

TODWICK PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the council meeting held in Todwick Village Hall at 7.00 p.m. on Tuesday the 27th of June 2023.

Present

Councillor Carter
 Councillor Dixon – Chairman
 Councillor Molyneux
 Matthew Baldry (to 9.05 p.m.)
 J R Walker – Clerk & Financial Officer

23/26 APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Jeffrey and Morley. No apology had been received from Councillor Otten.

The Clerk reported having written to Councillor Otten regarding his possible resignation. The Chairman would once again discuss with Councillor Otten.

23/27 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

23/28 ITEMS TO BE CONSIDERED IN THE ABSENCE OF THE PUBLIC AND PRESS

No items were raised.

23/29 PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS

Resolved:

That the minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on Tuesday 30th May 2023 be confirmed as an accurate record and signed by the Chairman.

23/30 REPORT BY THE CLERK AND FINANCIAL OFFICER

The Clerk and Financial Officer reported:

<u>Monies received</u>	£
1. Barclays Bank– Interest	47.60
2. E-on Energy – FiT Payment	225.53

Payments made since last meeting.

1. Kingswood Allotts Ltd – Internal Audit Fee	330.00
2. Zurich Municipal – Insurance Renewal Premium	5179.64
3. HMRC – June Tax/NI	308.47
4. J R Walker – June Salary and Expenses	1120.04
5. Todwick Village Hall – Meeting Rent	21.00
6. Haywards Horticulture – Grounds Maintenance at Allotments and Recreation Ground	1274.00

Payments to be made.

1. Tracy Molyneux – Repayment for Purchase of Materials for Sports Pavilion	30.32
2. Norman Wright – Repayment for Payment to R Needham Works	80.00

Un-presented cheques

1. Kingswood Allotts Ltd – Internal Audit Fee	330.00
2. HMRC June Tax/NI	308.47

Present bank statement balances

Business Saver Account (Cheque Feeder)	£22,497.74	Community Account (Cheque)	£1.00
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Total balance after all payments to date £20,474.95

23/31 COMMITTEES ORGANISATION REPORTS AND DONATIONS

- (a) Councillor Morley was not in attendance to report. Members were not aware of any repairs which required urgent attention.
- (b) Councillor Dixon reported on his discussions with the Charity Commission, concerning the status, funding and management of the recreation ground and future submissions to the Commission. As the Corporate Trustee the Parish Council could manage the ground and include the financial accounting as part of the Parish Council Accounts.

Resolved:

- (i) To include all receipts and payments concerning the Todwick Parish Recreation Ground Charity within the Parish Council accounts once any outstanding receipts and payments had been completed via the separate Charity Bank Account.
- (ii) That the separate bank account held in the name of the Todwick Parish Recreation Ground Charity be closed once any outstanding receipts and payments had been completed.
- (iii) Any monies remaining in the separate bank account at the time of closure be transferred into a Parish Council account.
- (iv) That in future all decisions concerning the recreation ground be made by the Parish Council.

Councillor Dixon reported on the intention to undertake additional CCTV provision at the recreation ground. He intended arranging a meeting with user groups at the ground.

Councillor Molyneux reported on problems with some people at the recreation ground and the action taken. She would investigate the situation where football training was being carried out without prior approval or payment.

- (c) The Clerk reported on the recent application for funding by the Yorkshire Air Ambulance Service.

Members were appreciative and supportive of the extremely valuable work by the Yorkshire Air Ambulance Service but the Parish Council was not in a strong financial position and ought more appropriately to give any financial assistance to those within the Parish.

Resolved:

Not to make donations to other organisations.

The meeting was suspended at 8.00 p.m.

OPEN SESSION

Matthew Baldry reported on recent initiatives by the Village Hall Management Committee:

- Two new Trustees were being appointed.
- Arrangements had been made to receive the Microsoft 365 cloud-powered productivity platform free of charge for the next two years.
- Holding cinema evenings was to be reintroduced.
- Discussions were being held with the intention of boxing exercise classes being held.
- Fayres were to be held in the autumn and at Christmas.
- Dancing and keep fit classes were to be held during the school summer holidays.
- The pedestrian access was to remain in its present position but the vehicular access was to be amended to allow more room for a vehicle to be safely parked in advance of the gates being opened or closed.
- The financial situation had improved over the past few months and the future was looking bright.

The meeting was reconvened at 8.30 p.m.

23/32 GOVERNANCE MATTERS

The Clerk reported on the difficulties experienced with Barclays Bank when trying to amend the mandate for the counter signing of cheques. This had simply been a matter of replacing ex Councillor Wright with Councillor Morley but it had taken an inordinate amount of time to resolve. Even now there remained other matters to resolve.

Resolved:

To defer considering amending Standing Orders with respect to payments being made by cheque or bank transfer until a later date.

23/33 PLANNING MATTERS

(a) RB 2023/0750

Use of land for siting of 2 No. Containers (use class E) on land at The Pastures.

Resolved:

To object to the application.

The proposals:-

1. Are completely out of character with the village.
2. Will have a detrimental effect on the street scene.
3. Are ugly to view and will undoubtedly have an unacceptably negative effect on the enjoyment of the visual amenity.
4. Will result in additional parking/waiting on The Pastures and The Meadows, particularly at the junction of the two roads.
5. Will have a detrimental effect of the safety of all highway users.
6. Will serve to increase vehicular parking on The Pastures at the approach to Staniforth Crescent where, for some time now, Todwick Parish Council has been requesting RMBC to introduce additional parking/waiting restrictions owing to the danger caused when vehicles exiting Staniforth Crescent must be driven well into The Pastures, because of parked/waiting vehicles on The Meadows obscure sight lines.
7. The additional vehicular parking/waiting will make entering and leaving private properties on The Pastures and The Meadows less safe and (as we know from experience elsewhere in the village) result in some vehicular accesses being wholly or partly blocked.
8. Those working within the containers will occupy 50% of the off-street parking proposed, further encouraging customers to park on nearby roads and footways and rendering the number of parking spaces unacceptable.

(b) RB 2023/0785

Demolition of existing single storey side porch and erection of a single storey side and rear link extension from main dwelling to existing garage, extension to front of garage, increase in height of existing rear gable and increase in size of 2 No. dormer windows to rear at Wright Stone Lodge, 72 Kiveton Lane.

Resolved:

Not to object to the application.

(c) RB 2023/0787

Replacement of existing terrace with smaller glazed terrace at 5 Grange Gardens.

Resolved:

Not to object to the application.

(d) RB 2023/0783

Replacement of external perimeter fence with an increase in height and associated works at Todwick Primary School, Kiveton Lane.

Resolved:

Not to object to the application.

23/34 VILLAGE MAINTENANCE

Councillor Carter reported tree branches obstructing road signs at the bottom of Goosecarr Lane opposite the recreation ground and at The Pastures also near the recreation ground.

Resolved:

That the Clerk request RMBC to take appropriate action.

23/35 HIGHWAY MATTERS

The Clerk reported that no recent information on planned highway maintenance works had been received from RMBC.

Resolved:

That the Clerk request RMBC to provide proposals for remediating the defects and bringing all carriageways and footways in the Parish up to an acceptable standard.

23/36 NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

The 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													
Other Theft		1											1
Other Crime													
Vehicle Crime	2	1	1	4									8
Public Order													
Violence and Sexual	3			6									9
Robbery													
Drugs													
Bicycle Theft													
Anti-social Behaviour		2	2										4
Total	6	4	3	10									23

For comparison purposes, the totals of all reported and published crime and anti-social behaviour issues recorded to the end of April for the last 3 years were:-

2021 - 20 issues declared
2022 - 38 issues declared
2023 - 23 issues declared

Between 2022 and 2023 January to April, the emphasis on major issues had been:-
Burglary down from 7 to 1
Violence and Sex up from 5 to 9
Anti-social Behaviour down from 8 to 4

23/37 WEB SITE

No report was received.

Resolved:

To remove this as an agenda item until agreed at a later date.

23/38 PARISH PLAN

No report was received.

Resolved:

To remove this as an agenda item until agreed at a later date.

23/39 PARISH MATTERS

Councillor Molyneux reported that the young people who had been causing problems at the recreation ground now seemed to have transferred their activities to the car park near the Church. Councillor Dixon would discuss public order issues with PCSO Amy Whaley.

23/40 COUNCIL VACANCY

No enquiries had been received from anyone considering applying to join the Council.

23/41 DISCUSSION OF ANY ITEM(S) FOR WHICH THE PRESS AND PUBLIC HAVE BEEN EXCLUDED

There were no items to discuss.

23/42 ITEMS FOR THE AGENDA OF THE NEXT MEETING

No items were requested to be included on the agenda of the next meeting of the Council

23/43 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Resolved:

That the next meeting of the parish council be held on Tuesday 25th July 2023 at 7.00 p.m. in Todwick Village Hall.

The meeting closed at 9.40 p.m.

..... Chairman

..... Date