations for the installation of CCTV at the recreation ground and decide on any action at the November Council meeting,

(c) A report on providing removable tennis nets and posts at the MUGA had not yet been prepared.

Resolved:

To receive a report on providing removable tennis nets and posts at the MUGA and decide on any action at the November meeting.

(d) Consideration was given to deciding upon applying for a grant from the FCC Community Action Fund.

Resolved:

To submit a grant application to assist with the provision of additional play equipment from the FCC Community Action Fund.

(e) A report on the maintenance of the multi-use games area and surrounding area was received

Resolved:

To appoint Haywards Horticulture to maintain the MUGA and surrounding area.

(f) Councillor Dixon reported the donation of a picnic table by Janice Goddard.

Resolved:

(i) To thank Mrs. Goddard for donating the picnic table.

(ii) To site the table at the recreation ground.

21/98 GOVERNANCE MATTERS

The Clerk had communicated with the Yorkshire Local Councils Association in connection with the Parish Council's powers to site storage containers on a concrete pad at the recreation ground and the administration of flood resilience grant monies now held on deposit by Anston Parish Council.

Resolved:

That the Clerk communicate further with the Yorkshire Local Councils Association and RMBC in respect of its powers to site storage containers on a concrete pad at the recreation ground and the administration of flood resilience grant monies now held on deposit by Anston Parish Council.

21/99 PLANNING MATTERS

(a) The Clerk and Financial Officer had submitted the planning application for the siting of storage containers at the recreation ground.

Resolved:

To take no further action at this time.

(b) (i) RB 2021/1899

Demolition of conservatory and rear extension and erection of single storey rear extension at 24 The Meadows.

Resolved:

Not to object to the proposal

(ii) RB2021/1968

Erection of front and rear extension and new roof to existing bungalow at 17 Osborne Road

Resolved:

Not to object to the proposal

21/100 EVENTS

Councillor Dixon reported on arrangements in place for the bonfire and fireworks display to be held on the 5th of November.

21/101 VILLAGE MAINTENANCE

An Initial Expression Form had been submitted to the Towns and Villages Fund. This related to possible environmental improvements at The Pastures.

21/102 HIGHWAY MATTERS

Councillor Dixon reported on his discussions with residents of the Todwick Grange Estate experiencing problems with A57 access, traffic speeds and noise. Borough Councillor Bacon was actively pursuing these issues with RMBC Officers and speed checks were being arranged.

21/103 NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

Clerk reported the crime statistics prepared by Norman Anderson:-

Monthly Categories

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total
Burglary		1											1
Criminal Damage and Arson	1			1	1	2	2						7
Other Theft						2							2
Vehicle Crime		1	1	1	1	2	1	1					8
Public Order	1				1	1		3					6
Violence and Sexual	1	3	1	1	2	1	3	2					14
Drugs		1											1
Anti-social Behaviour	2	1	2	1	1	2	2	4					15
Total	5	7	4	4	6	10	8	10					54

21/104 WEB SITE

Councillor O'Sullivan reported on recent difficulties in updating the Web Site.

21/105 PARISH PLAN

Councillor O'Sullivan reported the receipt of a further 14 on-line responses to the Questionnaire making a total of 47 to date. He was now to obtain information from the last census.

21/106 EMERGENCY PLAN

Councillor Dixon had been unable to finalise the plan.

Resolved: To defer consideration of the emergency plan until the November council meeting.

21/107 CO-OPTION OF NEW COUNCILLOR

No applications to fill the vacancy had been received.

21/108 DISCUSSION OF ANY ITEM(S) FOR WHICH THE PRESS AND PUBLIC HAVE BEEN EXCLUDED

There were no items from which the press and public had been excluded

21/109 PARISH MATTERS

No reports were received.

21/110 ITEMS FOR THE AGENDA OF THE NEXT MEETING

(a) To receive a report on the inspection of play areas and decide on any action required.

- (b) To receive quotations for the installation of CCTV at the recreation ground and decide on any action required.
- (c) To receive a report on providing removable tennis nets and posts at the MUGA and decide on any action required.
- (d) To receive the emergency plan and decide on any action required.

21/111 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Resolved: That the parish council next meet on Tuesday 30th November 2021 at 7.00 p.m. in Todwick Village Hall.

The meeting closed at 9.50 p.m.

..... Chairman

..... Date