

TODWICK PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the council meeting held in Todwick Village Hall at 7.00 p.m. on Tuesday 30th January 2024 at 7.00 p.m. in Todwick Village Hall.

Present

Councillor Dixon – Chairman
 Councillor Jeffrey
 Councillor Molyneux
 Councillor O’Sullivan
 Carol White
 Tony Rusling
 Daniel Thorpe
 J R Walker – Clerk & Financial Officer

24/6 APOLOGIES

Matt Baldry had sent his apologies.

24/7 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.

24/8 ITEMS TO BE CONSIDERED IN THE ABSENCE OF THE PUBLIC AND PRESS

No items were raised.

24/9 PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS

Resolved:

(a) That the minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held Tuesday 19th December 2023 be confirmed as an accurate record and signed by the Chairman.

(b) That the minutes of the budget and precept meeting held on Friday 26th January 2024 be confirmed as an accurate record and signed by the Chairman.

24/10 REPORT BY THE CLERK AND FINANCIAL OFFICER

The Clerk and Financial Officer reported:

Monies received since last meeting.

	£
1. Todwick Parish bowling Club – Contribution to Provision of New Roof	1000.00
2. British Gas – Outstanding FiT Payments	2449.99
3. RMBC – Community Leadership Fund	1103.54
4. McLarens/Zurich – Insurance Claim at Sports Pavilion	4430.00
5. MUGA Users – Hire of the MUGA	280.00

Payments made since last meeting.

1. Todwick Property Services – Renewal of Bowling Pavilion Roof	3225.00
2. Seiretto – Domain Registration Renewal	199.00
3. Business Stream – Water Bill at Allotments	121.90
4. Selfsure – Deposit for Materials and Other Works at Sports Pavilion Showers	2800.00
5. Todwick – Meeting Room Rent	15.75

6. Todwick Property Services – Renewal of Guttering etc at Bowling Pavilion	1095.00
7. HMRC – December Tax/NI	334.85
8. J R Walker – January Salary and Expenses	1157.22
9. Haywards Horticulture – Grounds maintenance at Recreation Ground	996.00

Payments to be made.

1. Mr. Daniel Thorpe – December/January Cleaning and Security	500.00
---	--------

Un-presented cheques

1. Seiretto – Domain Registration Renewal	199.00
---	--------

Present bank statement balances

Business Saver Account (Cheque Feeder)	Community Account (Cheque)
£24,846.87	£-995.00

Total balance after all payments and receipts to date £23,432.87

24/11 COMMITTEES ORGANISATION REPORTS AND DONATIONS

(a) Members reviewed the latest play areas inspection reports.

There were no high or medium risks identified.

Councillors Dixon and Jeffrey had cut back offending tree branches at the basketball area at the recreation ground.

(b)

(i) Councillor Dixon reported on the satisfactory completion of the new roof to the bowling pavilion. Todwick Property Services had done a really good job and weather conditions had often been very poor.

(ii) Councillor Dixon reported that works to renew the two shower areas at the sports pavilion were due to commence on the 5th February. The contractor was a wet room specialist and works would include new floors and wall panels.

(c)

(i) Councillor Molyneux reported that a liaison meeting with the Cricket Club and Haywards Horticulture was to be held on the 5th February.

(ii) Councillor Jeffrey had hand delivered the allotment rent letters to plot holders. Four holders had decided to give up their plots. Two of those holders had already been replaced by others and he had a meeting with a further two on the weekend coming. After that there would be no one on the waiting list.

(iii) Councillor Dixon reported that it appeared that the South Yorkshire Police was now beginning to act against those identified as racing vehicles at very excessive speeds on the A57 dual carriageway. Time would tell what the outcome would be.

24/12 GOVERNANCE MATTERS

There were no new matters to discuss.

24/13 PLANNING MATTERS

1. RB2024/0107 Trees and Woodlands Application to undertake works to a tree(s) protected by TPO (No. 3), Manor House, Manor Drive

Resolved:

Not to object to the application.

24/14 PARISH PLAN

Councillor O’Sullivan reported on the information received from the earlier questionnaire. He would consider producing a new one in a different format which would go into more detail.

The meeting was suspended at 8.00 p.m.

OPEN SESSION

1. Tony Rusling referred to flooding on the recreation ground. Discussion took place on the drainage of the ground, the lack of maintenance by RMBC on the adjacent highway ditch and a flood alleviation scheme said to have been prepared by RMBC although no details of that had been provided. It would not be sensible to undertake any land drainage of the recreation ground unless there was a satisfactory outfall for the water.

2. Carol White updated members on the latest situation with three plots of presently agricultural land for sale and planning permission given to develop the incomplete property on Mill Fields, close to The Meadows.

3. Tony Rusling referred to another near road accident, once again caused by the parking of vehicles on The Pastures at the junction with Staniforth Crescent.

The Clerk had written several times to RMBC about this but no action had been taken either with parking enforcement or provision of waiting/parking restrictions.

Councillor Dixon confirmed the matter was one for RMBC and not the South Yorkshire Police.

4. Carol White referred to Borough Councillor Bacon saying that RMBC was to spend some money in the village. She and her husband had surveyed all the public seats in the parish and improving these would be good. She handed copies of the report to Councillors Dixon and O'Sullivan.

Councillor Dixon thanked Mrs White and her her husband, Brian for doing this. Some of the seats were the responsibility of RMBC and others by the Parish Council. He had been in discussion with Ben Mitchell at RMBC because RMBC monies were to be spent on the existing seats and there may be the possibility of proving some new ones.

Tony Rusling suggested two new ones be provided at the old A57.

Councillor Dixon would continue to liaise with Ben Mitchell including on future maintenance of the seats.

5. Carol White referred to a "sink hole" in the carriageway at The Meadows near Mill Close. The temporary protective barrier erected by Yorkshire Water continually blew over and caused a problem.

Councillor Dixon had been in contact with Yorkshire Water who were responsible for it. They had said it should have been completed by 8th January and they would chase up the work. He would continue to monitor and act accordingly.

6. Tony Rusling enquired when the "Informer" newsletter would be published.

Councillor Dixon had prepared a draft and it was hoped to have this printed and distributed shortly

The meeting was re-convened at 8.37 p.m.

24/15 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					4	3	1				2	11
Criminal Damage and Arson						1			1		1	2	5
Other Theft		1				1				1			3
Other Crime											1		1
Vehicle Crime	2	1	1	4	1		2	3				1	15
Public Order						1			1				2
Violence and Sexual	3			6	2	1	4	3	3	1	2		25
Possession of Weapons												1	1
Drugs								1					1
Bicycle Theft													
Anti-social Behaviour		2	2			2	1	2	1		2	1	13
Total	6	4	3	10	3	10	10	10	6	2	6	7	77

For 2023 there had been a reduction from 93 to 77 offences reported in the totals of figures supplied by the South Yorkshire Police.

The possession of weapons had once again entered the statistics, but there had been no record of shoplifting.

Looking at the statistics for the whole of Rotherham Borough over the last 4 months, the totals of all crimes had declined i.e. down from 863 in September to 683 in December.

The Todwick statistics showed “Violence and Sex” as the main area of concern as with the Borough as a whole.

24/16 PARISH MATTERS

There were no further matters raised.

24/17 COUNCIL VACANCY

No applications had been received.

Councillor Dixon was including an article on this in the “Informer”.

24/18 NEWSLETTER

There were no further discussions on this.

24/19 DISCUSSION OF ANY ITEM(S) FOR WHICH THE PRESS AND PUBLIC HAVE BEEN EXCLUDED

There were no items to discuss.

24/20 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

24/21 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Resolved:

That the next monthly council meeting take place on Tuesday 27th February 2024 at 7.00 p.m. in Todwick Village Hall.

The meeting ended at 9.02 p.m.

..... Chairman

..... Date