

TODWICK PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the council meeting held in Todwick Village Hall at 7.30 p.m. on Tuesday the 26th of April 2022.

Before the meeting began and on behalf of all the Councillors and the Clerk, Councillor Dixon offered congratulations to Councillor Morley on the recent birth of her baby girl and expressed best possible wishes to her and her family.

Present

Councillor Davis
 Councillor Dixon – Chairman
 Councillor Jeffrey
 Councillor Newbold
 Councillor Wright
 J R Walker – Clerk & Financial Officer

21/221 APOLOGIES

An apology for absence was received from Councillors Carter, Morley and O’Sullivan and their reason for absence approved.

21/222 DECLARATION OF DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY AND OTHER INTERESTS

(a) Councillor Davis declared that his family owned the flat at 1 The Meadows. This was adjacent to land which had been the subject of a complaint. His family did not own the land in question.

(b) No requests were received for dispensations to councillors to take part in discussions and votes where they have declared disclosable pecuniary interests

21/223 ITEMS TO BE CONSIDERED IN THE ABSENCE OF THE PUBLIC AND PRESS

No items were raised.

21/224 PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS

Resolved:

That the minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on Tuesday 29th March 2022 be confirmed as an accurate record and signed by the Chairman.

21/225 REPORT BY THE CLERK AND FINANCIAL OFFICER

The Clerk and Financial Officer reported:

- He had submitted the claim for reimbursement of VAT for financial year 2021/22 and the monies had been received.
- He had prepared the necessary documents and submitted them to the Internal Auditor.
- Experiencing problems accessing HMRC Basic PAYE Tools as he normally did and despite his and Councillor O’Sullivan’s best efforts these persisted. He had carried out a manual calculation of the tax and NI due and had written a letter of explanation to HMRC to accompany the payment. He now sought permission to seek assistance from and if necessary, pay an external computer expert to get the problem resolved.

Resolved:

- i. That the Clerk seek assistance from an external computer expert to resolve the problem with Basic PAYE Tools.
- ii. To pay any related costs.

<u>Monies received</u>	£
1. HMRC – Repayment of 2021/22 VAT	6620.00
2. RMBC – Half-year Precept	25120.00

<u>Payments made since last meeting</u>	
1. Richard Taylor Master Locksmith – Locks for Storage Containers	199.24
2. Todwick Village Hall – Meeting Rent	12.00
3. Susan Wright – Cleaning, Security etc	250.00
4. Business Stream – Allotment Water Bill	172.72
5. Green Pastures Pest Control – Pest Control	123.75
6. St. John Ambulance – First Aid/Medical Cover	115.20
7. AD Electrical Services Mansfield Ltd – CCTV Columns	2563.20

<u>Payments to be made</u>	
1. HMRC – April Tax/NI	286.93
2. J R Walker – April Salary/Expenses	1029.34
3. Norman Wright – Anti Climb Paint & Notices	59.32
4. Robert Needham – Pavilion Repairs and Cleaning	40.00

<u>Un-presented cheques</u>	
1. Business Stream – Allotment Water Bill	172.72
2. AD Electrical Services Mansfield Ltd – CCTV Columns	2563.20

<u>Present bank statement balances</u>	
Business Saver Account (Cheque Feeder)	Community Account (Cheque)
£55,554.42	£1.00

Total balance after all payments to date £51,403.91

21/226 COMMITTEES AND ORGANISATION REPORTS

- (a) Councillor Dixon reported on the receipt of the latest play areas inspection report and the progress made to reduce the level of risk. Councillor Morley was working to ensure contracts for playground equipment renewal were issued by the date required by the granting body.
- (b) Councillor Dixon reported that the order for the CCTV columns had been placed by the contractor and the Clerk had paid the relevant invoice. The site works would commence once the columns were delivered in some four to six weeks' time.
- (c) Councillor Dixon reported that quotations for the installation of lighting and electrical supply at the containers had been received and he was liaising with AD Electrical Services to finalise details and arrange installation. Anti-vandal paint and associated notices had been purchased and the paint would be applied shortly. RMBC had agreed to supply the sandbags and arrangements were in place to have these loaded into the containers.

21/227 GOVERNANCE MATTERS

- (a) No report was received on the review of Standing Orders but it was hoped this would be available for the May meeting.

(b) No report was received on Procurement Policy but it was hoped this would be available for the May meeting.

(c) No report was received on Data Protection Policy but it was hoped this would be available for the May meeting.

21/228 PLANNING MATTERS

(a) RB 2022/0527

Single storey extension at 81 Kiveton Lane.

Resolved:

Not to object to the application.

21/229 EVENTS

Councillor Dixon reported:

- Councillor O’Sullivan was setting up a separate email address for events.
- Councillor Carter was to apply for a TENS licence for the Queen’s Jubilee Celebrations.
- That there were already sufficient poppies ready for public display and there was no need to buy more.

21/230 VILLAGE MAINTENANCE

Members considered reports from parishioner Richard Edley:

- The Parish Council shared Mr. Edley’s concerns about the condition of the area of land at the junction of The Pastures and The Meadows and had repeatedly expressed these to RMBC.
- The Clerk had reported the defective wayside bench on Goosecarr Lane sited near the allotments to RMBC.

Resolved:

- To try to obtain details of the owners of the area at the junction of The Pastures and The Meadows with the intention of trying to acquire the land/appeal to them to undertake improvements.
- That the Clerk ask RMBC to provide a dog waste bin at the new stile constructed at Kiveton Lane.

21/231 HIGHWAY MATTERS

Councillor Wright reported that a new sign plate had been erected on the eastbound A57 warning of the access off The Grange Estate.

Councillor Dixon reported that because of his recent illness due to Covid-19 he had had to cancel the meeting with Alexander Stafford MP and residents of the Todwick Grange Estate about the A57 problems but he was now arranging to hold this shortly.

Councillor Dixon reported on the RMBC proposal to construct a walking and cycling route from Rotherham to Tinsley. It appeared that a significant amount of money was to be expended on this scheme at a time when RMBC would not spend money on carrying out surface/structural repairs, road sweeping, weed removal, etc., on the “adopted” public highways in Todwick. Members also questioned that the data on cycle use in any part of Rotherham, including this area, could possibly justify the expenditure.

Resolved:

- To offer objections to the walking and cycling route because monies would be far better expended on maintaining the existing road network in Rotherham and Todwick in particular.

21/232 NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

No report had been received.

21/233 WEB SITE

There was no report to consider.

21/234 PARISH PLAN

There was no report to consider.

21/235 EMERGENCY PLAN

Councillor Dixon reported that he was to attend the RMBC emergency planning meeting later in the week after which he anticipated being able to complete the revised emergency plan for Todwick.

21/236 COUNCIL VACANCY

No applications had been received.

21/237 DISCUSSION OF ANY ITEM(S) FOR WHICH THE PRESS AND PUBLIC HAVE BEEN EXCLUDED

There were no items from which the press and public had been excluded.

21/238 PARISH MATTERS

- (a) Councillor Dixon reported on problems being experienced with unkept graves at the Church yard and a proposal that parishioners be encouraged to adopt a grave thereby ensuring all the graves were maintained.
- (b) No suggestions for the planting of new trees in the village had been received.
- (c) Councillor Dixon reported on further enquiries he had made following the closure of the village shop including the possibility of the reinstating it as a post office offering full services or as a community post office with more limited services. Any application would require the submission of a detailed business plan. Were the Parish Council to be involved significant community involvement would also be required and it would be necessary to employ at least one full-time person. Government grants may be available but the business would have to be profitable with the profits being invested in the community.

Resolved:

That Members seek advice from those in the village who were known to have retail business experience.

- (d) Councillor Dixon reported that estimates had been received for the purchase and installation of a defibrillator at the Church Hall. There were legal restrictions on what assistance the Parish Council could give to the Church but it had been confirmed that purchasing a defibrillator was permissible. The Church would need to pay for the installation on the Church Hall.

21/239 ITEMS FOR THE AGENDA OF THE NEXT MEETING

No items were raised.

21/240 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Resolved: That the next meeting of the parish council be held on Tuesday 31st May 2022 at 7.00 p.m. in Todwick Village Hall.

The meeting closed at 9.10 p.m.

..... Chairman

..... Date