

TODWICK PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the council meeting held in Todwick Village Hall at 7.00 p.m. on Tuesday 29th October 2024 at 7.00 p.m.

Present

Councillor Dixon – Chairman
 Councillor Jeffrey
 Councillor Lambert
 Councillor Molyneux
 Matt Baldry
 Tony Rusling
 Carol White
 James Trever
 Owner of 29 The Pastures
 J R Walker – Clerk & Financial Officer

24/120 APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Davis and O’Sullivan.

24/121 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.

24/122 ITEMS TO BE CONSIDERED IN THE ABSENCE OF THE PUBLIC AND PRESS

No items were raised.

24/123 PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS

Resolved:

That the minutes of the Parish Council held on on Tuesday 24th September 2024 be confirmed as an accurate record and signed by the Chairman.

24/124 REPORT BY THE CLERK AND FINANCIAL OFFICER

The Clerk and Financial Officer reported:

Monies received since last meeting.

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1. No monies had been received.

Payments made since last meeting.

1. Business Stream – Recreation Ground Water Bill	482.50
2. Haywards Horticulture – Sept. Grounds Maintenance at Recreation Ground	996.00
3. Todwick Village Hall – Meeting Rent	21.00
4. Blaze Fireworks Ltd. – Firework Displays	5217.00
5. HMRC – October Tax/NI	334.85
6. Haywards Horticulture – Oct. Grounds Maintenance at Recreation Ground	996.00

Payments to be made.

1. Daniel Thorpe - Cleaning and Security at Recreation Ground	250.00
2. J R Walker – October Salary and Expenses	1155.25

3. Todwick Village Hall – Contribution to Events	500.00
4. Susan Wright – Opening Recreation Ground Gates	50.00

Un-presented cheques

There were no un-presented cheques.

Present bank statement balances

Business Saver Account (Cheque Feeder)	Community Account (Cheque)
£31,986.37	£-5,216.00

Total balance after all payments and receipts to date £24,815.12

The Clerk and Financial Officer handed £200 cash to Councilor Molyneux being returnable deposits previously taken by her for recreation ground usage.

The Clerk and Financial Officer had forwarded to Members a request from Sheila Pantry on behalf of Wales High School. The school was seeking financial contributions towards the purchase of additional library books.

Resolved:

To contribute £200 to Wales High School for the purchase of new library books.

The Clerk would liaise with Sheila Pantry.

A Christmas Fayre and Children's Party was to be held in the village hall and a contribution to these was sought by the Village Hall Committee.

Resolved:

To contribute £250 each towards the cost of the Christmas Fayre and Children's Party to be held in the village hall.

The meeting was suspended at 8.00 p.m.

OPEN SESSION

1. Matt Baldry and Councillor Dixon gave details of the proposed planting of a Christmas Tree at the recreation ground. The Village Hall Committee would donate the lights for the tree.

2. Councillor Dixon reported that James Trever the new owner of Meadow House had kindly volunteered to supply a Christmas Tree to be erected outside the village hall free of charge. Matt Baldry asked for volunteers to erect this around the 24th November and reported on the acquisition of the Christmas Tree to be on display inside the village hall.

James Trever was thanked for generously donating the Christmas Tree.

3. Matt Baldry gave details of recent works at the village hall including a new sound system for both inside and outside the building, interior lighting and cinema projection.

4. Tony Rusling referred to the fading of the village signs at the entrances to the village and deterioration of the timber supporting posts.

Members agreed that works were required. This had been considered earlier in the year but the necessary funds were not available. Though there was some deterioration the posts were still sound. Works would be considered at the budget meeting in January with the intention of completing in 2025.

5. Tony Rusling referred to the recent mechanical sweeping of some roads in the village. This had been badly done and weeds remained in the channels afterwards.

Councillor Molyneux suggested it would be good to know what the RMBC frequencies for undertaking this work were.

The Clerk was instructed to report the sweeping and weed problems to RMBC and request information on the frequency of sweeping.

6. Carol White thanked Members for erecting the poppies on street features.

Councillor Dixon thanked Mrs. White. The poppies had been sited by Members and the Round Table and he thanked all concerned.

7. Carol White reported mud and debris left on footways where the contractor had installed fibre optic cable. No advance warning of the works had been given to residents.

The Clerk would report to RMBC. Its Officers were responsible for ensuring satisfactory reinstatement.

8. Carol White was disappointed that although there would be fireworks there would be no bonfire this year.

Councillor Dixon regretted that it had not been possible to arrange this and explained why. There would be a much less noisy fireworks display suitable for young children before the main display. There would also be food and drink and children's rides. He gave details of the ever-increasing cost of providing fireworks and consequently, several local parishes were not able to provide one this year.

9. Carol White was disappointed that the Parish Council had not informed parishioners of the new banking hub to be provided at Dinington. The "Informer" newsletter would have been ideal to do this. Some had found out by various means including social media but everyone did not access this and it would have been helpful.

Councillor Dixon explained that this was not known when the last "Informer" was published and it was not something to alone justify an edition devoted to this.

10. Councillor Dixon referred to a meeting between members and Jake Richards the new MP. Mr. Richards was very personable and fully supportive of pursuing the issues of concern in Todwick.

11. Carol White asked if the Parish Council had any knowledge of the ownership of the land to the rear of Mill Fields following the recent sale.

Councillor Dixon stated that no details of those purchasing any of the land that was for sale was known. Details of those purchasing the land would not be known and in the public domain until sales were finalised. Their details would be recorded at the Land Registry and with the Local Authority when sales were completed. The selling agent would probably not be able to release details as the prospective purchaser(s) because details would no doubt be subject to data protection rules. If that was the case, the agent would be bound by them and if they disclosed such information they would be guilty of an offence.

12. The Owner of 29 The Pastures complained that the Parish Council had made no contact before reporting the issue fronting the property to RMBC.

Councillor Dixon explained the background to the report and that it was rightly something RMBC must consider.

The Owner confirmed that a licence had now been obtained to undertake works and site the wheelie bins.

The meeting was reconvened at 9.25 p.m.

24/125. COMMITTEES AND ORGANISATION REPORTS

(a) There were no immediate works required following receipt of the play areas inspection reports.

Resolved:

To form a project group to study all the play equipment at both sites and report the finding and recommendations back to the Council.

(b) Councillor Jeffrey gave details of existing allotment plot charges and related matters.

Resolved:

To increase allotment rents for 2025 to £45 for a full plot and £25 for a half plot.

(c)

i. Councillor Dixon reported that all was now in place for the fireworks display on the 8th November and asked for volunteers to manage the entrance and erect barriers etc.

ii. Councillor Molyneux explained difficulties being experienced with litter at the recreation ground and at the the MUGA in particular.

Resolved:

To consider providing litter bins at the recreation ground including at the MUGA.

iii. Councillor Molyneux reported that Thurcroft FC had disbanded and so would no longer be playing matches on a Saturday. It was possible that some ladies football teams might wish to do so and she would pursue this.

iv. Councillor Dixon reported the intention to remove the poppies displayed on street furniture two weeks after remembrance Sunday and asked for volunteers.

24/126. GOVERNANCE MATTERS

No report was received.

24/127 PLANNING MATTERS1. RB2024/1376

Erection of single storey side and rear extensions at 9 St Paul's Close

Resolved:

Not to object to the application

2. RB2024/1531

Demolition of existing rear extension and erection of single storey rear extension at 12 Osborne Drive.

Resolved:

Not to object to the application

24/128 IT AND SOCIAL MEDIA

No report was received.

24/129 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				1	2						7
Criminal Damage and Arson			2										2
Other Theft	1		1	1				1					4
Other Crime							1						1
Vehicle Crime	2	2	1	3		1		1					10
Public Order		1	1				1						3
Violence and Sexual		3	4		1	1	5	1					15
Possession of Weapons				1		1							2
Drugs			1										1
Bicycle Theft													
Anti-social Behaviour	1	4	2	2		4		3					16

Total	5	13	12	7	1	8	9	6					61
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A drop in the figures in August which followed the Borough trend.
 Reports at the Red Lion had reduced possibly due to the installation of CCTV and the introduction of a very strict parking regime.

24/130 COUNCIL VACANCIES

No applications to join the Parish Council had been received.

24/131 PARISH MATTERS

There were no matters to discuss.

24/132 NEWSLETTER

Councillor Dixon hoped to be able to publish the next edition of the “Informer” as early as the end of November and requested Members to submit articles.

24/133 DISCUSSION OF ANY ITEM(S) FOR WHICH THE PRESS AND PUBLIC HAVE BEEN EXCLUDED

There were no items to discuss.

24/134 ITEMS FOR THE AGENDA OF THE NEXT MEETING

1. Clerk’s Salary.
2. South Yorkshire Bus Franchise Consultation.

24/135 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Resolved:

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

The meeting ended at 9.45 p.m.

..... Chairman

..... Date