

TODWICK PARISH COUNCIL

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

Present

Councillor Gregory – In the Chair
 Councillor Carter – From 7.50p.m.
 Councillor Lightfoot
 Councillor Newbold
 Councillor White
 J R Walker – Clerk & Financial Officer
 Christopher Booth
 John Hewitt

17/72 APOLOGIES

Apologies for non-attendance had been received from Councillors Hill and Jeffrey. Carter would attend but be delayed. Councillor Ardern was also not in attendance. Borough Councillor Watson was also unable to attend.

17/73 APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Ordinary Meeting 26th September 2017

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

17/74 MATTERS ARISING

1. **Gregory** reported that the fencing had now been erected at The Pastures.
2. **Gregory** explained that Councillor Ferris had been unable to continue as a Member because of his other commitments and felt he could not continue unless he could give the role its due attention. Also, his being unable to make the meetings was a significant factor. It was now necessary for another member to take on the duties previously performed by Bryan. Councillor Jeffrey had agreed to take on the responsibilities of the allotments.

Lightfoot offered to act as the liaison for the village maintenance contractor and with Hobsons.

Newbold would be responsible for footpaths and other public rights of way.

17/75 DECLARATION OF MEMBER'S INTERESTS

There were no declarations of interest.

17/76 URGENT ITEMS FOR LATER CONSIDERATION

1. Storth Lane
2. Duke of Edinburgh Award Participant

17/77 CLERK'S REPORT

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

17/78 FINANCIAL OFFICER'S & EXTERNAL AUDIT REPORT

Clerk advised

	£
<u>Monies received</u>	
1. RMBC – Second half-year Precept	22200.00
2. E-on – PV Panels Tariff	200.44
 <u>Payments made since last meeting</u>	
1. Aviva – Clerk’s Pension	17.57
2. Todwick Village Hall Rent	12.00
3. David Gregory – Grass Seed & Compost	39.50
4. Wicksteed Leisure Ltd. – Play Equipment Repairs	1507.60
5. Haywards Horticulture – Hedging/Mtce. at Allotments	235.00
6. Paul A Mumford – Mole Treatments	350.00
7. Warburtons Signs Ltd. –	114.00
8. Kevin Light – Village Maintenance	142.83
9. HMRC – Tax/NI	340.28
10. Greenscene – Christmas Tree	69.00
11. David Gregory – Compost/Grass Seed	37.56
12. Elliott – Barriers for Bonfire/Fireworks Display	393.60
 <u>Un-presented cheques</u>	
1. Warburtons – Posters	114.00
2. Elliott – Barrier Hire for Bonfire	393.60
3. Greenscene – Christmas Tree	69.00
 <u>Payments to be made</u>	
1. J R Walker – Salary/Expenses	603.19
2. David Gregory – Light Tube for Sports Pavilion	6.99
 <u>Present bank statement balances</u>	
Business Saver Account	Community Account
(Cheque Feeder)	(Cheque)
£36,064.31	£1.00

17/79 CORRESPONDENCE

Written correspondence received.

1. RMBC – Winter Partnership Scheme

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. YLCA – Various Clerk Vacancies
7. YLCA – Various Chief Executive Bulletins
8. YLCA – Various Training Events
9. YLCA – White Rose Updates

10. YLCA – Various Requests for Information
11. Various Councillors – Minutes/Agenda
12. RMBC – Various Travel Delay Alerts
13. Norman Anderson – July Crime Statistics
14. SYPTE – Arriva Rail North (ARN) Industrial Action
15. Councillor Jeffrey – Church Yard Maintenance Team Date
16. Les Wheatley – Notification of New Clerk to Thorpe Salvin Parish Council
17. RMBC – Standards and Ethics Bulletin
18. Councillor Lightfoot – Fracking Meeting
19. Richard Edley and Councillor Gregory – Horses on Pavements
20. Norman Anderson – Invoice
21. Bryan Ferris and Councillor White – Barriers for Bonfire night
22. Norman Anderson and Various Councillors– Active Always Group
23. SYPTE – Plans Submitted for Rotherham Interchange Refurbishment
24. Councillor White – Insurance re Bonfire
25. Wicksteed and Councillor Gregory – Payment of Invoices
26. Councillor White – E-mail to Police and Fire re Bonfire and Fireworks Display
27. Chesterfield Canal Trust – E:Newsletter Number 107
28. Chesterfield Canal Trust – Chesterfield Canal Walking Festival – 15th to 23rd September 2018
29. Norman Anderson – August Crime Statistics
30. YLCA/Bingley Town Council – Project Management Services
31. Councillor Gregory – Fracking Meeting
32. YLCA/Ecclesfield Parish Council – Recommended Providers/Manufacturers of Recycled Plastic Benches
33. YLCA/Lockton Parish Council – Providers of Wooden Play Equipment
34. YLCA/Wickersley Parish Council – Emergency ‘Call Out’ Policy
35. YLCA – Minimum Employer Pension Contribution Rates Increase in April 2018
36. RMBC – Council Tax Support Consultation
37. Councillors Carter and Lightfoot – Fracking
38. Councillor White – Multi-use Play Area
39. Zurich Insurance – Change to Telephone Numbers
40. Norman Anderson – Todwick Village Hall
41. Councillor Gregory – Pest Control Invoice
42. Councillor Gregory – Recreation Ground
43. Councillors Gregory and Newbold – November Meeting
44. YLCA – Upgraded YLCA Website
45. RMBC – Council Tax Support Consultation
46. RMBC – Planning Application Material and Copyright Permission
47. RMBC – Casual Vacancy
48. YLCA – General Data Protection Regulations – Payment of Fees
49. RMBC and RMBC Councillor Watson – Charge for Information Request
50. RMBC and Councillor Lightfoot – Town and Parish Council Network Meeting
51. Community First Yorkshire – Rural News Oct 2017
52. Bryan Ferris – Christmas Tree
53. RMBC – Dinnington Together Community Event
54. RMBC – Government Technical Consultation on the 2018/19 Local Government Finance Settlement

55. NALC – Larger Council’s Conference
56. YLCA – Membership Subscription Fees 2018/2019
57. Various: Councillor White and Bryan Ferris – Barriers for Bonfire Night
58. Ray Sykes – Green Bin Collection

The Parish Council had already expressed its concern to the Borough Council. There is to be a consultation process about this when, again, the Parish Council would urge RMBC to extend the green bin collection period.

59. Zurich Insurance – Local Community Advice Service
60. RMBC – Presentations by UK Onshore Oil and Gas, and the Department of Business, Energy, and Industrial Strategy Delivered to the Network Meeting held on 24th October 17. Also Useful Fact Sheets from the Environment Agency.
61. Chesterfield Canal Trust – Newsletter
62. Councillor White – Mark Archer Helping at Bonfire
63. Councillor Lightfoot – Summary of Attendance at a Parish, Town and Borough Council Meeting on the 24th October.

17/80 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

1. RB2017/1496

Increase in height of boundary wall to front and installation of automatic sliding gate at 16 Osborne Road for Mrs. S Armstrong.

Resolved to offer no objection.

2. RB2017/1559

Creation of access at Kiveton Hall Farm, Kiveton Lane for Hague Farming.

Resolved to offer no objection.

3. **Gregory** reported that the planning application at Paddock View had now been granted on appeal.

17/81 COMMITTEES

Recreation

Gregory reported that:

- The operation to deal with the moles had been successful. 14 moles had been found and removed. There was no evidence of new action. A keen eye would be kept out for any new incursions and these would be speedily dealt with.
- Darfoulds FC had settled in and without Todwick Juniors there were no longer parking problems at the weekends. The fees now being received meant there had been no financial set back to the junior football club leaving.
- Re-seeding had been carried out over the last month. It had been a big undertaking but carried out in sharp bursts.

Church Yard

Gregory reported that the maintenance group would be meeting on the coming Saturday.

17/82 MEMBER’S ACTIVITY REPORTS

1. **Gregory** reported on his attendance at the enforcement committee meeting on the 17th October. A letter from the West Country was submitted for consideration to deal with pavement parking. The incident on Facebook was also submitted. Borough Councillor Jepson suggested a

joint project by RMBC and the South Yorkshire Police. It was emphasised that if vehicles did not block footways then speeds through residential areas would be lower as more care would be taken going around parked vehicles. It was essentially an educational project before becoming an enforcement issue.

2. **White** had received complaints that RMBC had now ceased the green bin collection until next spring.

3. **White** had continued to fill in the stage 2 application for grant aid towards the cost of the multi-purpose games area to be sited at the north-west corner of the recreation ground. The proposal would also include a Teqball table, 3 exercise machines and a picnic bench. He had so far received 2 of the 3 quotations and costs were likely to be in the region of £77,000 + VAT. The Council would eventually recover the VAT but would have to bear the cost initially.

Gregory suggested applying for VAT exemption for the project as had been done when the village hall was extended/refurbished.

White had spoken with an RMBC Planning Officer who had confirmed that planning permission would not be required so long as any fencing was no higher than 4 meters and floodlighting was not installed.

4. **Lightfoot** had contacted RMBC about the website but had not yet received a response.

Gregory suggested contact might be made with John Kelly who was head of the responsible department.

5. **Lightfoot** had sent an e-mail to Members summarising his attendance at a Parish, Town and Borough Council Meeting on the 24th October.

17/83 VILLAGE MAINTENANCE

1. Prior to the meeting **Gregory** had passed on Kevin Light's report for October: -

Litter had been cleared on five occasions at: -

Goosecarr Lane

The Pastures

Kiveton Lane

Church View

Recreation Ground

The war memorial had been swept three times and he had weeded the memorial flower beds which had since been dug over and planted out. The sand pit had been raked twice and he had trimmed the branches back around the basketball court.

2. **Gregory** had observed the RMBC sweeper in the village for 2 days. He was concerned that Goosecarr Lane had not been treated. He had telephoned RMBC and been told that this was because a man on foot was also required to prepare the road for the sweeping to be effective.

The meeting was suspended at 7.50pm

OPEN SESSION

1. **John Hewitt** had volunteered to help with the bonfire. He made various suggestions following his experiences the previous year. Members were very grateful for his help and discussion then ensued.

White advised that the bonfire would be lit at 6.30pm and the firework display commenced at 7.00pm.

2. **Christopher Booth** explained that the Cricket Club had been hoping to provide nets at the same area designated for the multi-purpose games area and was concerned that this would not be possible if this went ahead.

White advised that in addition to the many sports which would be provided for by the proposal it should also be possible for facilities to enable cricket practice to be incorporated.

It was agreed that Mr Booth would later contact Councillor White to discuss what might be possible.

The meeting was reconvened at 8.05pm

17/84 TRAFFIC AND TRANSPORTATION MATTERS

1. **Newbold** reported that the advisory speed sign at the northbound approach to the village on Kiveton lane was not working.

Clerk would report to RMBC.

17/85 NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

Norman Anderson had reported on the July and August Statistics:-

MONTHLY CATEGORIES TO END JULY 2017

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	TOTAL
Burglary	3	3		2		3	1	12
Criminal Damage/Arson		1		1	1	1	2	6
Other Theft	1	1	1		3	2	3	11
Theft from a Person				1				1
Vehicle Crime	1	1	2		1			5
Public Order		1	2					2
Violence & Sexual	2	1			1	2	6	12
Other Crime					1			1
Anti-social Behaviour	1	4	2	1	1	2		12
TOTALS	8	12	6	5	8	10	13	62

South Yorkshire Police had started altering their web sites and he had managed to find the new one with the monthly figures!

July's figures made very poor reading. There had been some 13 reported incidents covering areas on or near Hardwick Lane, Worksop Road and A57 near Junction 31 of the M1 - a new location. The Red Lion area continued to feature as the highest hot spot area for offences. Other roads to feature were Barber Close, Mortains, Osborne Drive and Rayls Road.

So far this year there had been 62 reported offences as opposed to 45 for the same period in 2016. The hot spot months did not have any consistency. 2016 up to July saw only April with 10 or more offences. This year February, June and July had 10 or more. He could not find a logical reason why except that there had been an increase in box vans being slowly driven round the village by Eastern European looking people.

There had been a bit of a surge in the violence and sex category.

At one time the Pastures side of the village was the hardest hit, but now it seemed to be the Rayls side, probably reflecting that it is now more difficult to drive down Goosecarr Lane. If the Parish Council was looking towards doing another speed check in the village, he would be pleased if he could take part as this had not improved since the last survey.

MONTHLY CATEGORIES TO END AUGUST 2017

	<u>Jan</u>	<u>Feb</u>	<u>Mar</u>	<u>Apr</u>	<u>May</u>	<u>Jun</u>	<u>Jul</u>	<u>Aug</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
Burglary	3	3		2		3	1	1	13
Criminal Damage/Arson		1		1	1	1	2	1	7
Other Theft	1	1	1		3	2	3	1	12
Theft from a Person				1					1
Vehicle Crime	1	1	2		1				5
Public Order		1	1					1	3
Violence & Sexual	2	1			1	2	6		13
Other Crime					1				1
Anti-social Behaviour	1	4	2	1	1	2		1	13
TOTALS	8	12	6	5	8	10	13		68

August showed only 6 items in the catchment area and of them: -

Anti-social behaviour never has an outcome,

Criminal damage & arson - No suspect identified

Violence and sex - Suspect identified but unable to prosecute

Public Order, Other theft & Burglary were currently ongoing.

Comparing and contrasting with 2016, the total numbers were 47 offences for 2016 and 68 offences for 2017. A rise of some 47% for the 8 months of the year. Somewhat in excess of the government's figure of 10% rise? The worst ones are:-

Burglary was up from 8 to 13

Other theft up from 2 to 12

Violence and sex up from 6 to 13. This has to be treated with some caution as some may be of an historic nature and there was no way of finding out.

Anti-social behaviour has dropped slightly from 18 to 13.

There had been quite an increase in large box type vans being driven slowly round the village. He would make some more enquiries to see if a pattern was emerging.

17/86 EVENTS

Bonfire

White reported:

- Posters had been erected around the village.
- The school children were not to provide a guy.
- The water bowser would be re-sited and filled ready.

He handed a sequence of events and a list of their responsibilities to Members who were to act as stewards.

Carter would ask whether her daughter, Jessica might be able to provide a guy. A request had been received on Facebook for a drone to be allowed to video the firework display.

Resolved that the Council would not object to this provided the drone was not allowed to fly vertically above the recreation ground. The flyer of the drone would not be allowed to park a vehicle on the recreation ground.

Members agreed that Councillor Carter buy toffee apples and toffee plus up to £450 of glow sticks.

Carter had tried to have an ice cream van in attendance but been unsuccessful. This had proved a big attraction elsewhere as treats such as hot chocolate fudge cake etc were also sold.

White thought this an excellent idea and made a note to try to arrange this the following year.

17/87 URGENT ITEMS

1. Storth Lane

Newbold had received various complaints about the condition of Storth Lane which children used to walk to Wales High School.

Clerk would report to RMBC.

2. Duke of Edinburgh Award Participant

Gregory had received a request from Joshua Siggs who was participating in the Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme. He was looking to do something to serve the community.

Members suggested painting the public seats and Councillor Newbold whose son Joshua was also participating in the Scheme would be pleased to also do this. The Parish Council would pay for any necessary materials.

The Meeting Closed at 8.35p.m.

The next Council Meeting will be in Todwick Village Hall at 7.00p.m. on Tuesday 28th November 2017.

..... Chairman

..... Date