

# TODWICK PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the council meeting held in Todwick Village Hall at 7.00 p.m. on Tuesday the 26<sup>th</sup> of July 2022.

## **Present**

Councillor Carter  
 Councillor Dixon – Chairman  
 Councillor Morley  
 Councillor Newbold  
 Councillor O’Sullivan  
 J R Walker – Clerk & Financial Officer

## **22/52 APOLOGIES**

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

## **22/53 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

## **22/54 ITEMS TO BE CONSIDERED IN THE ABSENCE OF THE PUBLIC AND PRESS**

No items were raised.

## **22/55 PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS**

### **Resolved:**

That the minutes of the meetings of the Parish Council held on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> July 2022 and Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> June 2022 be confirmed as an accurate record and signed by the Chairman.

## **22/56 COUNCIL VACANCY**

The Clerk reported that a formal application to fill the casual vacancy on the Parish Council had been received from Stuart Otten and circulated to Members in advance of the meeting. Mr. Otten was presently on holiday and had apologised that this prevented him attending the meeting.

### **Resolved:**

- (i) To co-opt Stuart Otten onto the Council.
- (ii) That the Clerk inform Mr. Otten, ensure completion of the Declaration of Acceptance of Office and all other documentation including that required by Rotherham MBC.

## **22/57 REPORT BY THE CLERK AND FINANCIAL OFFICER**

The Clerk and Financial Officer reported:

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<u>Monies received since last meeting</u>	Nil
<u>Payments made since last meeting</u>	
1. Todwick Village Hall – Meeting Rent	28.00
2. Haywards Horticulture – Grounds Maintenance at Allotments	248.00

3. Chesterfield Canal Trust – Subscription	50.00
4. Mathew Mullen – Replacement Cheque re Inflatable Hire	550.00
5. Veolia ES UK Ltd – Contribution to Grant	5437.00
6. Green Pastures Pest Control – Pest Control	123.75
7. AD Electrical Services Ltd – CCTV System	13888.80
8. Haywards Horticulture – Grounds Maintenance at Rec. Ground	996.00
9. HMRC – July Tax/NI	286.93

Payments to be made

1. J R Walker – July Salary & Expenses	1038.47
2. Susan Wright – Cleaning and Security	250.00
3. Norman Wright – Repayment for Purchase of CCTV Signs	31.92

Un-presented cheques

1. Laura Glaves – Jubilee Celebration Vocalist	250.00
2. Veolia – Contribution to Grant	5437.00
3. HMRC – July Tax/NI	286.93
4. Empire Fire & Safety Ltd – Supply/Service Fire Extinguishers	198.00
5. Chesterfield Canal Trust – Subscription	50.00
6. Green Pastures Pest Control – Pest Control	123.75

Present bank statement balances

Business Saver Account (Cheque Feeder)	Community Account (Cheque)
£35,277.90	-£13,887.80

Total balance after all payments to date £13,724.03

He had submitted an insurance claim to recover costs in connection with the vandalised picnic bench and teqball table at the recreation ground.

Councillor Dixon was obtaining necessary quotations.

**22/58 FINANCIAL STRATEGY**

The Clerk and Financial Officer reported having circulated a spreadsheet in advance of the meeting as instructed at the Council Meeting on the 4<sup>th</sup> July 2022. This indicated balances following each projected receipt or payment to the end of the financial year, using figures provided by Members, committed expenditure and experience from previous years.

**Resolved :**

That the spreadsheet form the basis of the financial strategy for the remainder of the financial year.

**22/59 COMMITTEES AND ORGANISATION REPORTS**

(a) Councillor Morley reported on the latest play areas inspection reports. The climbing frame at the Mary Gregory Play Area had defects which required attention before being painted prior to the installation of the new equipment and refurbishment of existing equipment.

She recommended removal of the concrete rings at the play area at the recreation ground, subsequent levelling of the surface in the area and refurbishment of the play sand.

**Resolved:**

- (i) That Councillor Morley arrange for necessary repairs to the climbing frame at the Mary Gregory Play Area.

- (ii) That Councillor Morley obtain quotations for the removal of the concrete rings levelling of the surface in the area and refurbishment of the play sand at the recreation ground.

(b) Councillor Morley reported that the necessary documentation required for the playground grant application had been submitted and the first of the payments was expected from Veolia very soon.

(c) Councillor Dixon reported that the site works were completed and the CCTV system working correctly. Signs had been sited informing that CCTV was now in operation and the Contractor had instructed Councillor O'Sullivan, the Clerk and himself how to extract information from the cameras.

Councillor O'Sullivan explained in detail the advantages and disadvantages of the options available to access the system via mobile telephones.

**Resolved:**

That Councillor O'Sullivan set up the recommended monitoring system at a present cost of some £10/month.

**22/60 GOVERNANCE MATTERS**

(a) Councillor Dixon reported on his further assessment of the exiting Standing Orders and the Model Orders provided by the YLCA. He anticipated being able to bring his final recommendations to the September meeting.

(b) No report on Procurement Policy was received but Councillor Dixon would present one for the September meeting.

(c) No report on Data Protection Policy was received but Councillor O'Sullivan would present one for the September meeting.

**22/61 PLANNING MATTERS**

There were no planning applications to discuss.

**22/62 EVENTS**

(i) Councillor Dixon reported that he would shortly be submitting the Temporary Event Notice application for the bonfire and fireworks display.

(ii) Councillor Carter reported that a meeting to form the new team independent from the Council to manage events would be held during the first week of September.

**22/63 VILLAGE MAINTENANCE**

Councillor Morley referred to a complaint received concerning the quality of the repairs by RMBC to the wayside seat at Goosecarr Lane. The lats at the back of the seat were painted green but the new horizontal lats were pressure treated and would not be painted by RMBC. She asked if the seat should now be painted as initially intended because RMBC.

**Resolved:**

To paint all the seat lats.

**22/64 HIGHWAY MATTERS**

(i) Councillor Dixon had arranged a meeting on the 2 August in an attempt to persuade RMBC to address the speeding and access problems on the dual carriageway section of the A57. Alexander Stafford MP, RMBC Councillor Bacon and residents from the Grange Estate would be attending.

(ii) Councillor Dixon reported on further pre-arranged speeding events on the dual carriageway section of the A57 where drivers recorded themselves driving at speeds in

excess of 100 mph. The Police had been called and attended whilst the speeding was taking place but had taken no action.

- (iii) Councillor Dixon referred to the recent spate of property and field fires in the area. He observed that RMBC was purposely allowing highway verges to grow without cutting. These were now tinder dry, could easily be ignited and obstructed sight lines on rural roads.

**Resolved:**

That the clerk ask that highway verges be cut at intervals to prevent overgrowth and potential fire hazards.

- (iv) Councillor Newbold referred to recent footway repairs by RMBC which were not to an acceptable standard.

**Resolved:**

That the Clerk report to RMBC requesting all works be completed to a high standard.

**22/65 NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH**

No report was received.

**22/66 WEB SITE**

Councillor O'Sullivan reported that the website was up to date.

**22/67 PARISH PLAN**

Councillor O'Sullivan reported that he was still collating responses to the questionnaire. He would analyse them and report back to Council.

**22/68 EMERGENCY PLAN**

Councillor Dixon was continuing to update the plan.

**22/69 DISCUSSION OF ANY ITEM(S) FOR WHICH THE PRESS AND PUBLIC HAVE BEEN EXCLUDED**

There were no items to discuss.

**22/70 PARISH MATTERS**

(a) Councillor Carter would prepare an item for Facebook seeking volunteers interested in coming together to consider taking over the village shop on behalf of the community.

(b) Councillor Dixon had ordered the purchase of the new defibrillator which the Church would pay to be attached to an exterior wall at the Church Hall entrance.

Councillor O'Sullivan reported on the recall of defective defibrillator pads by the manufacturer. He would arrange replacements.

(c) No other reports were received.

**22/71 ITEMS FOR THE AGENDA OF THE NEXT MEETING**

**Resolved:**

That an item to consider the relationship between the Parish Council and the Recreation Ground Charity be included on the agenda for the September meeting.

**22/72 DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

**Resolved:**

That the next council meeting will take place on Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> September 2022 at 7.00 p.m. in Todwick Village Hall.

The meeting closed at 9.20 p.m.

..... Chairman

..... Date