

TODWICK PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the council meeting held in Todwick Village Hall at 7.00 p.m. on Wednesday 25th June 2024 at 7.00 p.m.

Present

Councillor Dixon – Chairman
 Councillor Jeffrey
 Councillor Lambert
 Councillor Molyneux
 Councillor O’Sullivan
 Borough Councillor Sarah Allen
 Matt Baldry
 J R Walker – Clerk & Financial Officer

Members welcomed Borough Councillor Sarah Allen the recently elected Member for the Aston and Todwick Ward. She introduced herself and gave a precis of her background and local government experience both as an officer and member.

24/71 APOLOGIES

An apology for absence were received from Councillor Davis and his reason for absence approved.

24/72 DECLARATION OF DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY AND OTHER INTERESTS

(a) Councillor O’Sullivan had recently appointed a member of his work team who would be working for the Borough Council and he would abstain from any discussion at any meeting where that person may have been or become involved.

(b) There were no requests for dispensations to councillors to take part in discussions and votes where they had declared disclosable pecuniary interests.

24/73 ITEMS TO BE CONSIDERED IN THE ABSENCE OF THE PUBLIC AND PRESS

No items were raised.

24/74 PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS

Resolved:

That the minutes of the Parish Council held on on Wednesday 29th May 2024 be confirmed as an accurate record and signed by the Chairman.

24/75 REPORT BY THE CLERK AND FINANCIAL OFFICER

The Clerk and Financial Officer reported:

Monies received since last meeting.

	£
1. British Gas – FiT Payment at Village Hall	676.61
2. Barclays Bank – Interest	108.98
3. Todwick Cricket Club – Ground Fees	400.00
4. Aston Cricket Club – Ground Fees	400.00
5. Todwick Parish Bowling Club – Ground Rent	920.00
6. MUGA Users – Hire of MUGA	300.00

Payments made since last meeting.

1. Todwick Village Hall – Meeting Rent	14.00
2. Richard Taylor Master Locksmith – Gate Lock Repair and Keys	155.00
3. Eileen Northall – Repayment for D-day Remembrance Wreath	75.00

4. Susan Wright – Daily Opening of Recreation Ground Gates	50.00
5. SSE Energy Solutions – Electric Bill at Recreation Ground	84.46
6. Rother Print– Printing of Newsletters	177.00
7. Your Mag – Distribution of Newsletters	78.00
8. UK Aluminium – New Entrance Doors at Village Hall	8421.79
9. HMRC – June Tax/NI	334.85
10. RMBC – Supply and Install Litter Bin at Play Area	582.48
11. Haywards Horticulture – Grounds Maintenance at Recreation Ground	996.00

Payments to be made.

1. Daniel Thorpe – May and June Cleaning and Security at Recreation Ground	500.00
2. J R Walker – June Salary and Expenses	1219.88
3. Tracy Molyneux – Repaid Cost of Bleach for Sports Pavilion	5.26

Un-presented cheques

1. Todwick Village Hall – Meeting Rent	14.00
2. Your Mag – Distribution of Newsletter	78.00
3. UK Aluminium – New Doorway at Village Hall	8421.79
4. RMBC – Supply and Installation of Litter Bin	582.48

Present bank statement balances

Business Saver Account	Community Account
(Cheque Feeder)	(Cheque)
£30,046.71	£-995.00

Total balance after all payments and receipts to date £19,450.30

Councillor Molyneux handed a £200 returnable deposit for hire of the MUGA to the Clerk and Financial Officer for safe keeping.

24/76 COMMITTEES AND ORGANISATION REPORTS

(a) No immediate action was considered necessary following review of the play areas inspection reports.

(b)

i. Councillor Dixon gave details of the lighting proposals for the Multi-use Games Area (MUGA) agreed at the January Budget meeting. He proposed to accept the quotation and arrange works.

ii. Discussion took place on a suggestion for the planting of a Christmas Tree at the recreation ground.

Resolved: To plant a Christmas tree at the recreation ground at a location to be agreed.

Borough Councillor Allen hoped to give some limited financial support for this via the RMBC Community Leadership Fund.

iii. Councillor Molyneux had agreed that Shirebrook FC could hire the football pitch on six occasions at a cost of £50/session.

iv. Councillor Molyneux reported instances of copious quantities of litter at the MUGA. She had spoken with some young people but the problem was getting much worse. Individuals were climbing over the perimeter fencing.

Councillor Dixon would discuss with PCSO Amy Whaley.

v. Councillor Jeffrey reported problems with the water supply to the allotments.

The Clerk had repeatedly reported the problem to Yorkshire Water and would do so again.

Councillor Dixon asked that a site meeting be arranged to discuss alternatives.

Councillor Jeffrey reported that one or two holders were not cultivating the plots and he would be discussing this with them. There were presently two on the waiting list.

24/77 GOVERNANCE MATTERS

There were no matters to consider.

24/78 PLANNING MATTERS1. RB2024/0761

Single Storey extension at 18 Osborne Drive.

Resolved:

To raise no objection.

2. RB2024/0843

First floor side and rear extensions at 10 Manor Way

Resolved:

To raise no objection.

The meeting was suspended at 8.05 p.m.

OPEN SESSION

1. Borough Councillor Allen reported that she intended holding a monthly surgery in the village but could not be there alone and so needed somewhere with public access where at least one other person would be present. The Clerk informed that this had previously been carried out in the village hall in advance of the monthly parish council meeting and all present agreed that this was the best option.
2. Borough Councillor Allen referred to her desire for a new Ward Plan to be prepared and she was anxious to ensure this reflected the issues pertaining to Todwick. She listed the present Ward Priorities:
 - To develop and support initiatives around anti-social behaviour, crime and community safety, particularly in hotspot areas.
 - To support residents and community organisations with the cost-of-living.
 - To support and develop initiatives to improve the local environment.
 - To explore opportunities to engage and support local businesses.
 - To develop and support initiatives around road safety.
 - To develop and support initiatives to improve bus services.

The Members supported these.

Councillor O'Sullivan related the information derived from parishioners returns to the Parish Council Questionnaire. There had been concerns about such things as the condition of the roads and footways and fouling by dogs but a major concern was the lack of local facilities such as a shop/post office or public house.

Borough Councillor Allen would add Improving Community Facilities to the Plan and would discuss options for moving things forward with Andrea Peers and Julie Pass at RMBC. She exemplified the huge improvements she had helped to promote in her previous RMBC Ward and would also discuss with the Rotherham Internal Development Organisation.

The meeting was reconvened at 8.45 p.m.

24/79 IT AND SOCIAL MEDIA

1. Councillor O'Sullivan was experiencing a particularly hectic time at work but would very shortly have time to be able to improve the website with such things as showing the defibrillator sites and liaise with Councillor Lambert.
2. Councillor O'Sullivan had been concerned about the use of Facebook by the local political parties. He gave an example of a claim that the recent RMBC adoption of all the wayside benches had been because of the intervention by the Borough Councillor when he thought this had not been so. Councillor Dixon confirmed that it was RMBC as a council rather than a particular RMBC Councillor that had agreed this.

24/80 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	3											4
Criminal Damage and Arson			2										2
Other Theft	1		1	1									3
Other Crime													
Vehicle Crime	2	2	1	3									8
Public Order		1	1										2
Violence and Sexual		3	4										7
Possession of Weapons				1									1
Drugs			1										1
Bicycle Theft													
Anti-social Behaviour	1	4	2	2									9
Total	5	13	12	7									37

The possession of weapons was in the Hardwick area.

The disclosed Borough-wide totals had reduced slightly – March (833) to April (763).

24/81 COUNCIL VACANCIES

No applications to join the Parish Council had been received.

24/82 PARISH MATTERS

Councillor Molyneux asked when the hanging baskets would be up.

The Clerk had requested the Contractor to expedite at the earliest opportunity.

24/83 NEWSLETTER

Councillor Dixon reported that the newsletters would be posted through letter boxes on the 30th July.

24/84 DISCUSSION OF ANY ITEM(S) FOR WHICH THE PRESS AND PUBLIC HAVE BEEN EXCLUDED

There were no items to discuss.

24/85 ITEMS FOR THE AGENDA OF THE NEXT MEETING

To agree on items to be included on the agenda of the next meeting of the Council.

24/86 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Resolved:

That the next council meeting will take place on Tuesday 30th July 2024 at 7.00 p.m. in Todwick Village Hall.

The meeting ended at 9.10 p.m.

..... Chairman

..... Date