

TODWICK PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held in Todwick Village Hall at 7.00p.m. on Tuesday 31st January 2017.

Present

Councillor Ardern
 Councillor Carter
 Councillor Gregory – In the Chair
 Councillor Jeffrey
 Councillor Lightfoot
 Councillor Newbold
 Councillor White
 J R Walker – Clerk & Financial Officer
 Michael Williams

16/139 APOLOGIES

Councillors Ferris and Hill had sent an apology for non-attendance.

16/140 APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF 20 DECEMBER 2016 & 6 JANUARY 2017

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

16/141 MATTERS ARISING

Gregory had discussed the possibility of having speed checks on the A57 with the police. This was not supported because the A57 was a high speed road and the use of hand held speed devices was considered a threat to road safety.

16/142 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.

16/143 URGENT ITEMS FOR LATER CONSIDERATION

1. Storth Lane.

16/144 CLERK'S REPORT

Clerk had undertaken all his duties since the last meeting.

16/145 FINANCIAL OFFICER'S REPORT

Clerk had sent the precept request to RMBC following the resolution at the Budget Meeting.

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Monies received	
1. E-on – Receipt from PV Panels	77.24
Payments made since last meeting	
1. Aviva – Clerk's Pension: October	15.97

2. Todwick Village Hall – Rent	12.00
3. Brian White – Defibrillator Electrodes	77.82
4. Todwick Church Hall – Rent	18.00
5. RMBC – December 2016 Grounds Maintenance	1558.69
6. HMRC – January Tax/NI	336.52
7. Bryan Ferris – Security Lighting and Batteries	35.31
8. D & J Hobson – Plants and Planting	2929.44

Un-presented cheques

1. Go Karts Party – Deposit for Go Karts	100.00
2. Todwick Church Hall – Rent	18.00
3. HMRC – January Tax/NI	336.52
4. Bryan Ferris – Security Lighting and Batteries	35.31
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Payments to be made

1. J R Walker – January Salary and Expenses	554.09
2. David Gregory – Key Cutting	7.80
3. Kevin Light – Village Maintenance	142.83
4. Todwick Primary School – Donation	300.00
5. Todwick Parish Recreation Ground – Donation	300.00
6. Todwick Neighbourhood Watch – Donation	200.00

Bank statement balances prior to the meeting

Business Saver Account	Community Account
(Cheque Feeder)	(Cheque)
£23,107.18	£1.00

16/146 CORRESPONDENCE

Written correspondence received.

1. Pensions Regulator – Acknowledgement of Declaration of Compliance
2. Todwick Neighbourhood Watch – Request for Financial Assistance

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. YLCA – Business Rates on Cemeteries
8. YLCA – Changes to Rotherham Bus Services from 28 January 2017
9. YLCA – Parish Council Tax Base, Grants and Precepts for 2017/18
10. YLCA – Request for Photographs
11. Norman Anderson – Crime Statistics
12. Chesterfield Canal Trust – Ninety Eighth Electronic Newsletter
13. Various Councillors – Budget Meeting

14. YLCA –Battle’s Over: Nations Tribute and WW1 Beacons of Light 11 November 2018
15. Tackling Radicalisation 2017 – Home Office and Ofsted Strategy Discussion
16. Various Councillors – Budget Meeting
17. Councillor White – Christmas Tree/Defibrillator/Fireworks
18. Councillor White – Church Hall Hire Invoice/Cheque
19. RMBC – Housing Involvement Panel Minutes
20. Helen Greer-Waring and Councillor White – Defibrillator Pads
21. YLCA – Training Seminars in Planning and Development/Neighbourhood Planning
22. YLCA – Auditor Appointments for Smaller Authorities for 2017/18 – 2021/22
23. SYPTE – Rotherham Interchange and Car Park – Update January 2017
24. YLCA – Request for Information: Employment of a Lengthsman
25. YLCA – Request for Information: Public Conveniences form the Principal Authority
26. Hobson Nurseries – Invoice
27. RMBC – Planning Enforcement Plan
28. RMBC – Health and Safety Training Opportunities for Clerks and Operative Staff
29. Councillor Gregory – School Request
30. YLCA – Annual Safety Inspections on BMX Tracks
31. Pensions Regulator Survey – Experience of Automatic Enrolment
32. YLCA – Allotments Training Events
33. YLCA – Media Release: South Yorkshire Police Budget Consultation 2017/18
34. SYPTE – MASS Brightbus: School Bus Service Changes/Cancellations January 2017
35. Councillors Carter and Gregory – Cheque for Go karts.
36. SYPTE –Travel South Yorkshire (TSY) Journey Planner Update - 23 January 2017
37. YLCA – Mini MUGA for Sale
38. Councillor White – Donation to School
39. Hobson Nurseries – Invoice
40. The Pensions Regulator – Declaration of Compliance Survey
41. RMBC – Code of Conduct
42. YLCA –South Yorkshire Branch Meeting
43. YLCA – Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer Vacancy
44. YLCA – Selby Town Council Business Continuity Plan
45. Councillors Arden and Newbold – Dog Poo/Facebook
46. YLCA – Information/Grant Funding Bulletins by the NALC
47. YLCA – RTPI Collecting Examples of Rural Affordable Housing Schemes
48. RMBC – Parish and Town Council Code of Conduct Training

16/147 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

No planning applications had been notified in the month.

Newbold reported that the chimney built at 20 Manor Way was well in excess of the height permitted by planning application RB2016/0863.

Clerk would report to RMBC.

Gregory anticipated receipt of the inspectors report into sites 0730 and Todwick North in mid-February.

16/148 COMMITTEES

Recreation

Gregory reported that everything was going very well. Kevin Light was doing an excellent job. There was a potential funding problem between now and when 2017 rents were received. **Resolved** to donate £300 to the Todwick Parish Recreation Ground Charity.

Allotments

Prior to the meeting **Ferris** had reported:-

There had been changes to the RMBC pest control staff. Paul who visited the Todwick allotments had now left. Another Paul (Manager of the department) paid a visit on the 5th January 2017. He was unsure what the previous Paul had done and so contacted Councillor Ferris. Councillor Ferris advised Paul on what he knew and would attend the allotments on the next visit to assist and enable a better understanding what was being done and the degree of the rodent activity. Paul would let Councillor Ferris know the date of the next visit.

Grey Matters

Prior to the meeting **Ferris** had reported:-

Attendance numbers were still good despite the winter weather and some illnesses.

Richard Brundish (Chairman) had attended a meeting at Age UK Rotherham. It was suggested that Richard apply for the Duke of York Community Initiative Award and he had now done this.

The award would give several benefits to hopefully increase awareness in the community and thus increasing numbers.

- Royal recognition of excellence
- The use of the royal logo which enhances fund raising credibility
- The promotion of organisational pride
- Business management support through workshops, mentoring and networking

Ardern would post an item on Facebook.

Gregory would place an item in the next edition of The Informer.

Church Yard

Jeffrey had undertaken some tidying up on the day prior to the meeting and suggested that attention next be concentrated on the area east of the church.

Gregory advised that the next meeting of the maintenance group was the coming Saturday at 10.00a.m.

Village Hall

Prior to the meeting **Ferris** had reported that the light which he and Councillor White had fitted to help illuminate the defibrillator key pad required the batteries to be re-charged frequently due to the sensor picking a lot of movement.

Gregory advised that the new chairman and trustees were now in place.

White advised that bookings were excellent and the financial situation very healthy.

16/149 STRATEGIC PLAN

Gregory advised that the Council would pursue the preparation of a neighbourhood plan and update the parish plan but these could only move forward with community involvement and could not be left to the Council alone.

Ardern suggested using Survey Monkey when the time was right.

White had prepared plans for the multi-functional area at the recreation ground. He had a meeting with Matthew from Streetscape on the 8 February and would then seek a quotation which would form the basis for a grant request. Three quotes would be obtained before any order was committed.

Newbold advised that Wales Parish Council employed a caretaker at night to look after their similar facility.

16/150 MEMBER'S ACTIVITY REPORTS

1. **Gregory** had made an enquiry to RMBC Community Service and had received poor service so far from Andrew Roddis.

2. **White** had purchased new defibrillator pads and installed these in the cabinets. The defibrillators at the village hall and sports pavilion now had an attached set of pads and a spare set. All defibrillator pads had an expiry date, which he would monitor and replace when necessary.

Ardern enquired as to whether these could be bought more economically in bulk say in conjunction with other local councils.

Gregory would raise this at the next Area Assembly Meeting.

3. **White** had received a letter from E-on saying that the electricity meter at the sports pavilion could not be read. He had subsequently met a representative on site and this had been done.

4. **White** had fitted an LED light at the defibrillator cabinet at the village hall and had adjusted it twice since it was being activated by passing traffic. Further adjustment and possible cowling of the light might be necessary to prevent the batteries from depleting so quickly.

5. **White** had held further discussions with the Head-teacher at the primary school concerning the provision of protective clothing for the children.

Resolved to contribute £300 to the Primary School for the purchase of protective clothing.

6. **White** had had further dialogue concerning fireworks for November.

Resolved to hold a bonfire and fireworks display on 3 November 2017 and to once again employ Reaction Fireworks.

The meeting was suspended at 8.00p.m.

OPEN SESSION

1. **Michael Williams** reported significant problems with dog fouling in particular on and around Manor Drive. He had taken photographs of various recent instances and showed these to Members.

Gregory had spoken with RMBC Streetpride who would clear any deposit within 48 hours of receiving the report. He would ask them to consider more signage and provide an additional dog waste bin in the area. He was aware that Rotherham would shortly be joining with Doncaster and employing a special enforcement company to do this.

Michael Williams suggested an appropriate sign be erected in the Parish Council's Play Area and lighting in the same area might also deter offenders who allowed their dogs to foul in public places.

Gregory would place an article in the next edition of The Informer.

Ardern would post something on Facebook. She referred to an initiative at Sutton-in-Ashfield where disposal bags funded by the local council were placed at convenient places

such as the local shops.

Gregory advised that anyone could become a Streetpride Volunteer to assist with this as with other public highway concerns.

Clerk would request the provision of an additional dog waste bin in the Manor Drive area.

The meeting re-convened at 8.25p.m.

16/151 VILLAGE MAINTENANCE

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

Litter had been cleared on six occasions at

The Pastures

Goosecarr Lane

Kiveton Lane

Church View

Recreation Ground

Kevin had tidied the war memorial on three occasions and weeded the flower beds. The five bags of waste collected from the flower beds by Mark had not been collected and so Kevin had taken them to the dump site. On the 19th December while litter picking on Goosecarr Lane he came across some fly tipping on the farm track area which looked like builders waste/ miscellaneous rubbish. He had reported this to Streetpride who had subsequently removed everything.

Gregory advised that Kevin Light was doing an excellent job. Thanks were also due to Mr. and Mrs. Silvester who had collected four bags of rubbish from the A57. The next village litter pick would concentrate on the old A57 to Goosecarr Lane and he would request more litter grabbers from RMBC.

16/152 TRAFFIC AND TRANSPORTATION MATTERS

1. **Gregory** reported that nothing had been received from RMBC in connection with the promised traffic regulation order at Mortains/Kiveton Lane.

Clerk would request a response from RMBC

Lightfoot suggest that the introduction of a one-way system on Mortains would solve the problem.

2. **Gregory** would speak with Borough Councillor Watson about the possible introduction of a village-wide 20mph speed limit.

16/153 NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

Prior to the meeting Norman Anderson had reported:

The police had not updated the crime statistics for the Borough. The latest ones available were from November 2016 as previously advised.

About a week to 10 days before the meeting, a house on The Pastures was burgled.

On the 28th January at 5 am, one of the bungalows on De Houton Close was burgled whilst the owners were having a few days away. CCTV showed the burglar casually strolling down the Close and he didn't "bat an eyelid" when the security light PIR came on. The individual could not

be seen walking up the Close and so it had been deduced that he entered the property using one of neighbouring back gardens.

It appeared that another property was burgled on Osborne Drive on the same day.

A transit type van (registration number possibly DU 03 GHX containing two individuals had been spotted on Lindley’s Croft on Wednesday 25th at app 8.30 (information does not give am or pm).

Although they may well be long gone, Neighbourhood Watch was aware that non-local people were in the area and it was thought that one of the burglars may have been involved with charity bag distribution.

Norman reminded people that any suspicious incident should be reported to the Police on telephone number 101. If an incident was seen to be actually happening then they should call 999 and ask for Police.

Resolved to donate £200 to Todwick Neighbourhood Watch to allow its valuable work to continue.

16/154 HS2

There were no new matters to discuss.

16/155 APPOINTMENT OF LOCAL COUNCILS ENFORCEMENT OFFICER

Gregory had attended a further meeting with the other local councils. Police Inspector Fennel had committed the police to allocate resources into specific problem areas and had asked for any particular concerns to be given to him. Borough Councillor Jepson was referring the whole of South Rotherham as a target area.

16/156 URGENT ITEMS

- 1. **Newbold** referred to the most unsatisfactory surface condition of Storth Lane and the public right of way from there to Wales. The route was well used by pupils attending Wales High School and the condition was atrocious.
Clerk would report to RMBC and seek appropriate site works.

The Meeting Closed at 8.55p.m.

The next Council Meeting would be held in Todwick Village Hall at 7.00p.m. on Tuesday 28th February 2017.

..... Chairman

..... Date

