

TODWICK PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held in Todwick Church Hall at 7.00p.m. on Tuesday 20th December 2016.

Present

Councillor Ardern
 Councillor Ferris
 Councillor Gregory – In the Chair
 Councillor Jeffrey
 Councillor White
 J R Walker – Clerk & Financial Officer

16/117 APOLOGIES

Councillors Carter, Hill, Lightfoot and Newbold had sent an apology for non-attendance.

16/118 APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF 29 NOVEMBER 2016

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

16/119 MATTERS ARISING

There were no matters arising that could not be considered under an agenda item.

16/120 DECLARATION OF MEMBER'S INTERESTS

No members present had a declaration to make.

16/121 URGENT ITEMS FOR LATER CONSIDERATION

1. Support for Todwick School

16/122 CLERK'S REPORT

Clerk had undertaken all his duties since the last meeting.

16/123 FINANCIAL OFFICER'S REPORT

Clerk reported:

	£
Monies received	
1. Bank Interest	3.68
Payments made since last meeting	
1. Aviva – Clerk's Pension	15.97
Un-presented cheques	
1. Go Karts Party	100.00
2. St Johns' Ambulance	82.40
3. Word for Word	120.00

Payments to be made

1. HMRC – December Tax/NI	336.52
2. J R Walker – December Salary and Expenses	541.56
3. Brian White – Expenses re Bonfire/Placards for Santa’s Visit	79.00
4. RMBC – November Grounds Maintenance	1558.69
5. Kevin Light – Village Maintenance	277.21
6. Rebecca Ardern – Glow Sticks for Bonfire	15.00
7. Sitwell Rotary Club – Donation	100.00

Bank statement balances prior to the meeting

Business Saver Account (Cheque Feeder)	Community Account (Cheque)
£27,805.20	£1.00

16/124 CORRESPONDENCE

Written correspondence received.

1. Wales High School – Award/Presentation Evening/Returned Cheque

Members were most disappointed that once again the Parish Council’s input had not been sought when the award was being considered, that no invitation had been received to attend the award ceremony.

Resolved to cease offering an annual award to Wales High School.

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. RMBC – Area Assembly Meeting
6. YLCA – Various White Rose Updates
7. RMBC – Street Lighting Report
8. RMBC – Footway Moss Report
9. RMBC – Enforcement Action
10. Councillor Ferris – Mark Archer
11. Mr. Richardson and Councillor Ferris – PIR Light at Defib. Cabinet
12. SYPTE – Rotherham Interchange
13. Norman Anderson – Parish Plan
14. Councillors Carter, Hill and White – Santa Visit
15. YLCA – Membership
16. YLCA – Site Cluster Dinnington
17. Councillor Gregory – Clerk’s Pension Enrolment
18. RMBC and Councillor White – Gas Governor on Kiveton Lane
19. Zurich – LCAS Seminar
20. YLCA – Draft Public Service Ombudsman Bill
21. YLCA – Vacancy for Town Clerk/Responsible Financial Officer at Thorne-Moorends
Town Council
22. Councillor Ardern – Inaccuracies in The Informer newsletter.

White explained why the inaccuracies had occurred and would ensure Councillor Ardern’s

e-mail address and other details were recorded correctly in the next edition.

23. YLCA – No Extension of Referendum Principles
24. SYPTE – MASS Brightbus: School bus service changes/cancellations from January 2017
25. YLCA – NALC Grants and Funding Bulletin
26. Helen Greer-Waring – Defibrillator Pads
White had a spare set of pads for the defibrillator cabinets and would replenish any missing or out of date pads. He would check the cabinets monthly in future and meanwhile would order new pads as spares.
27. Councillors Carter, Hill, Lightfoot and Newbold – Apology for Non-attendance at Meeting
28. YLCA – Request for Information: Promotion of Yorkshire Based Companies and Providers in the Sector.
29. YLCA – Vacancy for Clerk/Responsible Officer at Oxenhope Parish Council
30. Councillor White – FIT Reading

16/125 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

1. RB2016/1642

Erection of wooden pole on land at Todwick Grange to support electrical transformer, application under Overhead Line (exemption) (England & Wales) Regulations 2009 for Northern Powergrid (Yorkshire) Plc.

Resolved to offer no objection.

2. RB2016/1140

Erection of building for use as coffee shop (use class A3) at Side Farm Sheffield Road for Mr A Sales

Resolved to offer no objection.

16/126 COMMITTEES

Recreation

Gregory reported that Kevin Light had settled into his duties and all was going well.

Allotments

Ferris reported that the RMBC Pest Control Officer had visited on 15th December and reported a high activity of rodents. He had taken necessary action and would be carrying out an extra visit again to check.

Grey Matters

Ferris reported that the Christmas dinner held at Granville College in November had been enjoyed by all. Good attendances had continued through December with the serving of mince pies, cake and wine.

Church Yard

Jeffrey reported that the volunteer maintenance group had met on the first Saturday in December and had concentrated on clearing fallen leaves and general tidying. The Church had agreed to let the group have access to the sit-on-mower which had a leaf collection facility. Efforts were being made to get this running again and consideration being given to the erection of a small storage shed for this and hand tools etc.

Village Hall

Ferris was not at the last meeting. John Richardson the new Chairman of the Management Committee had raised the issue of lighting to the defibrillator cabinet at the hall.

Resolved to purchase a battery-powered light so the combination numbers could be read at night.

White would install.

16/127 STRATEGIC PLAN

Members considered the preparation of a neighbourhood plan and the revision of the parish plan.

Gregory would seek advice from RMBC and Planning Aid.

Gregory would let Councillor Ardern have a copy of the 2011 Parish Plan.

16/128 MEMBER'S ACTIVITY REPORTS

1. **Gregory** had attended the Area Assembly Meeting:

Comments had been made on the excellence of the Hall.

The new Chief Constable for South Yorkshire was reinstating community policing and police officers would be back on the street from January.

Problem policing areas had been identified with road parking near Harthill School and with off-road bikers at Kiveton and Dinnington.

Monitoring of parking on Mortains at Todwick was being carried out.

An initiative was underway to reduce blue-badge fraud.

The volunteer youth service had closed in Kiveton due to funding issues but opened in Dinnington. Some 10,000 interactions had taken place over the last three years.

The next assembly meeting would be at Woodsetts on the 13th February.

2. **Gregory** had participated in the speed watch camera monitoring on Kiveton Lane on the 13th December, together with Norman Anderson and Councillors Ferris and White. Seventeen vehicles had been found to be exceeding 35mph over a one hour period.

Ardern asked whether checks could be made on the A57 and Gregory undertook to ask for this.

3. **White** had assisted with the speed camera initiative

4. **White** had participated in the clearance at the Church yard.

5. **White** had arranged for children from Todwick Primary School to perform at the recent Grey Matters meeting and this had been very much enjoyed by all.

Ardern wondered whether it would be possible, on the next similar event, to have a group photograph taken of the children and published in The Informer. She appreciated this would require the permission of the teachers and parents.

White would discuss with the Head-teacher.

6. **White** had used a contact he knew at National Grid to expedite the tidying up of the Sub-station on Kiveton Lane, which the Clerk had requested be done on at least two occasions over the last few months.

Although the work had now been carried out, it was to a very superficial standard and it was anticipated that it would need doing again within the next four months.

7. **White** had obtained signs advising of the visit to the village by Santa. This had been well received with many children attending.

Resolved to contribute £100 to the Sitwell Rotary Club.

8. **White** had replaced the door handle and repaired the defective lock at the sports pavilion.

9. **White** had read the meter and applied for the quarterly feed-in tariff at the sports pavilion.

10. **White** had helped with the preparation of The Informer.

11. **Ardern** had sought the parents' permission and then placed photographs of children enjoying Santa's visit on Facebook.

12. **Ferris** had instructed Kevin Light not to touch any fly-tipping on Goosecarr Lane but report to RMBC who had been good at removing any items in the past. He had asked Kevin to assist with the locking of the recreation ground gate and Kevin would do so when he was available.

Ardern offered her help other than during the school holidays.

Gregory would get another two gate keys cut.

13. **Ferris** had contacted RMBC and arranged for a copy of the circular walks leaflet to be sent to Sheila Pantry who had now placed this on the Todwick Web Site. He had also arranged for laminated versions of the leaflet to be placed in Kiveton Library, in the village hall and the village hall at Wales.

16/129 VILLAGE MAINTENANCE

Prior to the meeting **Ferris** had reported the works undertaken by Kevin Light the new contractor:-

Over the past month three litter picks had been carried out at The Pastures, Goosecarr Lane, Kiveton Lane, Church View and the Recreation Ground.

Kevin would complete a further litter pick on all the above before the end of the month. He had swept and tidied around the war memorial twice and completed some weeding on the flower beds. Five bags of waste from when Mark Archer weeded the flower beds were still to be collected.

The leak in the showers at the sports pavilion he had reported seemed to be remedied and the door handle had been repaired. There hadn't been any further damage to the panels in the showers as far as he could see.

16/130 TRAFFIC AND TRANSPORTATION MATTERS

There were no comments to make.

16/131 NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

Norman Anderson had reported:

The Police had now released the reported Todwick issues for October 2016. This late notification had become quite usual and may well remain a regular feature for the time being.

Antisocial Behaviour was the most reported crime followed by burglary and vehicle crime.

The South Yorkshire Police, three members of the Parish Council and himself had undertaken a second vehicle speed check in the village on the morning of the 13th December, the previous one being in July. In some 50 minutes, 17 vehicles were identified exceeding the speed limit by more than 5 miles an hour - one being a Warburton's lorry. In July 16 speeding vehicles were recorded in just over an hour. Some passing pedestrians were equally tired of excessive speed, poor and inconsiderate parking and those doing 360 degree turns at junctions especially on major roads.

A burglary on Mortains was reported on 8th December, entry was by means of a UPVC door

where the lock was snapped. Neighbourhood Watch had been informing people about old UPVC door locks that need changing for the last four years. The new locks were anti snap and he could even get them fitted without any labour charges.

He had been reliably informed that the new South Yorkshire Chief Constable had realised that the abolition of community policing was a poor decision and he was about to reverse it. Norman considered that the turnout for the latest speed-watch shows that there was ground support for community policing.

16/132 HS2

Jeffrey had noted that the proposed route would be totally on the west side of the motorway. It wouldn't directly affect most of the Parish.

Gregory was aware that there would be serious affects to a very small number of properties but that any decision on objecting should wait until the consultation period was over and firm proposals published.

16/133 APPOINTMENT OF LOCAL COUNCILS ENFORCEMENT OFFICER

Gregory advised that the next joint parishes meeting to consider this would be in February. A new suggestion was that the parish councils pay for a police officer to carry out patrols but this had several disadvantages.

16/134 URGENT ITEMS

1. Support for Todwick School

White had been speaking with the School Head-teacher. The School was seeking financial support to provide waterproof wear for the children to allow them to participate in the outdoor learning initiative in any weather. He would obtain further information and report back to members.

The Meeting Closed at 8.35p.m.

A Budget Meeting would be held in January 2017 at a date and time to be agreed between Members.

Gregory would be consulting.

The next Council Meeting would be held in Todwick Village Hall at 7.00p.m. on Tuesday 31st January 2017.

..... Chairman

..... Date

