

# TODWICK PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the council meeting held in Todwick Village Hall at 7.00 p.m. on Tuesday the 29<sup>th</sup> of November 2022.

## **Present**

Councillor Carter  
 Councillor Davis – To 8.50 p.m.  
 Councillor Dixon – Chairman  
 Councillor Newbold  
 Councillor Wright  
 Tony Rusling  
 Matthew Baldry  
 J R Walker – Clerk & Financial Officer

## **22/112 APOLOGIES**

Apologies were received from Councillors Jeffrey, Morley and Otten.

## **22/113 DECLARATION OF DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY AND OTHER INTERESTS**

(a) There were no disclosures made by members of any disclosable pecuniary interests for the purposes of Section 31 of the Localism Act 2011 and any other relevant interests under the Members' Code of Conduct

(b) There were no requests for dispensations to councillors to take part in discussions and votes where they had declared disclosable pecuniary interests

## **22/114 ITEMS TO BE CONSIDERED IN THE ABSENCE OF THE PUBLIC AND PRESS**

No items were raised.

## **22/115 PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS**

### **Resolved:**

That the minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> October 2022 be confirmed as an accurate record and signed by the Chairman.

## **22/116 REPORT BY THE CLERK AND FINANCIAL OFFICER**

The Clerk and Financial Officer reported:

	£
<u>Monies received since last meeting</u>	
1. Todwick Parish Council – Bonfire/Fireworks Receipts	1799.53
2. Zurich Municipal – Insurance Claim	2842.41
3. Veolia Environmental Trust – Remainer of Play Equipment Grant	18863.73
<u>Payments made since last meeting</u>	
1. Todwick Village Hall – Meeting Rent	24.50
2. Haywards Horticulture – Grounds Maintenance at Recreation Ground	996.00
3. Zurich Municipal – Additional Cover re New Play Equipment	146.69
4. Rotherham MBC – Various Play Equipment Inspections	1899.36
5. Haywards Horticulture – Works at War Memorial	294.00
6. HMRC – November Tax/NI	493.01

7. Haywards Horticulture – Works at Recreation Ground Play Area 596.00

Payments to be made

1. Susan Wright – Cleaning and Security	250.00
2. Hags - SMP Ltd – Play Area Equipment	38245.38
3. J R Walker – November Salary, Expenses and Back Monies	1534.36

Un-presented cheques

Nil

Present bank statement balances

Business Saver Account (Cheque Feeder)	Community Account (Cheque)
£49,468.07	£1.00

Total balance after all payments to date £9,439.33

He would be reclaiming VAT paid from 1 April to 30 November inclusive as previously agreed.

He reported on the need to agree a budget and the precept for 2023 to 2024 and requirement for the Parish Council to notify RMBC of its precept requirements by 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2023.

**22/117 CLERK AND FINANCIAL OFFICER'S SALARY**

Following its receipt the Clerk and Financial Officer had forwarded to Members the 2022 to 2023 National Joint Council National Salary Award notified by the National Association of Local Councils.

**Resolved:**

That the Clerk and Financial Officer's annual salary from 1 April 2022 to 31 March 2023 be increased from £13,731.12 to £14,667.12.

**22/118 COMMITTEES AND ORGANISATION REPORTS**

- (a) No report was received on the latest play area inspection reports.
- (b) Councillor Dixon reported on the completion of the grant-aided installation of new play equipment at the Mary Gregory Play Area and praised Councillor Morley for the work she had done in obtaining the grant from Veolia and overseeing the installation works. Prior to the meeting Councillor Morley had forwarded a quotation for further works to resurface the safety surfacing at the existing the dome and swings. She was to seek further quotations which it was hoped would be more competitive. Although the Clerk would be submitting a claim to recover the VAT paid to the end of November the finances would remain very limited.

**Resolved:**

- i. To delay any decision on resurfacing the areas around the dome and swings until receipt of all quotations.
- ii. To delay the official opening of the new play equipment until such time as Councillor Morley was available.
- (c) Councillor Dixon reported on the completion of works at the recreation ground play area which had included surface reinstatement following repositioning and reuse of the circular concrete rings. He was pleased to say that there had been no instances of vandalism or unacceptable behaviour within the recreation ground following the installation of CCTV. Councillor Carter would place an appropriate post on social media.

**22/119 GOVERNANCE MATTERS**

- (a) No report was received on Data Protection Policy.

(b) No report was received on Model Councillor-Officer Protocol produced by the Civility and Respect Project run by the National Association of Local Councils and the Society of Local Council Clerks

## **22/120 PLANNING MATTERS**

### 1. RB2022/1688

Construction of boundary wall, railings, and erection of new gate to driveway at 1 Todwick Court Kiveton Lane, Kiveton Park.

**Resolved:**

Not to object.

### 2. RB2022/1752

Addition of four number rooflights and replacement dormer structure to front elevation, replacement of two number dormer structures to the rear elevation to include amendments to rear gable with associated internal alterations at Wright Stone Lodge, 72 Kiveton Lane.

**Resolved:**

Not to object.

### 3. Planning Enforcement case EN2020/0377: Land at rear of 78 and 80 Kiveton Lane

**Resolved:**

Not to comment further.

*The meeting was suspended at 8.00 p.m.*

## **OPEN SESSION**

1. Tony Rusling was concerned that the public rights of way map recently displayed by the Parish Council was inferior to the one it replaced.

The Clerk undertook to liaise with RMBC Rights of Way to enquire whether a more acceptable map could be provided.

2. Tony Rusling was a Member of the Village Hall Management Committee and had been concerned that a previous financial report by the Committee had been displayed on the Parish Council Notice Board without the Committee's knowledge. He had spoken with Dr, Richardson the Committee Chairman and Parish Councillor Wright to ascertain if they knew who had done this. This information was not received and he had subsequently removed the document.

Councillor Wright reported that he had sent an email to Parish Council Members and the Clerk in an attempt to ascertain who had posted the report and was most concerned that this had been misunderstood by some and a lengthy discussion ensued.

The Clerk conformed that he had not posted the report. He had received no instruction from Members to post it and did not know who had.

Councillor Dixon had discussed the matter with Dr. Richardson. The Parish Council and the Village Hall Management Committee were both working on parishioner's behalf and the matter was now closed.

3. Tony Rusling and Matthew Baldry were concerned that moss was growing on footways surfaced by RMBC in the summer.

Detailed discussion about the effectiveness of the treatment and the laying methodology.

Councillor Davis and the Clerk reported on the action they had taken and Councillor Davis would once again raise the problems including moss growth/removal with his contact at RMBC. Councillor Carter would place a post on social media.

4. Tony Rusling was concerned that the entrance gate to the allotments was continually left open encouraging fly-tipping.

Councillor Jeffrey would be asked to remind plot holders of the need to close the gate on departure.

5. Tony Rusling asked about the receipts for the Funday.

Councillors Carter and Dixon explained that these were to be used to help fund the soon to be independently constituted Events Committee.

6. Tony Rusling asked the Clerk to provide the planning application for a recent application at St Paul's Close.

The Clerk advised that this was RB2022/0089

7. Tony Rusling had arranged an evening concert at the village hall on the 11 February 2023.

The artist appearing had received fantastic reviews of his interpretation of Elvis Presley, Roy Orbison and Matt Monroe hits. Tickets priced at £10 were required in advance.

*The meeting was reconvened at 8.40 p.m.*

### **22/121 EVENTS**

Councillor Dixon reported that the bonfire and fireworks display had been well received and highly successful. Approximately a thousand people had attended.

Councillor Carter reported that the stalls had been well supported and comments on social media had been very complimentary. There had been some requests that the evening be extended by providing other attractions.

Councillor Dixon was aware that not everyone was supportive of extending the event but he would investigate the possibility of providing additional attractions next year.

#### **Resolved:**

To hold the bonfire and fireworks display on Friday 3 November 2023 subject to the necessary funding being available.

Councillor Dixon would make a provisional booking with the fireworks supplier.

### **22/122 VILLAGE MAINTENANCE**

No report was received.

### **22/123 HIGHWAY MATTERS**

No report was received.

### **22/124 NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH**

No Neighbourhood Watch report was received.

Councillor Dixon expressed his surprise that no report had been received from the Neighborhood Watch group as he was aware that there had been a number of recent burglaries at people's homes in the village as well as an incident of wanton vandalism to garden fences on Storth Lane which had been caused by a group of youths walking along Storth Lane towards Kiveton.

### **22/125 WEB SITE**

The Clerk reported that following Councillor O'Sullivan's resignation there was no one capable of managing the website and the gov.uk emails. Paul O'Sullivan had very kindly agreed to give his support in the short term but a sustainable alternative must be found.

Councillor Carter would post an item on social media.

Councillor Dixon would contact someone he thought may be able to help and would consider including an article in the next edition of "The Informer" newsletter.

### **22/126 PARISH PLAN**

Councillor Dixon reported that work on this had presently ended following Councillor O'Sullivan's resignation. He would contact Mr. O'Sullivan and obtain the available information.

**22/127 DISCUSSION OF ANY ITEM(S) FOR WHICH THE PRESS AND PUBLIC HAVE BEEN EXCLUDED**

There were no items to discuss.

**22/128 PARISH MATTERS**

- (a) Councillor Otten was not in attendance and no report was received.
- (b) No report of problems not already received was made.

**22/129 NOMINATION FOR ATTENDANCE AT THE 2023 ROYAL GARDEN PARTY**  
**Resolved:**

To nominate Councillor Wright to attend the 2023 Royal Garden Party to be held in May 2023.

**22/130 COUNCIL VACANCY**

The Clerk reported having informed RMBC of the vacancy created by the resignation of Councillor O'Sullivan. He had subsequently posted the notice informing that a casual vacancy existed pursuant to Section 87 (2) of the Local Government Act 1972 and the Local Elections (Parishes and Communities) Rules 2006. If an election were not requested as outlined in the notice the Parish Council would be permitted to co-opt a person to fill the vacancy as soon as practicable.

**22/131 CHRISTMAS TOY APPEAL**

Councillor Morley had informed that only new toys could be donated to the Salvation Army Christmas Toy Appeal.

Councillor Davis had reported that the Todwick and Anston Round Table was participating in the appeal and that donations would be received at the Leeds Arms Public House, South Anston. It was also possible to donate gift tokens. Previously used toys were not permitted to prevent a situation where some children might receive new toys and others worn toys. It was likely that second hand toys in good condition would be allowed in future. If gift tokens were donated it was suggested that each token should not have a value of more than £10. If the donation totalled £20 it should be given in two tokens of £10 each.

**Resolved:**

To take no further action in view of the arrangements presently underway by the Todwick and Anston Round Table.

**22/132 VANDALISM AND ANTI SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR**

Councillors Dixon, Davis and Newbold reported on recent crimes including antisocial behaviour and criminal damage to property adjacent to Storth Lane and a number of burglaries in the village. Response by the South Yorkshire had been extremely poor and unhelpful.

**Resolved:**

That the Clerk invite the South Yorkshire Police and Crime Commissioner to address a public meeting in early 2023.

**22/133 ITEMS FOR THE AGENDA OF THE NEXT MEETING**

No additional items were received.

**22/134 DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

**Resolved:**

That the next council meeting will take place on Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> December 2022 at 7.00 p.m. in Todwick Village Hall.

To hold a meeting on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> January 2023 at 6.30 p.m. in Todwick Village Hall to agree the budget and precept for 2023/2024.

The meeting closed at 9.30 p.m.

..... Chairman

..... Date