

TODWICK PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held in Todwick Village Hall at 7.00p.m. on Tuesday 25th February 2020.

Present

Councillor Dixon – From 7.05pm
 Councillor Gregory – In the Chair
 Councillor Jeffrey
 Councillor Lightfoot – From 8.37pm
 Councillor Wright
 Emma Plummer
 Norman Anderson
 John Welborn
 Malcolm Manuel
 J R Walker – Clerk & Financial Officer

19/142 APOLOGIES

Apologies had been received from Councillors Carter, Newbold and O’Sullivan.

19/143 APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF 28TH JANUARY 2020

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

19/144 MATTERS ARISING

There were no matters arising which would not be covered under another agenda item.

19/145 DECLARATION OF MEMBER’S INTERESTS

There were no declarations of interest.

19/146 URGENT ITEMS FOR LATER CONSIDERATION

1. Random Act of Kindness
2. Operation London Bridge
3. Library Closures

19/147 CLERK’S REPORT

Clerk had undertaken all his duties.

19/148 FINANCIAL OFFICER’S REPORT

	£
Monies received	
1. Todwick Parish Bowling Club – Contribution to Bowling Green Works	245.72
Payments made since last meeting	
1. Todwick Village Hall – Meeting Room Rent	12.00
2. Aviva – Clerk’s Pension	18.27
3. Seiretto Ltd. – Domain Registration	213.60
4. HMRC – Tax/NI	352.19

5. Information Commissioner – Data Protection Fee 40.00

Un-presented cheques

1. Shires Marquees – Marquee at Funday 650.00
2. Information Commissioner – Data Protection Fee 40.00

Payments to be made

1. J R Walker – Salary & Expenses 620.22
2. Green Pastures Pest Control – Pest Control at Allotments and Rec. Grd. 123.75
3. Sitwell Rotary Club – Donation 100.00

Present bank statement balances

Business Saver Account	Community Account
(Cheque Feeder)	(Cheque)
£27,953.84	£1.00

19/149 CORRESPONDENCE

Correspondence had been received via E-mail and forwarded to Members by the Clerk who had replied where appropriate.

1. Various Councillors – Meeting Minutes and Future Agenda
2. Voluntary Action Rotherham – Various Email Bulletins
3. Rural Action Yorkshire – Various Email Bulletins
4. RMBC – Various Weekly Planning Lists
5. RMBC – Various Licensing Applications
6. RMBC – Various Traffic Delay Reports
7. RMBC – Notice of Alteration to Electoral Roll
8. YLCA – Weekly Bulletins from The National Association of Local Councils
9. YLCA – Various Clerk Vacancies
10. YLCA – Various Chief Executive Bulletins
11. YLCA – Various Training Events
12. YLCA – White Rose Updates
13. YLCA – Various Requests for Information
14. YLCA – Various Newsletters
15. Community First Yorkshire – Rural News and Funding Bulletin
16. NALC – Weekly Newsletters
17. Community First Yorkshire – Various News Updates
18. YLCA – Various Evening Telephone Numbers
19. SYPTE – Various Bus Service Updates
20. Malcolm Manuel – Photograph of Defect at Goosecarr Lane
21. S Y Police and Councillor Lightfoot – Lifewise Event
22. RMBC and Councillor Wright – Amendment to Planning Application RB2019/1789
23. RMBC – Clerk’s Meeting
24. Eileen Northall – Thank You and Best Wishes to the Parish Council
25. RMBC – Precept
26. Norman Anderson – Crime Statistics
27. RMBC, Councillors and Malcolm Manuel – Highway Problems
28. Northern Gas Networks – Future Business Plan
29. Norman Anderson – Invoice

30. NALC – Study Tour
 31. Councillors Lightfoot, Dixon and O’Sullivan – Possible Email Fraud
 32. Councillor Lightfoot – Facebook Post
 33. RMBC – Building Audit Form
 34. Councillors Newbold and Gregory – Activity at Recreation Ground
 35. NALC – Spring Conference
 36. Seiretto Sales and Councillor O’Sullivan – Domain Registration
 37. RMBC and Councillor Gregory – Fly Tipping Report
 38. RMBC – Libraries Consultation
 39. RMBC – Kiveton Fire Update
 40. Sandra Turner, Various Councillors and RMBC – Further Amendments to RB2019/1789
 41. Brian White – Feed-in-Tariff Reading
 42. Councillor Gregory – Objection to RB2019/1789
 43. Councillor O’Sullivan – New Email Addresses
 44. YLCA – New Website
 45. Various Councillors – Road Crossings in Todwick
 46. RMBC – Library Services Consultation
 47. Community First Yorkshire – Free Leadership Course
 48. Councillor Newbold – Meeting with Borough Councillor Watson
 49. RMBC, Various Councillors and Malcolm Manuel – Further Highway Problems
 50. RMBC – Winter Weather Warning
 51. RMBC and Councillor Dixon – Introduction/Visit re Emergency Plans
 52. Various Councillors – Objections to Planning Applications
 53. RMBC and Various Parish Councils – Operation London Bridge
 54. SYPTE and Councillor O’Sullivan – Meadowhall Interchange Works
 55. RMBC and Councillor Gregory – Parish Council Elections
 56. Alexander Stafford MP and Councillor Dixon – Meeting Invitation
 57. RMBC and Various Councillors – Approval of RB2019/1789
 58. Councillor Newbold – New Bin Locations
 59. Councillor Carter – Apology for Non-attendance
 60. YLCA – Planning Training Seminars
 61. Zurich – Recent Storms
 62. Councillor Gregory – Informer Articles
 63. Information Commissioner –Data Protection Fee Renewal
 64. RMBC – Easter Egg Raffle
 65. NALC – Study Tour
 66. Alexander Stafford MP and Councillor Dixon – Meeting
 67. NALC – Sprig Conference
 68. Councillors Gregory and Newbold – Incident at Recreation Ground
 69. YLCA – Planning Seminars
 70. Councillor Gregory – Informer Articles re Elections and Boundary Changes
 71. Norman Anderson – Village Hall Details to Community First Yorkshire
 72. Councillor Newbold – Apology
 73. Councillor Lightfoot – Contribution to Sitwell Rotary
 74. Councillor Lightfoot – Late to Meeting
 75. Marilyn Wallis – Moss at Rectory Gardens
- Clerk** would report to RMBC

19/150 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

1. RB2020/0270

Application to undertake works to a tree(s) protected by RMBC TPO No. 1, 1993 at 15 Rectory Gardens

Resolved not to object

19/151 COMMITTEES

Recreation

Wright reported:

He had provided a report to Veolia on the MUGA as a condition of the grant approval and registered as the future contact to replace Brian White. There had been some vandalism and problems with young people on the recreation ground and he had spoken to some of those concerned. Next week a meeting was to be held with the parents of some children.

Chris Booth had provided information regarding the Cricket Club roller and there may be another user for the football pitch.

He was concerned about the flooding at the Goosecarr Lane end of the ground and that the issue backed up to the neighbouring property at Meadow House. A meeting had been arranged with RMBC but unfortunately he was not available at the time and so Councillor Gregory was to attend and urge immediate remediation of the drainage issues by RMBC.

Dixon had met with Councillor Gregory and all was now in place for him to begin the Secretary role. He and Councillor Wright needed to amend the bank mandate to approve the new cheque signatures.

Allotments

Jeffrey advised that the latest pest control report showed that there was increasing evidence of voles, mice, rats and rabbits. Bait boxes had been placed and netting was to be employed to capture the rabbits live. The same report also gave details at the recreation ground which showed there was presently no evidence of moles.

Church Yard

Gregory advised that the maintenance team would next meet a week on Saturday when work would concentrate on fencing to the composting area near the wild flower garden. The Church had received permission from RMBC to cut down some trees but approval had not yet been received from the diocese.

19/152 MEMBER'S ACTIVITY REPORTS

Jeffrey had sent out all the rent invoices and had received payment for all but 9 plots, 7 of which related to holders in the village. He would pay the money into the bank once he had collected all the rents.

Dixon had paid the deposit for the fire and contacted Damon's re the catering.

Members considered the possible acquisition of temporary pedestrian barriers for use at events and provision of a steel container to use as storage for the cricket roller and Parish Council equipment as necessary.

Dixon would obtain suitable quotations.

The meeting was suspended at 8.00p.m.

OPEN SESSION

1. **Emma Plummer** was concerned about the safety of those using the road crossings on Kiveton Lane. In one of the recent instances a man had escaped from death or serious accident by the narrowest of margins when a motorist all but ran him over whilst on the crossing. Despite numerous examples of near-misses nothing was done to resolve the problem, say by replacing the uncontrolled crossings with controlled versions.

Gregory referred to site meetings he had had with RMBC and gave examples of what the Parish Council had done to bring safety improvements about. Whilst no one wanted to see a serious accident it seemed that these RMBC could/would not justify improvements without these. Any incidents should be reported to RMBC and the police.

Discussions subsequently took place on a number of road safety issues. These included the possible introduction of a 20mph village wide speed limit and the provision of speed awareness signs at the approaches into the village.

Following continual pressure from the Parish Council RMBC had advised that the speed awareness sign at the northbound approach to the village would definitely be reinstated shortly.

Norman Anderson was very concerned about a general lowering of driving standards generally and gave examples which had occurred in the village. Speeding vehicles, indiscriminate parking were just two examples. In his capacity as the Neighbourhood Watch Coordinator he would shortly be attending meetings with the police and would raise the concerns and urge action.

Dixon would be undertaking a further speed check soon and would invite Emma to attend.

2. **Malcolm Manuel** was concerned about the accuracy of the January Council Minutes and a general lack of action by the Parish Council on matter such as the provision of planings to be used to improve the surface of public footpaths.

Gregory did not accept that the Council had not responded to requests for action. The January Minutes had been approved as an accurate record.

The meeting was reconvened at 8.37p.m.

19/153 VILLAGE MAINTENANCE

Gregory advised that a local farmer had reported further fly-tipping and RMBC had removed the offending material. Legal action was on-going against recently identified culprits.

19/154 TRAFFIC AND TRANSPORTATION MATTERS

Dixon would advise when the speed checks were to take place.

19/155 NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

Norman Anderson had commented:-

He supported the Parish Council about the disgraceful driving habits of many motorists who travel in and through Todwick and the incidence of fly tipping, one of which he had reported He would report back after his meeting at Police HQ in late March.

The latest flooding at Goosecarr Lane was of great concern. Perhaps the only redeeming feature was that there is no footpath on the left hand side of Goosecarr Lane.

He had reported the flooding issue to RMBC Streetpride and would continue to put pressure on until something was done.

It seemed from his observations that quite a lot of the water was coming onto the pavement from the allotments area but as yet he had been unable to find where it went underground into the main channel on the open field side. There did appear to be some sort of a gulley under the bushes which he suspected may not have been addressed by RMBC.

He agreed that an Emergency Plan was essential with major accidents or bad weather possible bearing in mind the M1 and busy A57 being so close and there were around 2000 local flights a week {excluding private and helicopters}. Todwick may be called upon for temporary assistance in the case of an emergency. As the nearest trustee to the village hall it may be useful for him to have an outline of what has been agreed when this was available.

He and Keith Eyre were undertaking a fire risk assessment for the hall but it was still in its infancy. After reading the massive memorial hall assessment that RMBC provided it gave the Village Hall Management Committee food for thought. He asked whether the PV panels on the hall roof were checked or serviced by the Parish Council because he had seen 2 domestic properties where fire had destroyed the roofs because of PV panels.

He had checked the CCTV system at the hall.

No further crime statistics had been received and so remained as previously notified.

Monthly Categories 2019

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total
Burglary	2	1			2		1	1	1		1	1	10
Criminal Damage and Arson			1				1					2	4
Other Theft	1			1	1							1	4
Theft From a Person													
Vehicle Crime	1	1	1	1	1	3	3			4	2		17
Public Order	1	4				2	1	1	2	2	1		14
Violence and Sexual	3	2	1	1	1	3	4	2		2	1	1	21
Other Crime								1	1				2
Drugs										1			1
Shoplifting													
Bicycle Theft	1												1
Robbery													
Anti-social Behaviour	4	1	1	1	1	2	3	2		4	3	4	26
Total	13	9	4	4	6	10	13	7	4	13	8	9	100

19/156 EVENTS

There were no further comments.

19/157 WEB SITE

Lightfoot advised that the new website was ready to go live.

Clerk suggested it may worth considering a joint session for the Members and himself to arrange their personal logons and for everyone to do this from the same date/time.

19/158 CO-OPTION OF NEW COUNCILLOR

Gregory asked that this be taken of the agenda until after the May elections.

19/159 PARISH PLAN

Gregory reported that **O’Sullivan** had formed a 12 strong active working group.

19/160 LITTER/DOG WASTE BINS

The promise of the provision of additional bins by RMBC had been confirmed by Borough Councillor Watson at his recent meeting with Councillor Newbold.

19/161 URGENT ITEMS

1. Random Act of Kindness

Gregory referred to a flowering plant accompanied by a very meaningful verse left on the doorstep of his home by the Brownies/Rainbows. This was very much appreciated and the Council recognized the thoughtful gesture.

2. Operation London Bridge

Gregory referred to the recent email received enquiring what measures the Council had in place in the event of the Queen’s death and asked Members to consider what might be appropriate.

3. Library Closures

Gregory referred to the recent email received from RMBC.

Resolved that the **Clerk** register the Parish Council’s objection to any reduction in the library and community services provided generally by RMBC and in particular to those at Kiveton Park/Wales.

The Meeting Closed at 9.07p.m.

The next Council Meeting will be in Todwick Village Hall at 7.00p.m. on Tuesday 31st March 2020.

..... Chairman

..... Date