

TODWICK PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the council meeting held in Todwick Village Hall at 7.00 p.m. on Tuesday 27th February 2024 at 7.00 p.m. in Todwick Village Hall.

Present

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

Councillor Dixon reported on the death of ex Councillor Norman Wright on the 19th February, after a long and painful illness. He had been a hard working and valuable member of the Council, particularly with his work at the recreation ground and village hall. He was fondly remembered by everyone associated with the Council. The thoughts of Members and the Clerk were with his wife, Sue and family at this difficult time.

24/22 APOLOGIES

There were no apologies.

24/23 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.

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

No items were raised.

24/25 PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS

Resolved:

That the minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held Tuesday 30th January 2024 be confirmed as an accurate record and signed by the Chairman.

24/26 REPORT BY THE CLERK AND FINANCIAL OFFICER

The Clerk and Financial Officer reported:

Monies received since last meeting.

	£
1. Allotment Holders – Rents	975.00

Payments made since last meeting.

1. Blaze Fireworks – Deposit for Fireworks Display	2163.00
2. Seiretto – Domain Renewal following Lost/Stopped Previous Cheque	199.00
3. Todwick Village Hall – Meeting Rents	27.00
4. Selsure – Balance re New Shower Areas at Sports Pavilion	7760.00
5. Green Pastures Pest Control – Pest Control at Recreation Ground	70.00

6. Green Pastures Pest Control – Pest Control at Allotments and Recreation Ground	123.75
7. Sheila Pantry – Donation to Flower Festival	50.00
8. 848 IT Services Ltd – Microsoft 365 Agreement	352.80
9. HMRC – February Tax/NI	334.85
10. Information Commissioner – Data Protection Fee	40.00

Payments to be made.

1. J R Walker – February Salary/Expenses	1171.51
2. Mr. Daniel Thorpe – Cleaning and Security	250.00
3. Haywards Horticulture – Grounds Maintenance	996.00

Un-presented cheques

1. Green Pastures Pest Control – Pest Control at Recreation Ground	70.00
2. Green Pastures Pest Control – Pest Control at Allotments and Recreation Ground	123.75
3. Sheila Pantry – Donation to Flower Festival	50.00
4. HMRC – February Tax/NI	334.85
5. Information Commissioner – Data Protection Fee	40.00

Present bank statement balances

Business Saver Account (Cheque Feeder)	Community Account (Cheque)
£14,104.07	£1.00

Total balance after all payments and receipts to date £11,068.96

24/27 COMMITTEES ORGANISATION REPORTS AND DONATIONS

(a)

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

There were no high or medium risks identified but the timber climbing area at the recreation ground was deteriorating, would eventually require replacing and needed to be carefully monitored.

(ii) Councillor Dixon agreed that the sign at the Lindley's Croft play area did require refurbishment or replacement and he would obtain quotations.

(b)

(i) Councillor Dixon reported that the work to renew the shower areas at the sports pavilion had been satisfactorily completed.

(ii) Councillor Dixon had met with an electrician and resolved the lighting problems at the recreation ground. It was intended to provide lighting at the multi-use games area next financial year.

(iii) Councillor Jeffrey had collected all the allotment rents. All the plots were let but there was no longer anyone on the waiting list. The water supply was turned off until spring.

(iv) Councillor Molyneux reported on potential conflict at the multi-use games area between casual users and those who had formally booked.

(v) Councillor Molyneux had received a request that the football pitch be sited further away from Goosecarr Lane and nearer to the cricket square to minimise any future flooding. Members did not support this request.

24/28 GOVERNANCE MATTERS

There were no new matters to discuss.

24/29 PLANNING MATTERS

No new planning applications had been received since the last meeting.

Councillor Molyneux understood that two of the substantial areas of land for sale on the outskirts of the village had been sold and the third area withdrawn.

24/30 PARISH PLAN

There was no report to consider.

24/31 NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

There was no report to consider.

Councillor Molyneux referred to a recent burglary at her home. There had been others recently too, particularly where rear access to properties was possible from the fields. This needed to be brought to residents' attention.

The meeting was suspended at 8.00 p.m.

OPEN SESSION

1. Tony Rusling referred to a faulty drain cover on the track to the bowling green. Councillor Dixon had arranged for this to be replaced with a stronger cover.

2. Matt Baldry suggested that considering the recent burglaries the Council consider siting a CCTV camera within the recreation ground and allowing a view to Storth Lane.

Councillor Dixon pointed out the difficulties in doing this.

4. Tony Rusling referred to flooding on Goosecarr Lane and the lack of action to clear ditches, drains and footway by RMBC.

Clerk had reported these issues to RMBC again recently and would do so again.

4. Tony Rusling asked if RMBC had yet responded to the complaints about parking in the vicinity of Staniforth Crescent and The Pastures causing difficulty for drivers. There had been numerous occasions when accidents had been narrowly avoided.

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Matt Baldry reported that quotations were still awaited for providing the new entrance door to the village hall. The last contractor had only been to look at the door on the day of the meeting and the other contractors' final quotations had not yet been received.

5. Matt Baldry had set up a calendar of events on Google for all the organisations in the village to enter their events and he was providing links to relevant people.

6. Matt Baldry had liaised with Vicky Camber at the Church with the intention of holding an event on the 13th December around a Christmas tree with carols, non-religious Christmas songs, food and drink. He hoped the Parish Council would agree to place a tree at the recreation ground. Vicky Camber was to talk with the Headteacher at the school to see if children could attend with candles in jars.

Members were in favour of providing a tree.

7. Councillor O'Sullivan had negotiated a reduction in the cost of computer licenses with reduced features and number of users. Changes would be required as Members joined or left the Council in future. He was setting up a shared feature and all emails would be retained should they be required at some future date. He suggested an arrangement where Members could discuss issues informally.

The meeting was re-convened at 8.40 p.m.

24/32 PARISH MATTERS

No report was received.

24/33 COUNCIL VACANCY

No applications had been received.

Councillor Dixon had included an article on this in the "Informer".

24/34 NEWSLETTER

Councillor Dixon reported that the next edition of the "Informer" newsletter should be printed during the next week or so.

24/35 DISCUSSION OF ANY ITEM(S) FOR WHICH THE PRESS AND PUBLIC HAVE BEEN EXCLUDED

There were no items to discuss.

24/36 ITEMS FOR THE AGENDA OF THE NEXT MEETING

Resolved:

To include the Council Website on the agenda for the March meeting.

24/37 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

(a) Resolved:

That the next monthly council meeting take place on Tuesday 26th March 2024 at 7.00 p.m. in Todwick Village Hall.

(b) Resolved:

(i) That the April council meeting be held on Tuesday 30th April 2024 at at 7.00 p.m. in Todwick Village Hall.

(ii) That the first meeting following the May elections be held on Friday 10th May 2024 at 6.30 p.m. in Todwick Village Hall. The normal monthly meeting to be held on Tuesday 28th May 2024 at at 7.00 p.m. in Todwick Village Hall.

The meeting ended at 9.15 p.m.

..... Chairman

..... Date