

TODWICK PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the council meeting held in Todwick Village Hall at 7.00 p.m. on Tuesday the 31st of January 2023.

Present

Councillor Davis
 Councillor Dixon – Chairman
 Councillor Jeffrey
 Councillor Morley
 Councillor Wright
 Tony Rusling
 Clara Smith
 Ben Smith
 Kelvin Hughes
 J R Walker – Clerk & Financial Officer

22/140 APOLOGIES

An apology was received from Councillor Carter.
 Councillor Otten was not in attendance having just returned home from his stay in hospital.

22/141 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

22/142 ITEMS TO BE CONSIDERED IN THE ABSENCE OF THE PUBLIC AND PRESS

No items were raised.

22/143 PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS

Only Councillors Dixon and Morley attended the December monthly council meeting together with the Clerk. Three members were required for the meeting to be quorate and consequently no meeting was held.

Resolved:

- (a) That the minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on Tuesday 29th November be confirmed as an accurate record and signed by the Chairman.
 (b) That the minutes of the budget meeting of the Parish Council held on Tuesday 17th January be confirmed as an accurate record and signed by the Chairman.

22/144 REPORT BY THE CLERK AND FINANCIAL OFFICER

The Clerk and Financial Officer reported:

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<u>Monies received since last meeting</u>	
1. Barclays Bank – Interest	23.59
2. E-on – FiT Payment	32.77
3. HMRC – Repayment of VAT April to November	15969.47

4. British Gas – FiT Payment 389.10

Payments made since last meeting

1. Todwick Village Hall – Meeting Rent	17.50
2. Haywards Horticulture – Grounds Maintenance at Recreation Ground	996.00
3. Lucy K Morley – Repay Purchase of Flower Bulbs	150.00
4. St John Ambulance – Medical Cover at Bonfire/Fireworks Display	17.50
5. Susan Wright – Repay Cost of Christmas Tree Lights	25.50
6. Robert Needham – Various Works at Sports Pavilion	75.00
7. Susan Wright – Cleaning and Security	250.00
8. Paul O’Sullivan – Repay Business Hosting Charge	68.96
9. HMRC – December Tax/NI	308.47
10. J R Walker – December Salary/Expenses	1078.74
11. Haywards Horticulture – Grounds Maintenance	996.00
12. Green Pastures Pest Control – Pest Control	123.75
13. Business Stream – Allotment Water Bill	96.75
14. Susan Wright – Cleaning and Security	250.00
15. Hobson Nurseries Ltd – Maintenance of Hanging Baskets/Planting	4646.40
16. Sheila Pantry – Contribution to Art, Flowers and Music Festival	30.00
17. HMRC – January Tax/NI	308.47

Payments to be made

1. J R Walker – January Salary & Expenses	1092.99
2. Haywards Horticulture – Grounds Maintenance at Recreation Ground and Clearance at War Memorial	1038.00

Un-presented cheques

1. Green Pastures Pest Control – Pest Control	123.75
2. Hobson Nurseries Ltd – Maintenance of Hanging Baskets/Planting	4646.40
3. Sheila Pantry – Contribution to Art, Flowers and Music Festival	30.00

Present bank statement balances

Business Saver Account	Community Account
(Cheque Feeder)	(Cheque)
£21,116.47	£1.00

Total balance after all payments to date £14,186.33

22/145 COMMITTEES AND ORGANISATION REPORTS

(a) Councillor Morley had arranged for the resurfacing at the dome and swings at the Mary Gregory Play Area to be completed during the week commencing 6th March. The exact date would depend on weather conditions.

Resolved:

That Councillor Morley obtain quotations for replacement of the sand pit at the recreation ground play area, explore possible funding options and submit appropriate grant applications not requiring a contribution from the parish Council.

(b) Councillor Wright reported that the addition of CCTV cameras at the recreation ground appeared to have been successful because there had been considerably less vandalism and unruly behaviour. More cameras were to be provided at the sports pavilion.

He was obtaining quotations from those interested in buying the vandalised teqball table and

three marquees now considered surplus to requirements.

Councillor Jeffrey had sent out letters to allotment plot holders informing of the rent increase and had twenty-seven holders had paid. Two holders had given up their plots and these had now been allocated to two off the waiting list. Five holders had yet to pay.

22/146 GOVERNANCE MATTERS

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

(b) Councillor Dixon reported on the 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.

Resolved:

To consider in detail at the February meeting.

22/147 PLANNING MATTERS

1. RB2022/1808

Single storey side extension, front porch with level access and render finish to property at 4 Staniforth Crescent.

Resolved:

Not to object.

2. RB2022/1822

Erection 1 No. dwellinghouse including annexe/pool house at land to rear of Stoney Way Kiveton Lane.

Councillor Wright did not consider the proposed dwelling to be in keeping with other properties in the village although he accepted that it would not be seen from Kiveton Lane.

Resolved:

Not to object.

22/148 EVENTS

(i) Councillor Davis reported that Councillor Carter was arranging to hold a meeting to discuss the setting up of an independent events group on the 21st February.

Resolved:

To await a report on the meeting before considering further.

(ii) Councillor Dixon had cancelled the firework display with the supplier who was looking into the possibilities of holding the event at no cost to the Parish Council.

22/149 VILLAGE MAINTENANCE

Councillor Davis would see Ian Newbold and obtain his records on public rights of way signage and the locations of litter and dog bins.

22/150 HIGHWAY MATTERS

Councillor Dixon reported that the Road Safety Partnership had undertaken speed checks on the A57 and imposed several speeding fines. It was hoped to introduce regular checks and the Parish Council was lobbying for the introduction of permanent average speed cameras.

22/151 NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

No Neighbourhood Watch report was received.

Councillor Dixon would discuss the presentation of crime statistics with Norman Anderson. He

was aware that two individuals had been charged with carrying out burglaries in the village before Christmas and a further four were remanded on bail.

22/152 WEB SITE

The Clerk reported that although no longer a member of the Council, Paul O’Sullivan was kindly continuing to add Minutes, Agendas and other information to the website. This could only continue in the short-term and a long-term solution was required, including adding the vast amount of information lost when the website “crashed”.

The meeting was suspended at 8.00 p.m.

OPEN SESSION

1. Ben and Clara Smith were attending to observe the meeting and acquaint themselves with village matters.
2. Kelvin Hughes made various enquiries about the sand pit and play equipment at the recreation ground. Councillor Morley explained the background and future intentions.
3. Kelvin Hughes enquired what was known about the closed village shop. Councillor Dixon explained what the Council knew and what Members had done in an attempt to get a shop opened on the premises.
4. Tony Rusling referred to the 17th January Budget Meeting minutes and was concerned that hanging baskets would not be provided in 2023. Councillor Dixon explained that the reason was entirely due to the projected lack of funding but that Councillor Carter was researching what might be done through sponsorship arrangements by private individuals or companies.
5. Tony Rusling asked why there had been no edition of “The Informer” newsletter published recently. Councillor Dixon edited this and anticipated being able to publish one within the next few weeks.
6. Tony Rusling referred to his previous complaints about the micro surfacing works carried out by RMBC to a number of footways on the west side of the village. Councillors Davis and Dixon and the Clerk explained the complaints made by the Parish Council to RMBC together with unsuccessful requests for remedial works to be completed. Following a site visit between Councillor Davis and the RMBC Highway Inspector it was likely similar works would be completed on the east side of the village during the coming summer.
7. Tony Rusling was concerned that temporary fencing at the recreation ground had been moved near to the oak tree at the boundary making it an easy target for thieves. Councillor Wright explained where it had originally been positioned and would have the fencing removed.
8. Tony Rusling was concerned that RMBC had moved the litter bin outside the village hall at The Pastures into a less favourable position than previously.
9. Tony Rusling had noted the need for a sustainable arrangement to be made to ensure maintenance of the Parish Council website and gave the name of someone he would recommend.

Open Session closed and the meeting was reconvened at 8.50 p.m.

22/153 PARISH PLAN

Councillor Morley would liaise with Paul O’Sullivan to ascertain what was necessary to produce the final document.

22/154 DISCUSSION OF ANY ITEM(S) FOR WHICH THE PRESS AND PUBLIC HAVE BEEN EXCLUDED

There were no items to discuss.

22/155 PARISH MATTERS

- (a) Councillor Otten was not in attendance and no report on an early-stage youth inclusion/engagement strategy was received.
- (b) (i) Councillor Dixon referred to the need to maintain the three village defibrillators. Councillor Davis agreed to do this and would discuss details with Paul O’Sullivan.
- (ii) Councillor Wright referred to known drug taking activities at the Church Car Park and Old A57. This was discussed at length by Members and would be raised the following day at the public meeting with the South Yorkshire Police and Crime Commissioner and the Police.

22/156 COUNCIL VACANCY

The Clerk reported that there were now two vacancies, having informed RMBC of the resignation of Councillor Newbold. 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.

Councillors Davis and Dixon reported having discussions with potential interested individuals but unfortunately no requests to join the Council had yet been received.

22/157 REQUESTS FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

Members discussed some recent requests for financial assistance from individuals and organisations.

Councillor Morley reported the possibility of applications be made via the RMBC Ward Councillor Devolved Budget Scheme and she would pass the information in to the Clerk.

Resolved:

1. Not to offer financial assistance due to budget constraints.
2. That the Clerk forward the RMBC Devolved Ward Budgets 2022/23 Application Form and Guidance to Richard Brundish who was representing “Grey Matters”.

22/158 ITEMS FOR THE AGENDA OF THE NEXT MEETING

No additional items were received.

22/159 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Resolved:

That the next council meeting will take place on Tuesday 28th February 2023 at 7.00 p.m. in Todwick Village Hall.

The meeting closed at 9.45 p.m.

..... Chairman

..... Date