

TODWICK PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held in Todwick Village Hall at 7.00p.m. on Tuesday 27th June 2017.

Present

Councillor Carter
 Councillor Ferris (from 8.30)
 Councillor Gregory – In the Chair
 Councillor Lightfoot
 Councillor Newbold
 Councillor White
 J R Walker – Clerk & Financial Officer
 Jennifer Sturch

17/23 APOLOGIES

Councillors Ardern, Hill, Jeffrey and Borough Councillor Watson had sent an apology for non-attendance.

17/24 APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Ordinary Meeting 30th May 2017

There were no amendments and the minutes were signed as a true record.

17/25 MATTERS ARISING

1. **Gregory** had received the written petition concerning the Heras fencing at The Pastures. He had intended handing this over to Borough Councillor Watson at the meeting but would now send to RMBC. There were 188 signatures on this plus several others submitted on-line.
2. **Gregory** had arranged the increase to the Clerk's pension.
3. **Gregory** reported that "Mega-Active" had a shortfall of £50 following the activities but this appeared to have been made up by them at the FunDay.

17/26 DECLARATION OF MEMBER'S INTERESTS

Carter has an interest in land recommended for development potential by RMBC and also owns a property on Rayls Rise.

17/27 URGENT ITEMS FOR LATER CONSIDERATION

1. Emergency Plan
2. Police Petition
3. Sign at Goosecarr Lane
4. Pothole at Guildway

17/28 CLERK'S REPORT

Clerk had undertaken all the duties placed on him at the last meeting and sent off all the relevant documents for financial year 2016/17 to the external auditor.

17/29 FINANCIAL OFFICER'S REPORT

	£
Monies received	
1. Todwick Parish Council – Receipts from Funday	1300.35
Payments made since last meeting	
1. Aviva – Clerk's Pension	15.97
2. Todwick Village Hall – Rent	16.50
3. RMBC – Quarter 1 Grounds Maintenance	4774.28
4. HMRC – June Tax/NI	339.88
5. Kevin Light – Village Maintenance	142.83
Un-presented cheques	
1. Todwick Village Hall – Rent	16.50
2. RMBC – Quarter 1 Grounds Maintenance	4774.28
3. HMRC – June Tax/NI	339.88
4. Kevin Light – Village Maintenance	142.83
Payments to be made	
1. J R Walker – Salary & Expenses	598.98
2. Kevin Light – Work at Funday	32.96
3. Todwick Primary School – Diligence Awards	175.00
Present bank statement balances	
Business Saver Account (Cheque Feeder)	Community Account (Cheque)
£33,483.83	£1.00

17/30 CORRESPONDENCE

Written correspondence received.

1. RMBC – Councillor Surgeries Invoices

Clerk had passed the information to Norman Anderson.

Correspondence had been received via E-mail and forwarded by the Clerk to Members on their receipt. The Clerk had replied where appropriate.

1. Various Councillors – Meeting Minutes
2. Voluntary Action Rotherham – Various Email Bulletins
3. Rural Action Yorkshire – Various Email Bulletins
4. RMBC – Various Weekly Planning Lists
5. YLCA – Weekly Bulletins from The National Association of Local Councils
6. RMBC – Vehicle Actuated Speed Awareness Signs
7. Councillor Gregory – Clerk's Pension
8. Various Councillors – Petition: Removal of Heras Fencing at The Pastures
9. Ian Pennock – Dog Fouling
10. YLCA – Annual Meeting of the South Yorkshire Branch
11. YLCA – Reform of Data Protection Legislation and Introduction of the General Data Protection Regulations
12. STPTE – Training Programme for 2017

13. Councillor Ardern – Graffiti in the Treehouse on the Recreation Ground
14. RMBC – Notice of Election Sub-Agents: UK Parliamentary General Election
15. Various Councillors – Funday Monies
16. Councillor Carter – Facebook Admin
17. South Yorkshire’s Community Foundation – Volunteers needed for a Focus Group in Rotherham
18. Macmillan Cancer Support Sponsored – Bed Push from Dronfield
19. Jean Leah and Various Councillors – Multi Use Games Areas Grant
20. Various Councillors – “Informer”
21. YLCA – Cycle Track within the Village Playing Field
22. RMBC – Code of Conduct Session for Parish and Town Councils
23. YLCA – Plunkett Foundation Call to Action Promoting the Positive Role Parishes have to play in the Rural Co-operatives’ Programme.
24. YLCA – Chairman’s Contact Details
25. Norman Anderson, Councillors Ferris and White – Village Hall and Village Emergency Plan
26. RMBC – Creative Stitching Open Day: Laughton
27. RMBC – Grants of up to £250 for Faith, Voluntary and Community Groups
28. RMBC – Disabled Communities Working Together
29. YLCA – Request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000/Environmental Information Regulations 2004.
30. YLCA – Local Council Administration Publication: 10th Edition
31. YLCA – Solar Powered Street Lamps
32. YLCA – Various Clerk Vacancies
33. Councillors Ferris and White – Quotation for Village Hall CCTV System
34. Norman Anderson –
35. SYPTE – Rotherham Interchange and Car Park – Update June 2017
36. YLCA – Training Events for July.
37. Councillors Ferris – Kevin Light Payment
38. Councillor White – Cheques
39. Chesterfield Canal Trust – E:Newsletter Number 104

17/31 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

1. RB2017/0784

Single storey rear extension at 64 Kiveton Lane for Mr. P Bennett

Resolved to offer no objection.

2. Building work had been observed at 3 Manor Drive.

Clerk would ask RMBC to provide the relevant planning application number.

3. **Gregory** noted there had yet been no decision on the planning appeal at 1 Paddock View.

17/32 COMMITTEES

Village Hall

Norman Anderson had reported:

Following the tragedy at Grenfell Tower, word was out that the fire regulations for public buildings may be “re-assessed”. No details were available as yet. He continued to do weekly checks on the village hall, reporting any defects and getting them sorted as soon as possible. The five year electrical check had been completed with a PASS rating. There were one or two C3 (minor recommendations) on the report of which one had already been addressed. If any parish

councillor wishes to see the report, the original was in the office in the hall and he had a copy at his home.

Before the end of June the fire alarm, fire appliances, burglar alarm, and stair-lift will all have been serviced. The fire extinguishers were now either five or ten years old. All but two will need replacing this year and he had made financial provision for this to be done.

Recreation

Gregory reported that:

The goal posts had been taken away for re-painting by RMBC and work to the football pitch would be undertaken shortly.

The bulbs appeared to be working because the presence of moles could only now be seen at the bottom of the playing field. He may acquire more.

The Junior Football Club had now officially moved out but there was still a presence by the very youngest members. He was monitoring this and would be amending the final rental bill accordingly. He had requested the return of all keys to the pavilion.

Church Yard

Gregory informed that the maintenance group had met on the 24 June. The Church Garden Fete was to be held on 1 July and some tidying up would be carried out in advance.

White was to help out on Thursday.

Allotments

Ferris reported that all the allotments were now taken although some plots were in poor condition. There would be no competition/ award of the Les Waller trophy this year but there would be next. He had consulted with a number of plot holders to gauge the attitude towards the raising of rents to eventually reach a situation where income was equitable with expenditure. He suggested this was most likely to be acceptable with small increases of say £3 being made each year until this could be brought about.

17/33 MEMBER'S ACTIVITY REPORTS

1. **Gregory** had not attended any external meetings but would be meeting the new police inspector on the 3rd July and would be urging enforcement action against vehicular parking on pavements.
2. **White** reported the receipt of three quotations for the renewal of CCTV cameras at the village hall. The best quotation was also the lowest and installation would be carried out on 12th and 13th July. The existing cameras, monitor and recorder would remain in the ownership of the village hall.
3. **White** had arranged to meet with Jean Leah on the 17th July to discuss the submission of a grant application for the installation of the multi-purpose play area at the recreation ground. **Members** supported a grant application being made with up to a £15,000 contribution from the Council, since the Veolia conditions dictated a 20% contribution from the applicant.
4. **White** had been asked to present the diligence awards at the primary school and would be handing over the Council cheque to buy the books to the head-teacher.
5. **White** had inspected the graffiti on the tree house at the recreation ground play area. It would be difficult to remove and painting over would be unsightly. **Newbold** would try to remove either by using an appropriate solvent or by scraping it off.
6. **White** had taken a photograph showing the poor condition of the substation at Kiveton Lane.

He gave the Clerk the contact details of Cadent Gas, the company responsible for the maintenance and asked that the Clerk request appropriate maintenance.

7. **White** reported that the “i” had fallen off the name at the pavilion. John Rodley had kindly offered to fix this back in position.

8. **Newbold** had observed the need for weeds to be removed from footways and carriageway channels throughout the village. He had removed very high ones from the front of his property. **Gregory** had received a promise from RMBC that weed killing/removal would be carried out annually.

Clerk would request action by RMBC.

9. **Newbold** had observed that signs had been left following the completion of carriageway surface dressing operations on Kiveton Lane.

Clerk would request action by RMBC.

10. **Newbold** had noted that no action had yet been taken to reinstate the speed awareness signs on Kiveton Lane.

Clerk would request action by RMBC.

11. **Newbold** had received no reply from RMBC to his request for information on dog waste bins. **Clerk** would request action by RMBC.

12. **Lightfoot** had received comments from various residents saying that they had no recollection of having received copies of “The Informer”.

Gregory thought this confusing since this had been delivered to each house in the parish for many years.

17/34 VILLAGE MAINTENANCE

Prior to the meeting Ferris had passed on Kevin Light’s report:-

Litter had been cleared on four occasions at:-

Goosecarr Lane

The Pastures

Kiveton Lane

Church View

Recreation Ground

The war memorial had been swept twice and Kevin had raked the sandpit at the recreation ground twice. He had trimmed the hedges around the basketball court and moved the large branch which had been broken off. While picking litter on Goosecarr Lane he had found some builders rubbish on the farm track. He reported this to Streetpride and it had now been removed. Bulbs needed replacing in both shower cubicles at the sports pavilion.

White asked that Kevin be asked to neaten up the edges around the flower beds fronting the Heras fencing at The Pastures.

17/35 TRAFFIC AND TRANSPORTATION MATTERS

Gregory would speak with Andrew Roddis at RMBC concerning the unfilled promises of weed killing and grass cutting.

The meeting was suspended at 8.00pm

OPEN SESSION

Members discussed various aspects of the Council’s work with Jennifer Sturch who suggested

some recommendations for future activities.

The meeting was re -convened at 8.05pm

17/36 NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

Norman Anderson had reported receipt of the published crime statistics for the village for April.

<u>MONTHLY CATEGORIES 2017</u>	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR
BURGLARY	3	3		2
CRIMINAL DAMAGE/ARSON		1		1
OTHER THEFT	1	1	1	
THEFT FROM A PERSON				1
VEHICLE CRIME	1	1	2	
PUBLIC ORDER		1	1	
VIOLENCE & SEXUAL	2	1		
OTHER CRIME				
ANTISOCIAL BEHAVIOUR	1	4	2	1
<u>TOTALS</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>12</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>5</u>

Believed to be for the first time, a 'Theft from a person' had been reported on or near the A57/Red Lion area but no suspect identified.

An antisocial behaviour incident had been reported on Mortains.

Criminal damage and arson had been reported on Rectory Gardens - No suspect identified.

Mill Close and Mill Fields each had had a burglary and in May and both were still being investigated.

There was quite a contrast to April 2016 when there were 12 reported offences.

For the period to April in 2016 there were 30 reported incidents. The figure for the same period in 2017 was 31.

David Hartley, an ACC in the South Yorkshire Police had been tasked with reintroducing local neighbourhood policing. This initiative was receiving Norman's full support. Questionnaires had been designed to find out the public perception and attitudes towards this initiative. Potential participants had been selected by age, gender, location of domicile in the village, NHW and non-NHW people to try to get a fair response to the survey. So far there had been an 82 % response. He would keep the parish council up to speed on that.

There seemed to be quite a number of high sided vans (particularly) roaming the streets. Also a slight increase in the number of vehicles looking for the vulnerable, to either carry out roof repairs or try to unload beds .Often these were second hand, uncleaned, put in a heavy duty plastic bag and unloaded as new to the unwary.

17/37 FUN DAY

Gregory referred to the attendance of some thousand people to the highly successful event held on the 11th June. He was very proud of what the Council and Councillors Carter and White in particular had achieved.

Carter gave details of the event including receipts and expenditure. Lots of complimentary things had been sent via facebook. The only complaints appeared to be from mothers with 4 and 5 year old children who had not felt able to let their children on the inflatable slide and assault course

because of the hyper active behaviour of a few older boys. Lessons had been learnt and more control from the staff manning the inflatables would be needed in future.

Ferris reported that there were still some unclaimed raffle prizes despite he and his wife telephoning those thought to be winners. A notice had been placed in the village shop and an item would be placed in the next edition of “The Informer”.

Members thanked Councillor **Carter** for managing such a successful event.

Carter thanked every member for their help.

17/38 BONFIRE

White had ordered the fireworks and envisaged the event on the 3rd November being in a similar format to that of last year. He had prepared brief lists of activities for each Member to undertake and handed these out. He would again submit an event application to RMBC.

17/39 URGENT ITEMS

1. Emergency Plan

White referred to various recent national events. He was aware that the Todwick Emergency Plan had not been revised for some time and thought this highly desirable. The existing document was very bulky however, comprising some 48 pages and was not particularly “user friendly” in an emergency.

Gregory and **White** would look at the existing plan and make suggestions for improvement.

2. Police Petition

White referred to a document being circulated locally asking people to sign a petition complaining of the dramatic reduction in police numbers and service to the community.

Gregory was aware that the new Chief Constable was very keen to re-introduce community policing and envisaged considerable improvements being made.

3. Sign at Goosecarr Lane

Newbold reported problems with a large sign situated on Goosecarr Lane at the junction with the A57.

Clerk would report to RMBC.

4. Pothole at Guildway

Ferris reported a deep pothole in the carriageway opposite 3 Guildway.

Clerk would report to RMBC.

The Meeting Closed at 9.00p.m.

The next Council Meeting will be in Todwick Village Hall at 7.00p.m. on Tuesday 25th July 2017.

..... Chairman

..... Date