

TODWICK PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held in Todwick Village Hall at 6.00p.m. on Tuesday 27th February 2018.

Present

Councillor Carter
 Councillor Gregory – In the Chair
 Councillor Lightfoot
 Councillor Jeffrey
 Councillor Newbold – At 7.00pm
 Councillor White
 Councillor Wright
 J R Walker – Clerk & Financial Officer
 Borough Councillor Watson

17/141 APOLOGIES

There were no apologies.

17/142 APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Ordinary Meeting 30th January 2018

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

17/143 MATTERS ARISING

Gregory was concerned that no action had been taken despite previous repeated requests made by the Parish Council, including:-

- Reinstatement of the speed awareness signs on Kiveton Lane
- Removal of moss on pavements throughout the village
- Repair of pot holes in the carriageway on Goosecarr Lane
- Road sweeping and the removal of weeds

White reiterated Gregory's concerns and added the recent request for the Borough Council to remove branches from a highway tree obstructing the footway and dog waste bin on Goosecarr Lane.

Borough Councillor Watson was in attendance. He would pursue the concerns expressed. He would meet on site with Colin Knight the appropriate officer at RMBC and do what he could to resolve the outstanding issues.

Gregory noted that on a positive note, Richard Pett, the RMBC Public Rights of Way Officer had, through good management, arranged the most satisfactory site works at Storth Lane. The **Clerk** had already expressed the Parish Council's thanks to Mr. Pett and would do so again.

Borough Councillor Watson explained that the Borough Council was commencing a genuine consultation process into its proposal to save £1.2m of the social care budget by closing certain buildings presently used to facilitate the work of the Youth Services, including that at Kiveton Park. Alternative arrangements were being studied but in any event the work of the unit was

principally conducted on the streets and there was no proposal to cut the staffing. The outreach service known as Jade would continue undiminished. He urged anyone interested in this to contribute to the consultation.

17/144 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.

17/145 URGENT ITEMS FOR LATER CONSIDERATION

1. Remembrance
2. Graffiti Removal

17/129 CLERK'S REPORT

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

17/146 FINANCIAL OFFICER'S REPORT

Clerk advised:

	£
<u>Monies received</u>	Nil
<u>Payments made since last meeting</u>	
1. Aviva – Clerk's Pension	17.57
2. Yorkshire Water - Allotment Standing Charge	7.72
3. Todwick Village Hall - Rent	10.50
4. Stag Electrics - Electrical Repairs at Sports Pavilion	293.40
5. HMRC - February Tax/NI	340.28
6. J R Walker - February Salary/Expenses	586.61
<u>Unpresented cheques</u>	
1. Todwick Village Hall – Rent	10.50
2. Sitwell Rotary - Donation to Christmas Santa Village Tour	100.00
<u>Payments to be made</u>	
1. Information Commissioner - Data Protection Registration Renewal	35.00
<u>Present bank statement balances</u>	
Business Saver Account	Community Account
(Cheque Feeder)	(Cheque)
£23,841.59	£1.00

17/147 CORRESPONDENCE

1. HM Revenue and Customs – Form VAT 126 Claim Changes

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 and Future Agenda
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. RMBC – Various Winter Weather Briefings
12. Various Councillors – Minutes/Agenda
13. RMBC – South Yorkshire Police Newsletter
14. RMBC – Mobile Speed Check
15. Borough Councillor Watson – Various Reports
16. SYPTE – Rotherham Interchange and Car Park Update
17. RMBC – Rock and Pop Club
18. RMBC - Clerk's Support Meeting
19. RMBC – Licensing Applications List
20. Norman Anderson – Invoice
21. LCAS – Planning Change
22. Richard Peter Edley – Storth Lane
23. Duncan Gillespie – Hague Farming Application Determination Date
24. RMBC and Councillor Lightfoot – Website Training
25. Land Maintenance Ltd - Suppliers List/Future Work
26. skyhigh Tree and Grounds Maintenance Services - Suppliers List/Future Work
27. RMBC - Licensing Applications
28. Zurich - Community Insurance Helpline
29. RMBC - Clerk's Support Meeting
30. SYPTE - Rotherham Interchange
31. Dalton Parish Council and Councillor White - CCTV
32. SYPTE - Strategic Transport Plan Consultation
33. RMBC and Councillor Lightfoot - Website Content Management
34. Councillors Gregory, Lightfoot and Carter - Crime Statistics
35. RMBC - Waste Treatment Facility Tours
36. Councillors Gregory and White - Stag Electrics
37. Councillor Gregory - Anti-Social Behaviour
38. RMBC - AHP Emergency Meeting
39. RMBC - Licensing Applications Update
40. Information Commissioner - Data Protection Registration Renewal
41. RMBC and Councillor White - Tree Obscuring Dog Waste Bin at Goosecarr Lane
42. Councillors Newbold, Gregory and White - Site Works at Storth Lane
43. YLCA - Planning Seminars
44. Councillor Gregory - Sitwell Rotary Cheque
45. SYPTE - Aviva Rail North Industrial Action
46. Chesterfield Canal Trust - Newsletter
47. Councillors Lightfoot, Gregory and White - "Informer" Draft
48. RMBC - Fire Safety Training
49. HS2 – Engagement
50. **Clerk** was instructed to invite a representative to the March meeting.

17/148 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

White had noted that Hague Farming's application on Kiveton Lane had been approved.

17/149 COMMITTEES

Allotments

Jeffrey had discussed with Bryan Ferris, with whom he would be collecting rents in March. Notification of an increase in rents would be given. There presently appeared to be 6 on the waiting list for plots but the exact number would become clear once the process of collecting rents had been completed.

Garden Team

Gregory reported that a planning meeting had been held in early February when a detailed plan had been agreed for the maintenance team to undertake on the coming Saturday. It was felt that without proper planning the operation would never achieve its full potential. Considering that a number of parish councillors and their families contributed significant time and energy, it was considered that the group either continued with proper direction or failed. Options for lighter work were now available and it was hoped this may encourage more people to get involved.

Recreation

Gregory reported:

Some concern that Darfolds FC had not played a home match this year but it turned out that the Club had had a successful cup run, playing all its games away. The Club would be playing at Todwick as usual for its league fixtures.

He had carried out some repairs to the football pitch and would check the condition again after it had been played on.

There was some further slight evidence of moles and Paul Mumford would be dealing with this in the next few days.

He had received the fixtures for Todwick Villa and the Cricket Club and would be adding these to the calendar very soon.

The re-seeding of the former mole hills had improved the area between the football pitch and the playground. More was yet to be carried out in the area above the football and before the cricket playing area.

All the fire safety equipment had been checked and serviced.

17/150 MEMBER'S ACTIVITY REPORTS

Gregory had undertaken the ground repairs referred to earlier. He had a meeting arranged with RMBC to obtain the schedule of grounds maintenance works and see what cuts might be possible to reduce the annual cost. Next year would be the last of the existing contract with RMBC. He would be investigating what alternatives might be possible after that and he urged Members to use their best endeavours to see what other competitive options might be possible.

White reported that Veolia would be considering the grant aid application during the second week of March and he expected to learn of the decision before the March Council Meeting. He had reported the overgrown highway tree on Goosecarr Lane and read the Feed-in-tariff meter at the village hall and anticipated the subsequent receipt of around £274.34.

Lightfoot was preparing the latest edition of The Informer. He had not attended the RMBC Web Site training because this had been extended from one hour to the whole of a morning and he had

been advised by the organiser that he already had the knowledge the course would be giving. Nick Fisher was the officer who would be giving the training and he was to arrange something else.

Members discussed what articles might be included in the Informer but, whilst a list of forthcoming events would be included, the newsletter was to inform of Parish Council activities and was not to be used as an advertising medium. An article on the recent burglaries would be included as would the proposed increase in allotment rents.

Newbold reported that some wayside seats had been painted but had been interrupted by the poor weather. More green paint was required and the painting would be resumed when the weather was suitable.

Carter reported the receipt of reports on the Council's Facebook Page: One referred to "asphalt balls" on the pavements on Kiveton Lane. Clerk reported that these were stone chippings that had come from the surface dressing works carried out in 2017. He had reported the problem to RMBC and urged removal. A second referred to the Community Kindness Project being run from Wales High School. She had recommended that contact be made and support enlisted from RMBC and Voluntary Action Rotherham.

Gregory asked that an item be included on Facebook explaining the works on Storth Lane as a consequence of the repeated requests made by the Parish Council.

Jeffrey referred to an email he had received from Virgin Media. The Company proposed to install cabling in the village and had expressed a desire to support local events. Members agreed that the Fun Day would be appropriate and Carter would pursue this.

17/151 VILLAGE MAINTENANCE

Gregory reported that Kevin Light continued with his excellent work. Mark Archer had agreed to help out on event days.

Litter had been cleared on four occasions at: -

Goosecarr Lane

The Pastures

Kiveton Lane

Church View

Recreation Ground

The war memorial had been swept twice and he had raked the sand pit over twice. Whilst out litter picking on the 17 February he had come across some fly tipping on Goosecarr Lane on the farm track. A fridge and some tyres had been dumped. He reported it to RMBC Streetpride and it had subsequently been removed.

17/152 TRAFFIC AND TRANSPORTATION MATTERS

Gregory had received an email from Ray Sykes which indicated that waiting restrictions/double yellow lines would be introduced/installed on Mortains around the end of March.

Members instructed the Clerk to seek a visit from the RMBC mobile speed limit unit

Newbold reported some faulty street lights on The Meadows and The Pastures. **Clerk** would report to RMBC.

17/153 NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

Norman Anderson had reported on the 2017 crime and antisocial behaviour statistics:

<u>MONTHLY CATEGORIES 2017</u>	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total
BURGLARY	3	3		2		3	1	1	3	1	1		18
CRIMINAL DAMAGE/ARSON		1		1	1	1	2	1	1		2	1	11
OTHER THEFT	1	1	1		3	2	3	1	2				14
THEFT FROM A PERSON				1									1
VEHICLE CRIME	1	1	2		1					1		3	9
PUBLIC ORDER		1	1					1		1	2	1	7
VIOLENCE & SEXUAL	2	1			1	2	6	1	1		1	1	16
OTHER CRIME					1					1			2
ANTISOCIAL BEHAVIOUR	1	4	2	1	1	2	1	1	5	1	3	1	23
<u>TOTALS</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>12</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>13</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>12</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>101</u>

There had been a recent triple burglary at the tea shop, newsagents and kebab shop. It was reasonably certain that the culprits were in a light coloured van which came down Kiveton Lane from the Red Lion side and left the village going towards Kiveton. This information had been passed to the Police.

17/154 EVENTS

Carter confirmed that the 2018 Fun Day would be held on the 10th June which was the equivalent weekend to last year. There would be a countryside theme which would include chick hatching and the sale of home cooked produce. She would prepare an article for inclusion in The Informer.

Resolved to purchase 2 number 6m x 3m robust assembly type marquees

17/155 CO-OPTION OF NEW COUNCILLORS

Gregory reminded Members of the need to continue to seek applications from anyone interested and suitable.

17/156 URGENT ITEMS

1. **Gregory** had discussed with Rev. Camber a number of options to support the remembrance of those who had fought and died in all wars but with particular reference to the First World War, it being 100years since its end. They hoped for the widest possible involvement by the whole of the village including the Church, School, WI, Historical Society etc. Suggestions had included large poppies attached to lamp posts and a musical event.

Eileen Northall was already active in making arrangements for an exhibition on Remembrance Day.

2. **Lightfoot** enquired whether any progress had been made on the removal of graffiti at the recreation ground.

Gregory advised that this was the responsibility of Andy Roddis at RMBC who appeared reluctant to arrange anything.

The Meeting Closed at 8.43p.m.

The next Council Meeting will be in Todwick Village Hall at 7.00p.m. on Tuesday 27th March 2018.

..... Chairman

..... Date