

# TODWICK PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the council meeting held in Todwick Village Hall at 7.00 p.m. on Tuesday the 22<sup>nd</sup> of February 2022.

## **Present**

Councillor Carter  
 Councillor Dixon – Chairman  
 Councillor Morley  
 Councillor O’Sullivan – From 7.20 p.m.  
 Councillor Wright  
 J R Walker – Clerk & Financial Officer  
 Rev. Vicki Camber

## **21/177 APOLOGIES**

An apology for absence was received from Councillors Davis, Jeffrey and Newbold and their reason for absence approved.

## **21/178 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

## **21/179 ITEMS TO BE CONSIDERED IN THE ABSENCE OF THE PUBLIC AND PRESS**

No items were raised.

## **21/180 PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS**

### **Resolved:**

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

## **21/181 REPORT BY THE CLERK AND FINANCIAL OFFICER**

The Clerk and Financial Officer had received nothing further from Barclays Bank or the Financial Ombudsman in connection with his complaint concerning cheque number 101647.

### **Monies received**

£

Nil

### **Payments made since last meeting**

1. Wicksteed Leisure Ltd – Honeycomb Whirl Seats and Fixings	307.27
2. Blaze Fireworks Ltd – Deposit for Display	1380.00
3. Green Pastures Pest Control – Pest Control	123.75
4. Todwick Village Hall – Meeting Rents	43.50
5. Haywards Horticulture – Works at MUGA	290.00
6. Susan Wright – Cleaning, Security etc	250.00
7. Cream Creative – “Informer” Printing	157.00
8. HMRC – February Tax/NI	278.31

9. Hobson Nurseries Ltd – 2021 Planting, Hanging Baskets etc 4496.40

Bills to be paid

1. J R Walker – February Salary/Expenses	1006.43
2. Information Commissioner – Data Protection Fee	40.00
3. Hobson Nurseries Ltd – 2020 Planting and Hanging Baskets	3692.40
4. C T Jackson – New Doors at Bowling Pavilion	280.00
5. Robert Needham – Works at Sports Pavilion	87.50

Un-presented cheques

1. Todwick Village Hall – Meeting Rents	43.50
2. Cream Creative – "Informer" Printing	157.00
3. Hobson Nurseries Ltd – 2021 Planting, Hanging Baskets etc	4496.40
4. James Rodney Walker – February Salary/Expenses	1006.43
5. Information Commissioner – Data Protection Fee	40.00
6. Hobson Nurseries Ltd – 2020 and Hanging Baskets	3692.40

Present bank statement balances

Business Saver Account	Community Account
(Cheque Feeder)	(Cheque)
£40,416.18	£-122.75

Total balance after all payments to date £30,490.20

Councillor Wright reported that he had negotiated a small reduction in the cost of ground's maintenance for the next three years. The Local Football Association had volunteered to donate £250/year for the next five years towards the cost of the ground's maintenance.

**21/182 COMMITTEES AND ORGANISATION REPORTS**

(a) Councillor Morley reported receipt of a play equipment inspection report dated 28<sup>th</sup> January 2022.

- Necessary works were being completed on a priority basis.
- The grant application would be considered by the funder on the 8<sup>th</sup> of March.
- The first set of "whirl" seats were fitted in December. The second set had now been received and would be fitted shortly.

(b) Councillor Dixon. reported on the installation of CCTV and additional lighting at the recreation ground.

- The order for the work had been placed but commencement had been delayed due to bad weather and hire of the excavator.
- The storage containers were due to be delivered shortly and the contractor undertaking the CCTV and lighting installation would supply lighting to these as an addition to the contract.

(c) Councillor Wright reported that the removable tennis post sockets had been installed at the multi-use games area and the posts and nets put into storage.

The meeting was suspended at 8.05 p.m.

OPEN SESSION

1. The Rev. Vicki Camber thanked the Parish Council for considering the installation of a

defibrillator at the Church Hall.

2. The Rev. Vicki Camber asked whether the Parish Council had any plans to mark the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. Members agreed that the Church and the Parish Council would work together with the aim of arranging a picnic at 12.30 p.m. on Sunday the 5<sup>th</sup> of June. It was hoped there would be fine weather on the day in which case the event would be held in the open air on the recreation ground. In the event of wet weather the event would be moved to the Church Hall.

*The Open Session was closed and the meeting reconvened at 8.30 p.m.*

### **21/183 GOVERNANCE MATTERS**

(a) Councillor Morley submitted a revised Complaints Policy which had also been circulated to Members prior to the meeting.

**Resolved:**

To approve the Complaints Policy.

(b) Councillor Morley submitted a revised Disciplinary Policy which had also been circulated to Members prior to the meeting.

**Resolved:**

To approve the Disciplinary Policy.

(c) Councillor Morley submitted a revised Grievance Policy which had also been circulated to Members prior to the meeting.

**Resolved:**

To approve the Grievance Policy.

### **21/184 PLANNING MATTERS**

(a) RB 2022/0089

Alterations to existing bungalow including increase in roof height and rear dormer/balcony and new detached garage to replace existing detached garage at 8 St Paul Close.

**Resolved:**

Not to object to the application.

### **21/185 EVENTS**

Councillor Dixon reported that the deposit had been paid and the firework display would be held on Friday 4<sup>th</sup> November.

### **21/186 VILLAGE MAINTENANCE**

(a) Councillor Morley reported that she and Councillor Davis would inspect the village benches and report back to Council.

(b) Councillor Wright reported that following the theft of the previous bin he had sited a new plastic litter bin at the Mary Gregory Play Area. A more permanent bin was required and he had discussed this with the RMBC Operatives who emptied the bin.

**Resolved:**

That the Clerk ask RMBC to site a purpose-made permanent litter bin.

### **21/187 HIGHWAY MATTERS**

Councillor Dixon reported that 20,000 vehicles/day travelled the A57 dual carriageway. Some 85% of these travelled at speeds below 57 miles/hour. This meant that some 15% of vehicles were driven at speeds faster than 56 miles/hour, amounting to a minimum of 3,000 vehicles/day.

Since at peak times and at any times of high traffic volumes, vehicles queued at speeds very much lower than 50 miles/hour, the likely number of speeding vehicles exceeded 3,000/day. Despite these figures, RMBC would not agree to reduce the speed limit. He had arranged a meeting between RMBC, residents of the Grange Estate, Borough Councillor Bacon and himself to further discuss access onto the A57 but meanwhile RMBC had agreed to site a sign warning of the access sometime in March.

### **21/188 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		2	1	5
Criminal Damage and Arson	1			1	1	2	2			2	1		10
Other Theft						2				1		1	4
Other Crime									1				1
Vehicle Crime		1	1	1	1	2	1	1		1			9
Public Order	1				1	1		3		2			8
Violence and Sexual	1	3	1	1	2	1	3	2	5	4	2	3	28
Drugs		1											1
Anti-social Behaviour	2	1	2	1	1	2	2	4	1	4	2	1	23
Total	5	7	4	4	6	10	8	10	8	14	7	6	89

### **21/189 WEB SITE**

There was no report to consider.

### **21/190 PARISH PLAN**

There was no report to consider.

### **21/191 EMERGENCY PLAN**

Councillor Dixon reported that the existing plan was in place. RMBC had previously refused to give access to the RMBC Emergency Plan or give the contact details of relevant staff. Borough Councillor Allen had undertaken to investigate this and so he hoped to be able to revise the Plan accordingly.

### **21/192 COUNCIL VACANCY**

The Clerk reported that the Casual Vacancy Notice related to the vacancy created under Section 85(1) of the Local Government Act 1972 had been displayed from the 28<sup>th</sup> January. There being no request for an election, the vacancy could now be filled by co-option. Anyone seeking co-option must meet the same qualification requirements as a candidate at an election.

### **21/193 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

### **21/194 PARISH MATTERS**

(a) Councillor Dixon reported that he had met with the Church PCC to discuss the installation of a defibrillator on the external wall of the Church Hall.

(b) Reference was made to the "Plant a tree for the Jubilee" initiative and the possibility of submitting a funding application. No sites in public areas had yet been suggested.

(c) Councillor Dixon reported on the closure of the village shop and Members considered the possibility of the Parish Council acquiring and running the shop.

**Resolved:**

That the Clerk contact RMBC to investigate the possibility of match funding under the Government's Levelling Up Scheme.

**21/195 ITEMS FOR THE AGENDA OF THE NEXT MEETING**

No items were raised.

**21/196 DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

**Resolved:** That the next meeting of the parish council be held on Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> March 2022 at 7.00 p.m. in Todwick Village Hall.

The meeting closed at 9.35 p.m.

..... Chairman

..... Date