

TODWICK PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held in Todwick Village Hall at 7.00p.m. on Tuesday 30th May 2017.

Present

Councillor Ardern
 Councillor Carter
 Councillor Ferris (from 8.28pm)
 Councillor Gregory – In the Chair
 Councillor Hill
 Councillor Lightfoot
 Councillor Newbold
 Councillor White
 J R Walker – Clerk & Financial Officer
 Ian Pennock
 Borough Councillor Watson (to 7.45pm)

Before the commencement of the meeting, those present stood for a minute's silence in memory of those who had died, been injured or affected in any way by the recent suicide bombing at Manchester Arena.

Borough Councillor Watson gave information on the Borough Ward changes and it was highly likely that Todwick would be included in the Holderness (Aston) Ward.

The Area Assembly had been disbanded and funding changes meant that £14,000 was now available per ward, with each ward member retaining their £1,000 to assist projects in their area. He was supporting the introduction of 20mph speed limits in the vicinity of all schools and that Todwick be the highest priority.

Kingswood Enforcement was being employed by RMBC to issue fines re dog fouling, fly tipping and now on-street parking.

Any petition concerning the HERAS fencing at The Pastures needed only 20 signatures to be considered by Members.

17/01 ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN

Resolved to elect Councillor Gregory as Chairman for the coming year.

17/02 SIGNING OF THE DECLARATION OF ACCEPTANCE OF OFFICE OF CHAIRMAN

Gregory signed the declaration of acceptance of office.

17/03 ELECTION OF VICE CHAIRMAN

Resolved to elect Councillor White as Vice-chairman for the coming year.

17/04 FORMATION OF COMMITTEES

Committees were re-formed:

Allotments

Councillors Ferris and White

Planning

All Councillors.

Footpaths

Councillor Ferris

Recreation

Councillor Gregory

Village Hall Management

Councillor Ferris

Todwick Recreation Ground Charity

All councillors were jointly responsible as trustees.

Family Fun Day

Councillors Carter and Newbold

Transportation

Vacancy

Village Maintenance

Councillor Ferris

Strategic Planning

Councillor White

Elderly Care

Councillor Ferris

Youth Matters

Councillor Carter

Web Site

Councillor Gregory

Church Yard

Councillor Jeffrey

The "Informer"

Councillor Lightfoot

Facebook

Councillors Ardern, Carter and Lightfoot

Bonfire

Councillors White and Gregory

17/05 APOLOGIES

Councillor Jeffrey had sent an apology for non-attendance.

17/06 APPROVAL OF THE MINUTESOrdinary Meeting 25th April 2017

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

Annual Assembly 25th April 2017

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

17/07 MATTERS ARISING

1. **Gregory** had repaired the hole in the surfacing at the Mary Gregory Play Park.

17/08 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.

Hill had a business association with Hobson Nurseries.

17/09 URGENT ITEMS FOR LATER CONSIDERATION**17/10 CLERK'S REPORT**

Clerk had undertaken all the duties placed on him at the last meeting.

The relevant documents for financial year 2016/17 had been signed and dated by the Clerk and Chairman and approved by Internal Auditor ready for submission to the External Auditor on the 12 June. Information about the accounts for 2016/17 had been placed on the Council Website, together with arrangements for any inspection by the public subject to charging arrangements, etc.

In accordance with his contract of employment and in recognition of the local government pay award 2016-2018, the Clerk's salary had been increased by 1% to £9,679.22 from 1 April 2017, being 37.3% of Local Government SCP 29.

Gregory indicated that the Clerk's pension also needed to be increased by 1% as this was also related to his salary.

17/11 FINANCIAL OFFICER'S REPORT

	£
Monies received	
1. HMRC – VAT Refund	4935.20
2. Allotment Holders – Plot Rents	86.00
3. British Gas – PV Feed-in Tariff	571.05
Payments made since last meeting	
1. Aviva – Clerk's Pension	15.97
2. Todwick Village Hall – Rent	11.25
3. Zurich Insurance – Renewal Premium	1405.70

4. HMRC – May Tax/NI	340.28
5. DB Entertainment – Inflatables	879.00
6. Rural Action Yorkshire – Subscription Renewal	35.00
7. Progressive Safety – 3 Banners	102.00

Un-presented cheques

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3. Todwick Village Hall – Rent	11.25

Payments to be made

1. Kevin Light – Village Maintenance	142.83
2. J R Walker – Salary & Expenses	572.95
3. Brian White – Defibrillator Pads & Collection	87.27
4. C R Marsden – “Informer” Printing	45.00
5. P Makinson – Meerkats and More	190.00

Present bank statement balances

Business Saver Account (Cheque Feeder)	Community Account (Cheque)
£33501.13	£1.00

17/12 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. Andrew Ryde – Todwick Village Hall 10yr. Celebration
7. Councillor Ardern – Police Surgery
8. Councillor Gregory – Kevin Light Payment
9. RMBC – Code of Conduct Session
10. SYPTE – Aviva Rail North Industrial Action
11. Zurich Insurance and Various Councillors – Insurance Documents
12. STPTE – Temporary Bus Changes
13. Councillors Ardern and Ferris – Works near the Carpet Shop
14. SYPTE – Proposed Enhancements to Child Concessionary Travel Passes
15. SYPTE – Tour De Yorkshire Public Transport Provisions - 30 April
16. Dalton Parish Council – Maltby Miners Welfare Band Poster
17. Richard Edley– Cyclists on Footpaths
18. RMBC – Planning Application RB2017/0346 at 20 Manor Way: Granted Conditionally

19. RMBC – Parish Council Emergency Planning Training Session
20. Norman Anderson – Invoice
21. Councillors Carter and Gregory – DB Entertainment Cheque
22. YLCA – Good Councillor's Guide 2017
23. RMBC – Area Housing Panel is on Friday 5th May 2017
24. Brightbus – Closure of Business
25. RMBC – Notice of Election
26. Macmillan Cancer Support – Fund Raising Concert
27. Maltby Town Council – Horticultural Show 19th August 2017
28. YLCA – Branch Council Representatives
29. SYPTE – Enhancements to Child Concessionary Travel Passes
30. Norman Anderson – Crime Statistics and Theft of Lead from Village Hall Roof.
31. Councillor Ferris – Allotments
32. RMBC – Health and Safety Training: Risk Assessments - Slips, Trips, and Falls
33. RMBC – Election Notices
34. Councillor White – FIT Reading for Village Hall
35. RMBC – Latest Contact Details for the South Policing Team
36. RMBC – List of Activities and Events Requiring Police Support
37. Norman Anderson, Councillors Ferris, Gregory and White – Theft of Lead from Village Hall Roof
38. RMBC – Global Cyber Attack
39. Councillor Carter – Allotments
40. Community First Yorkshire – Emergency Planning Information Event
41. YLCA – Request for Information: Village Signs
42. YLCA – Request for Information: Clerks to More Than One Parish Car Use and Insurance
43. SYPTE – Enhancements to Concessionary Travel for 16-18 Year Olds
44. RMBC – Enhanced Enforcement Concerned with Environmental Crime Issues
45. SYPTE – Rotherham Interchange and Car Park: Update May 2017
46. YLCA – Request for Information: Inclusive Play Equipment
47. RMBC and Norman Anderson – Postponement of Emergency Planning Session
48. YLCA – Solar Powered Vehicle Activated Speed Signs
49. SYPTE – 11-16 Megatravel Pass: On-line Applications
50. Macmillan Cancer Support – Press Release re Amazing Man with the Pram
51. SYPTE – Tram Train Project: Bank Holiday Engineering
52. SYPTE – Suspended: Arriva Rail North Industrial Action on Tuesday 30 May 2017
53. Voluntary Action Rotherham – Introduction to Risk Management
54. RMBC – RB2016/1107
55. Councillor Carter – Private Facebook Message
56. Chesterfield Canal Trust – E:Newsletter Number 103
57. Councillor Ferris – Kevin Light's Report
58. YLCA – Successful Event Management for Local Councils and Community Groups
59. YLCA – Weekly Bulletin from the Chief Executive of NALC

Gregory read out an e-mail sent via the Council's Website criticizing the Council for including an item on the newly opened village shop in the "Informer" newsletter and a subsequent reply by Councillor White.

Members remained of the opinion that the shop was providing a service for the community and encouraging parishioners to make use of the shop was in the interests of the village. Support would be given to any business offering similar benefits.

Gregory would reply accordingly.

Ardern had received a telephone call concerning an incident where a vehicle had been parked on the frontage to the village shop and so close to the front door that it had not been possible for a mobility scooter to get into the shop.

Members were sorry to learn of this but the area was not something the Council had any control over.

17/13 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

1. RB2017/0427

Application to prune various trees protected by RBMC Tree Preservation Order No. 1 1993 at 136 Kiveton Lane for Mr McKay

Resolved to offer no objection.

2. RB2017/0745

Demolition of existing garage and erection of outbuilding at 17 Sandwith Road for Mr. R Jackson
Resolved to offer no objection.

3. An appeal had been lodged by the applicant against the refusal of a planning application at Paddock View.

4. **Carter** had been approached by a parishioner who had informed them that a pre-planning application enquiry could be made to RMBC in order to ascertain the likely outcome of any formal planning application.

17/14 COMMITTEES

Recreation

Gregory reported that:

The Junior Football Club would no longer be using the facilities, transferring their activities at Wales High School. This move also included withdrawal from the Hard Lane Site. Thankfully the involvement of Darfoulds would mean that the financial impact would not be as disastrous, particularly when considering the investment made in the new sports pavilion. An upside would be removal of the issues concerning poor parking on the site and public roads in the vicinity. Once all the keys had been returned he would issue an invoice for use of the ground to date.

Darfoulds had completed their obligations and awaited acceptance into the league. They were delighted with the facilities. They had asked about the provision of “roll out nets” and he had asked for costings so that this could be considered during the close season.

Moles remained to be a challenge and a further 20 bulbs had been deployed on the goal line closest to the playground.

The “Mega-Active” play camp would be on site during the coming week.

Allotments

Ferris advised:

He had collected a further £86 of allotments rents.

There were three half allotments available to rent plus one full size, which could also be divided

waiting list for those wishing to rent.

Charges were £12 for full plot and £7 for half.

Resolved to consider a gradual increase in rents with the intention of possibly becoming cost neutral in the future.

Church Yard

Gregory informed that maintenance group would meet at 10.00am on the coming Saturday.

Refreshments were provided.

The meeting was suspended at 8.10pm

OPEN SESSION

1. Ian Pennock referred to his post on Facebook concerning the speeding of vehicles on Kiveton Lane and the lack of any enforcement.

Gregory explained the actions taken by the Parish Council, including repeated requests to the Borough Council and Police plus its own speed awareness sessions with a “speed gun”. The statistical evidence did not support requests for enforcement i.e. no reportable accidents and an average speed of 31mph when checked by RMBC.

Members instructed the Clerk to once again request RMBC to reinstate the vehicle actuated speed awareness signs on Kiveton Lane.

2. Ian Pennock asked that the “informer” include more information on what the Council had been doing. He knew because he read the Council Minutes but many who read the newsletter didn’t.

3. Ian Pennock complained about dog fouling.

Gregory gave details of the enforcement action now being taken by RMBC:

The enforcement project had been set up to address the issues of parking, littering and dog fouling in the local area. It had met seven times and started to look into the funding of a dedicated enforcement officer to cover the area. Following a meeting with the parking officers at RMBC and the police it soon became obvious that this particular plan had too many drawbacks.

During the research phase it had been discovered that RMBC Parking Enforcement Staff did not have the authority to tackle vehicle parking too close to junctions or on pavements. Only the police could tackle these, which in parking terms were the ones the parish Council was most concerned with.

In addition it was acknowledged that littering and dog fouling were the hardest issues to deal with.

RMBC was now one month into a trial period where these issues had been outsourced to a company called Kingswood. In the first two weeks some 600 fixed penalty notices had been issued for littering. Although early days it would appear that the initiative was having considerable impact.

Following recent complaints regarding Storth Lane he had requested a focus be placed on the area and this was done on May 17th.

All these issues reflected the fact that a small number of people had no regard to the rules of society and the only response to such people must be by fines.

4. Ian Pennock referred to his complaints to RMBC about the condition of Storth Lane. RMBC had promised to lay road planings on the surface but this had never been done.

Gregory informed that the Clerk had complained about this many times, including recently but nothing had been done.

The meeting was re -convened at 8.45pm

17/15 NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

Gregory informed that the plan was facilitated by a grant from Rural Action Yorkshire. Similar funding would need to be sought to enable a new survey to be carried out. Currently funding is directed to the process already discussed i.e. Neighbourhood Plans.

There had been no interest from parishioners and without community engagement there could be no plan. The last formal consultation survey had been in 2011 in advance of the preparation of the village plan, necessary to obtain grant aid at that time.

Members instructed the Clerk to remove this item from future agendas.

17/16 MEMBER'S ACTIVITY REPORTS

1. **White** had submitted the Feed-in-tariff reading for the village hall. £571.05 had been received and this would be even higher for the next quarter. He reported that the initial capital outlay on installation has now been recouped after only 5 years and that from now on all further income would be pure index-linked profit.

Members expressed their thanks to Councillor White who had been the driving force behind the provision.

2. **White** had purchased two new defibrillator pads and now had a spare. He would continue to monitor the pads and use the spare as necessary to replace pads that reached their expiry date.

3. **Ardern** had received the offer of prizes for the Funday raffle.

4. **Ardern** had been informed that someone was to now tidy up the area on The Pastures behind the Heras fencing. This was to be done with the approval of the land owner.

17/17 VILLAGE MAINTENANCE

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

Litter had been cleared on five occasions at:-

Goosecarr Lane

The Pastures

Kiveton Lane

Church View

Recreation Ground

The war memorial had been swept twice.

The sand pit on the recreational ground had been raked through twice.

He had cut back overhanging branches around the basketball court and cut up one of the trees which had been pulled over and was damaged. He had placed the trunk in the hedge out of the way and informed Councillor Gregory.

Members were pleased by the work being carried out.

17/18 TRAFFIC AND TRANSPORTATION MATTERS

There was nothing new to report.

17/19 NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

Norman Anderson had reported receipt of the published crime statistics for the village for March 2017, which were a little better than the previous months.

The figure was only 6 for the month. One was "other theft" from on or near Mortains which was still under investigation. The remaining 5 were from the Red Lion roundabout area i.e. 2 antisocial behaviour, one public order still under investigation and 2 vehicle crime where no

suspect had been identified.

There had been another theft of lead from the village hall roof, the last one being in 2009 when it cost some £1600 to renew. It was from the elevation facing the school. A minimum temporary repair had been undertaken and a permanent repair using a non-lead substitute had been arranged by TVH. The incident had been reported to the Police on 101 under reference C61035/2017.

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

17/20 FUN DAY

Carter gave details of the arrangements in place for the event on the 11th June, including the stalls taken and other planned entertainments. One advertising banner had already been erected and others would soon be in place.

White was asked to request the school to once again ask the children to pass on leaflets to their parents.

17/21 BONFIRE

White had ordered the fireworks. Further preparation for this year’s event would be made after Fun Day.

17/22 URGENT ITEMS

1. Members discussed the recent theft of lead from the village roof.

Resolved to seek quotations for improving the CCTV provision at the hall.

The Meeting Closed at 9.50p.m.

The next Council Meeting will be in Todwick Village Hall at 7.00p.m. on Tuesday 27th June 2017.

..... Chairman

..... Date

