

TODWICK PARISH COUNCIL

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

Present

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

24/87 APOLOGIES

An apology for absence were received from Borough Councillor Sarah Allen.

24/88 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.

24/89 ITEMS TO BE CONSIDERED IN THE ABSENCE OF THE PUBLIC AND PRESS

No items were raised.

24/90 PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS

Resolved:

That the minutes of the Parish Council held on on Wednesday 25th June 2024 be confirmed as an accurate record and signed by the Chairman.

24/91 REPORT BY THE CLERK AND FINANCIAL OFFICER

The Clerk and Financial Officer reported:

Monies received since last meeting.

	£
1. Jamie Rowlands – Hire of Football Pitch	60.00
2. Rajah Khan – Hire of Cricket Pitch	60.00

Payments made since last meeting.

1. Todwick Primary School – Achievement Awards	300.00
2. Susan Wright – Opening of Recreation Ground Gates	50.00
3. Sheila Pantry – Best Kept Garden Prizes	90.00
4. Todwick Village Hall – Meeting Rent	21.00
5. Business Stream – Recreation Ground Water Bill	839.54
6. SSE Energy Solutions – Recreation Ground Electricity Bill	399.74
7. HMRC – July Tax/NI	334.85
8. Haywards Horticulture – Grounds Maintenance	996.00
9. RMBC – Play Area Inspections	921.48
10. Green Pastures Pest Control– Pest Control	123.75

Payments to be made.

1. Susan Wright – Opening Recreation Ground Gates	50.00
2. J R Walker – July Salary and Expenses	1154.68
3. John Jeffrey – Repaid Cost of Water Tap and Materials for Allotments	13.67
4. Daniel Thorpe – Cleaning and Security at Recreation Ground	250.00

Un-presented cheques

1. Todwick Village Hall – Room Rent	21.00
2. RMBC – Play Area Inspections	921.48
3. Green Pastures Pest Control – Pest Control at Allotments and Recreation Ground	123.75

Present bank statement balances

Business Saver Account	Community Account
(Cheque Feeder)	(Cheque)
£16,499.17	£1.00

Total balance after all payments and receipts to date £14,024.59

24/92 COMMITTEES AND ORGANISATION REPORTS

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

(b)

- i. Councillor Molyneux had received reports of young children being subjected to abusive behaviour by older children at the MUGA. She also gave details of confirmed and likely hire of the cricket and football pitches.
- ii. Councillor Molyneux reported that young people were riding electric scooters across the cricket wicket. Councillor Dixon was concerned about possible deterioration of the cricket wicket for a variety of reasons and suggested it may be time to consider erecting the temporary barriers as a means of protection. An artificial wicket could be used in all weathers and be useful for practice and he suggested the Cricket Club consider making applications for grant aid to the relevant sports bodies.
- iii. Councillor Molyneux reported large amounts of litter at the MUGA. Councillor Dixon referred to the enquiries made to RMBC about the provision of litter bins at the MUGA and Sports pavilion.
- iv. Councillor Dixon had arranged for St John's Ambulance to attend the bonfire and fireworks display on the 8th November and would be submitting the Temporary Events Notice shortly. Members discussed the difficulty of acquiring enough suitable wood for a bonfire and the possibility of providing a fair particularly should the bonfire not be possible.
- v. Councillor Davis referred to an application by the Air Cadets to use the recreation ground for its sporting days. Councillors Dixon and Molyneux were awaiting details of dates etc so that arrangements could be made.
- vi. Councillors Dixon, Molyneux and O'Sullivan would meet soon to arrange a handover of responsibility of the recreation ground to Councillor O'Sullivan.
- vii. Councillor Jeffrey had identified the second water tap box for the allotments and had used this to allow him to replace the leaking water tap. He would look to replacing the other tap which although not leaking was very old. Five of the allotments were not being cultivated to the required standard and he had spoken to the plot holders concerned.

24/93 GOVERNANCE MATTERS

There were no matters to consider.

24/94 PLANNING MATTERS

No new planning application had been received.

The meeting was suspended at 8.00 p.m.

OPEN SESSION

1. Tony Rusling asked whether any further works were to be undertaken by RMBC at Goosecarr Lane other than the recently installed footway gully. Members confirmed that this was the situation. Additional works had been requested at the site meeting attended by Councillors Dixon and Molyneux and the Clerk but RMBC had not authorised them.
2. Matt Baldry referred to the possibility of having a village show at the village hall on the 29th September but this was not yet finally agreed. Bearing in mind that there would be no formal council meeting in August he asked that the Parish Council consider assisting with the funding if it was to go ahead. He also asked that the Parish Council consider assisting with funding of a children's party at the hall at Christmas in addition to the Fayre.
3. Discussion took place on a suggestion for the planting of a Christmas Tree at the recreation ground. Councillor Dixon would be meeting with Alex Dyke when the lighting of the MUGA was to begin. He would get Alex to investigate the options available to light the tree which could help confirm the optimum placement site.
4. Discussion took place on the unsatisfactory condition of recent RMBC footway works including at Furnival Close. The Clerk would report to RMBC.
5. Tony Rusling reported continuing problems with weeds growing in the highway, including Furnival Close. The Clerk would report to RMBC.

The meeting was reconvened at 8.35 p.m.

24/95 IT AND SOCIAL MEDIA

1. Councillor O'Sullivan had liaised with Councillor Lambert and had updated the council website including having the defibrillator locations "pinned" onto Google Maps. He had also described where the defibrillators were and the user procedure. He had contacted Mark Farrar at Wel Medical and proposed that e attend the September Council meeting.

24/96 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		1								8
Possession of Weapons				1									1
Drugs			1										1
Bicycle Theft													
Anti-social Behaviour	1	4	2	2									9
Total	5	13	12	7									38

24/97 COUNCIL VACANCIES

No applications to join the Parish Council had been received.

24/98 PARISH MATTERS

1. Councillor Dixon proposed that the Council agree to pay £300 to the Village Hall Management Committee to assist with the provision of a children’s party in September and this was seconded.

Resolved:

To pay £300 to the Village Hall Management Committee to assist with the provision of a children’s party in September.

2. Councillor Dixon reported that grass verges left uncut by RMBC because of the presence of Bee Orchids were now significantly overgrown. This had been reported to RMBC and a commitment had been given for them to be cut soon after the 29th July. He had been fully supportive of the initiative to protect the Orchids because he understood they were rare. He had now established that they were commonly found at various places in the immediate area and was therefore now considering whether the verges should be cut more frequently whether the Orchids were present or not.

3. Councillor O’Sullivan reported blocked road gullies around the village including on Goosecarr Lane. The Clerk would report to RMBC.

24/99 NEWSLETTER

Councillor Dixon reported that the newsletter had been distributed and provided there was sufficient newsworthy information to report he would prepare another edition at the end of October. He asked that Members keep relevant notes to assist him.

24/100 DISCUSSION OF ANY ITEM(S) FOR WHICH THE PRESS AND PUBLIC HAVE BEEN EXCLUDED

There were no items to discuss.

24/101 ITEMS FOR THE AGENDA OF THE NEXT MEETING

No new items were requested.

The Clerk suggested it likely that the External Auditor would have reported before the next meeting and he would include an appropriate item.

24/102 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

There would be no meeting in August.

Resolved:

That the next council meeting will take place on Tuesday 24th September 2024 at 7.00 p.m. in Todwick Village Hall.

The meeting ended at 8.55 p.m.

..... Chairman

..... Date