

TODWICK PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the council meeting held in Todwick Village Hall at 7.00 p.m. on Tuesday the 28th March 2023.

Present

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

22/179 APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Councillors Morley and Otten and their reasons for absence approved.

22/180 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

22/181 ITEMS TO BE CONSIDERED IN THE ABSENCE OF THE PUBLIC AND PRESS

No items were raised.

22/182 PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS

Resolved:

That the minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on Tuesday 28th February be confirmed as an accurate record and signed by the Chairman.

22/183 REPORT BY THE CLERK AND FINANCIAL OFFICER

The Clerk and Financial Officer reported that he would prepare the necessary documentation and submit to the Internal Auditor at the beginning of April.

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<u>Monies received since last meeting</u>	
1. Barclays Bank – Interest	26.62
2. E-on – FiT Payment	103.34
<u>Payments made since last meeting</u>	
1. Todwick Village Hall – Meeting Rent	18.00
2. Robert Needham – Works at Recreation Ground	92.50
3. 848 IT Services Ltd. – Business 365 Subscription	1353.60
4. Abacus Playgrounds Ltd. – Surfacing Works at Play Area	3420.00
5. HMRC – March Tax/NI	308.47

Payments being made
1. J R Walker – March Salary and Expenses 1084.20

Un-presented cheques Nil

Present bank statement balances

Business Saver Account (Cheque Feeder) £7,657.43	Community Account (Cheque) £1.00
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Total balance after all payments to date £6,574.23

22/184 COMMITTEES AND ORGANISATION REPORTS

(a) Prior to the meeting Councillor Morley had reported that the resurfacing work at the Mary Gregory Play Area had been satisfactorily completed.

(b) Councillor Wright reported on his efforts to obtain quotations for repairs to the bowls pavilion roof.

Resolved:

That Councillor Wright obtain three competitive quotations for repairs to the bowls pavilion roof in advance of the April council meeting.

(c)

(i) Councillor Wright reported on an incident at the recreation ground when he and his wife had seen a boy apparently trying to leave the recreation ground via the hawthorn hedge at Goosecarr Lane. His wife had asked the boy to please use the gate. Councillor Dixon had received a complaint as to how he and his wife had responded and discussed this with him offering some criticism of how this had been dealt with. He considered this to be a further example of discriminatory behaviour towards him by some members of the Parish Council and consequently he intended resigning from his membership of the Parish Council and the Recreation Ground Charity in May

(ii) Councillor Jeffrey reported that all was going well at the allotments. The water was presently turned off and he had given a reading of the water meter to the Clerk.

22/185 GOVERNANCE MATTERS

Councillor Dixon reported on the continuing ill health of Councillor Otten resulting in his inability to attend a council meeting since October 2022. Councillor Otten would be having an operation and hoped to be able to undertake his councillor duties soon. However, should Councillor Otten not attend the April council meeting he would automatically cease to be a Member of the Council.

Resolved:

To approve Councillor Otten's absence from council meetings until such time as his medical condition allowed.

22/186 PLANNING MATTERS

1. RB2023/0241

First floor rear extension at 39 Kiveton Lane.

Resolved:

Not to object.

2. RB2023/0286

Single storey side and rear extension at 2 Old Hall Close.

Resolved:

Not to object.

3. RB2023/0274

Demolition of garage and erection of single storey side and rear extension at 16 Mortains.

Resolved:

Not to object.

22/187 EVENTS

Councillor Carter reported on the formation of “Todwick Together” a group entirely separate from the Parish Council that would be liaising with other village organisations to arrange events in the village. These would include the Funday in June, the King’s Coronation and hopefully the bonfire too, depending on the success of fund-raising activities. There will also be a small event accompanying the formal opening of the new play equipment at the Mary Gregory Play Area on Easter Monday. The constitution had been agreed and a bank account set up. The Group had a meeting planned before Easter with another towards the end of April.

22/188 VILLAGE MAINTENANCE

There were no matters to discuss.

22/189 HIGHWAY MATTERS

Councillor Dixon reported that speed checks carried out by the Road Safety Partnership and the police had achieved some success in reducing the incidents of speeding vehicles on the A57. The Parish Council was supported by the Ward Councillors in now exerting pressure for RMBC to introduce average speed cameras or failing that traditional speed cameras.

22/190 NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

No report had been received.

The meeting was suspended at 8.00 p.m.

OPEN SESSION

1. Tony Rusling reminded everyone that the Remembrance Day church service and gathering at the war memorial was not an event.

2. Tony Rusling thanked the Clerk for arranging the road sweeping on Goosecarr Lane but RMBC had not responded to his reports of the blocked road gullies on Kiveton Lane or the obstructed speed awareness sign.

The Clerk would again report to RMBC and urge urgent action.

3. Councillor Jeffrey had received an enquiry from Simon Marsh about the possibility of arranging a tennis tournament using the MUGA at the recreation ground. Councillor Wright confirmed that the necessary equipment was all available.

4. Tony Rusling asked why the Council Website did not have many of the historic documents that should be there.

Councillor Dixon and the Clerk explained the recent collapse of the site and the inability by the provider to recover anything. Paul O’Sullivan when a Council Member had set up a new site and even though he had left the Council was kindly continuing to add new documents.

The Council was looking for a more sustainable way to manage the site.

Tracy Molyneux had some relevant experience and would contact Paul.

5. Tracy Molyneux found difficulty in accessing the Council Website because of the alternative site at www.todwick.org.uk.

Councillor Dixon would consult with Sheila Pantry who managed that site.

6. Tracy Molyneux asked for an update on the possibility of reopening the village shop as a community shop.

Councillor Dixon explained the actions taken by the Parish Council to facilitate this but there had been no interest shown by parishioners.

Matthew Baldry reported that the Village Hall Management Committee was considering the possibility of providing a licenced bar in the village hall but other priorities needed addressing first.

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

22/191 WEB SITE

There were no additional comments following those made during the Open Session.

22/192 PARISH PLAN

No comments were made.

22/193 DISCUSSION OF ANY ITEM(S) FOR WHICH THE PRESS AND PUBLIC HAVE BEEN EXCLUDED

There were no items to discuss.

22/194 PARISH MATTERS

(a) Councillor Otten was not in attendance and no report on an early-stage youth inclusion/engagement strategy was received.

(b) No comments were made.

22/195 COUNCIL VACANCY

The Clerk reported that a formal application to fill the casual vacancy on the Parish Council had been received from Tracy Molyneux and circulated to Members in advance of the meeting.

Resolved:

To co-opt Tracy Molyneux onto the Council.

Tracy Molyneux was present and signed her Declaration of Acceptance of Office. This was signed by the Clerk and she took her seat.

The Clerk would inform RMBC and provide Councillor Molyneux with the other documentation required.

22/196 ITEMS FOR THE AGENDA OF THE NEXT MEETING

No additional items were received.

22/197 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Resolved:

That the next council meeting will take place on Tuesday 25th April 2023 at 7.00 p.m. in Todwick Village Hall.

The meeting closed at 9.10 p.m.

..... Chairman

..... Date