

# TODWICK PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held in Todwick Village Hall at 7.00p.m. on Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> March 2017.

## **Present**

Councillor Ardern (from 7.48p.m.)  
 Councillor Carter  
 Councillor Gregory – In the Chair  
 Councillor Jeffrey  
 Councillor Lightfoot  
 Councillor Newbold  
 Councillor White  
 J R Walker – Clerk & Financial Officer  
 Ray Sykes

## **16/174 APOLOGIES**

Councillors Ferris and Hill had sent an apology for non-attendance.

## **16/175 APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES**

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

## **16/176 MATTERS ARISING**

**Gregory** reported:

1. Concrete pads for the picnic benches had now been laid.
2. There appeared to be an improvement in the dog fouling.

**Newbold** had not received the information from RMBC concerning the provision of dog waste bins.

## **16/177 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.

## **16/178 URGENT ITEMS FOR LATER CONSIDERATION**

1. Ponies
2. Land off Rayls Road

## **16/179 CLERK'S REPORT**

**Clerk** had undertaken all his duties since the last meeting. Notification of the external audit for financial year 2016/17 had been received from BDO.

## **16/180 FINANCIAL OFFICER'S REPORT**

### **Monies received**

1. Allotment Rents

£

253.00

**Payments made since last meeting**

1. Aviva – Clerk’s Pension: October	15.97
2. Todwick Village Hall – Rents	12.00
3. Yorkshire Air Ambulance – Donation to Funds	204.00
4. RD Property Maintenance – Bases for Benches	450.00
5. RMBC – Feb Grounds Maintenance	1558.69
6. Haywards Horticulture – Hedging Works etc. at Allotments	235.00
7. HMRC – March Tax/NI	336.52

**Un-presented cheques**

1. Go Karts Party – Deposit for Go Karts	100.00
2. Yorkshire Air Ambulance – Donation to Funds	204.00
3. Shires Marquees – Marquee Hire	90.00
4. HMRC – March Tax/NI	336.52

**Payments to be made**

1. David Gregory – Sork Bulbs for Anti-Mole Use	134.89
2. RMBC – March Grounds Maintenance	1558.69
3. J R Walker – Clerk’s Salary/Expenses	612.25
4. Kevin Light – Village Maintenance	142.83

**Bank statement balances prior to the meeting**

Business Saver Account	Community Account
(Cheque Feeder)	(Cheque)
£13,287.52	£1.00

**16/181 CORRESPONDENCE**

Written correspondence received.

1. Local Government Boundary Commission – Electoral Review of Rotherham
2. Rotherham Holiday Aid – Request for Donation
3. Yorkshire Water – Allotment Water Bill
4. Highways England – Opening of the M1 Junction 32 to 35A Smart Motorway
5. HMRC – Electronic Payment of PAYE

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 – Various White Rose Updates
6. YLCA – Section 137 of the Local Government Act 1972: Expenditure Limit for Financial Year 2017/2018
7. Councillor White – MUGA Proposal
8. Chesterfield Canal Trust – Dawn Rose 2017 Boat Haul
9. RMBC – Adoption of Code of Conduct

10. Councillors Gregory and Ardern – Community Payback
11. YLCA – Request for Information
12. Councillor Gregory – Picnic Bench Foundation Invoice
13. SYPTE – TravelMaster Product Changes
14. Councillor Ardern – Cricket Pavilion
15. RMBC and Councillor Ferris – Staniforth Crescent
16. YLCA – Community Governance
17. Councillors Gregory and Lightfoot – 20mph Speed Limit
18. SYPTE – Arriva Rail North Industrial Action - Monday 13 March 2017
19. South Yorks. Police and Norman Anderson – Online Petition: Re-opening of Dinnington Police Station
20. Councillor Ferris – Yorkshire Air Ambulance Presentation
21. Councillor Newbold – Dog Waste and Litter Bin Costs
22. RMBC – Planning Application RB2017/0346: Application to Vary Condition
23. Sheila Pantry and Various Councillors – Discussion on Cheques for Best Front Gardens: Presentation on Sunday 30 July 2017
24. Norman Anderson – Successful Application for Discretionary Rate Relief at Village Hall
25. RMBC – Request for a Centre Line Marking at The Meadows
26. SYPTE – Rotherham Interchange and Car Park: Update March 2017
27. YLCA – Haworth Cross Roads and Stanbury Parish Council Requesting Information re Viability of Taking on Services from the Principal Authority
28. YLCA – Electoral Review of Rotherham: Warding Arrangements
29. YLCA – Parish Precepts: Request to Demonstrate Restraint
30. YLCA – Promotion of the Department for Culture, Media and Sport Better Broadband Campaign
31. YLCA – Understanding the Planning System/Making Effective Observations on Planning Applications
32. RMBC – Agenda for the Planning Training Event Thursday 30th March
33. Councillor Gregory – Anti-mole Bulbs
34. Councillor Ferris – Allotment Water Meter Reading
35. Councillor Gregory – Rotherham Local Plan Sites and Policies (RSPD) Examination Website Update
36. Norman Anderson – Crime Statistics
37. RMBC – Public Rights of Way Survey
38. RMBC – Introduction to Planning Session
39. RMBC – Fire Safety (Including fire extinguishers) Course - Wednesday 5th April–
40. SYPTE – Changes to Rotherham Bus Services in April/May 2017
41. YLCA – Training Event for Newer Clerks
42. Chesterfield Canal Trust – E: Newsletter Number 101
43. YLCA – National Association of Local Councils: Digital Councils Event 25 May 2017
44. YLCA – Latest Funding and Grants Bulletin from the National Association of Local Councils
45. YLCA – Flooding Problems at Allerton

## **16/182 PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

### 1. RB2017/0325

Notification for prior approval for a proposed change of use of an agricultural building to a

dwellings (Use Class C3) at Four Acres, Todwick Road, Dinnington for Mr. C Gregory.

**Resolved** to offer no objection

2. RB2017/0346

Application to vary condition 02 (amended plans - alteration to chimney stack) imposed by RB2016/0863 at 20 Manor Way for Mrs. M Brassington

**Resolved** to object:

The chimney would be out of scale to the newly built and surrounding properties. The retrospective application was only made following complaints by the owners of adjacent properties and the Council also considered that the applicant had flouted town planning law.

3. RB2017/0387

Single storey extension to north elevation and erection of a 2m high fence at 4 Todwick House Gardens for Mr. and Mrs. Havard

**Resolved** to offer no objection

4. **Gregory** reported that the Planning Inspector had ruled that both the site for industry opposite the Red Lion and the housing opposite bluebell wood were to be deleted from RMBC's Plan. Whilst undoubtedly good news, RMBC have to date, not responded and consequently we should temper enthusiasm until all is confirmed.
5. **Gregory** reported that the Traffic Commissioner had published his decision on the Hague Farming application to operate HGV's from Kiveton Hall Farm. Subject to compliance with health and safety risk assessments permission would be given to operate four vehicles and two trailers, as opposed to the ten lorries and two trailers requested. In his report, the Commissioner had made comment on the irresponsible activity on websites.

## **16/183 COMMITTEES**

### Recreation

**Gregory** reported: -

1. The new client had begun its trial period on the previous Saturday. Darfoulds FC must play eight matches before being admitted to a local league.
2. The mole bulb test had been positive and consequently, 100 bulbs had been planted on the 18<sup>th</sup> March.
3. The turf lifted to create the area for the concrete pad had been laid on the area damaged by the bonfire. It appeared to have taken well but the entire area would benefit from grass seeding.

### Allotments

Prior to the meeting **Ferris** had reported: -

He had visited the allotment site with the Pest Control Officer (Vince) on 23rd March and all bait stations had been checked. Activity had been high at the bottom end of the allotment site, with more mice activity at the top end.

There was a problem with a drain pipe which possibly drains water off one of the allotments. The pipe runs across the track then into a gully under the hedge. The section of pipe that runs across the track has been broken resulting in water running down the track onto the footpath running along Goosecarr Lane. Will it be possible for RMBC to have a look at it and see if it

can be repaired, or should we try to sort it? I am happy to attend with a representative from RMBC to show them the problem. It will mean digging up across the track and fitting a new piece of pipe.

He had collected some of the allotment rent money and would be paying it into the bank.

#### Grey Matters in Todwick

Prior to the meeting **Ferris** had reported: -

Grey Matters in Todwick had been awarded the Duke of York Community Initiative Award. As a result, 4 members would be traveling to Huddersfield to receive the award and 3 going down to London to meet the Duke of York.

#### Church Yard

**Jeffrey** had carried out further work and would apply some weed and feed to the turf laid previously.

**Gregory** reported that the maintenance group would be meeting again on the Saturday coming. He had suggested that the Community Payback people might prove a valuable help but the Church were not keen on availing themselves of this option.

#### Village Hall

There was nothing to report

### **16/184 NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN**

**Gregory** reported that no interest in participation had been shown following the article in the Informer newsletter. There could therefore be no progress on this because without active community involvement there could be no plan.

### **16/150 MEMBER'S ACTIVITY REPORTS**

1. **Gregory** had already advised on his actions regarding the turf at the recreation ground, the planting of the mole bulbs and Community Payback.
2. **White** reported that Todwick Primary School had set up a polytunnel to teach the children a little about horticulture. He had already collected and delivered a number of gardening implements, seeds etc. but said that if anyone else had any items they would be willing to donate, then he would be pleased to hear from them.  
**Carter** wondered if the children might wish to have a stall at the Fun day.
3. With regard to the proposed all-purpose play area at the recreation ground **White** had asked for the school children's preferences concerning possible additional play equipment which it might be possible to install as part of the development.  
He had spoken with Monica Carroll at Woodsetts Parish Council who was more than pleased to advise on any grant application to be made by Todwick. Jean Leah had also offered her assistance in preparing a grant application. Streetscape, one of the possible providers of the equipment had also offered assistance.  
**Members** agreed that a grant application should be prepared and submitted to WREN before their May deadline.
4. **White** would delay taking the feed-in tariff reading at the sports pavilion until the 31<sup>st</sup>

March, since this was the day immediately prior to the annual increase in the Feed in Tariff.

5. **Lightfoot** had found delivering the Informer to be very interesting.
6. **Newbold** referred to John Carr's excellent fundraising by offering daffodils for charity donations and would be replicating this with the sale of hanging baskets. **Members** agreed that this was to be applauded.
7. **Newbold** had observed the RMBC sweeper working on Kiveton Lane on Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> March. **Gregory** had also seen this but noted that no sweeping had been undertaken on the estate roads.
8. **Newbold** reported that the shop on The Pastures was to re-open as a newsagents and general store and an application made as a post office. He raised the problem associated with a broken bollard at this shop forecourt. **Gregory** informed that this was matter for Birtles, the land owner but that previous requests for action by the Parish Council had been ignored.
9. **Ardern** asked **Members** to let her know of anything they would like adding to Facebook. **Gregory** advised that recreation ground bookings could now be accessed via the recreation ground tab on the Parish page of the RMBC web site.

#### **16/185 VILLAGE MAINTENANCE**

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

Litter had been cleared on four occasions at

The Pastures

Goosecarr Lane

Kiveton Lane

Church View

Recreation Ground

Kevin had swept and tidied the war memorial twice and weeded the flower beds once during the month. He had raked the sand pit play area at the recreational ground twice.

*The meeting was suspended at 8.00p.m.*

#### **OPEN SESSION**

1. Ray Sykes gave information on recent resurfacing works and receipt of an e-mail from RMBC regarding Mortains/Kiveton Lane and confirming that the second stage of the statutory consultation process had been due to commence two weeks after the 6<sup>th</sup> March.

*The meeting was re-convened at 8.10p.m.*

#### **16/186 TRAFFIC AND TRANSPORTATION MATTERS**

There was nothing further to discuss

### 16/187 NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

Prior to the meeting Norman Anderson had submitted the January 2017 reported crime statistics:

Burglary	3
Criminal Damage/Arson	0
Other Theft	1
Vehicle Crime	1
Public Order	0
Violence and Sexual	2
Other Crime	0
Antisocial Behaviour	1
TOTAL	8

Figures for January 2016 were:

Burglary	0
Criminal Damage/Arson	1
Other Theft	0
Vehicle Crime	4
Public Order	0
Violence and Sexual	0
Other Crime	0
Antisocial Behaviour	1
TOTAL	6

### 16/188 FUN DAY

**Carter** had booked various events and was seeking a volunteer to run the Pims stall.

Earlier in the month, she and Councillors Gregory and White together with Fun Day fundraisers Laura Howe and Imogen Carrier had presented a cheque to Charlie Pearson of the Yorkshire Air Ambulance for the total amount of £441. This was the total of all monies collected from the 2016 Fun Day from: -

- Raffle Coordinated by Councillor Ferris £204
- Helen Greer-Waring Personal Fundraising £145
- Smartie Tubes - £68
- Women's Institute - £24

Photographs of the presentation could be seen on Facebook, along with special thanks to all those who had worked so hard to raise the money. She expressed her personal thanks to all those who had supported and informed that Yorkshire Air Ambulance would once again be the designated charity of Fun Day 2017 to be held on the 11<sup>th</sup> June at 1.00p.m. She encouraged as many as possible to come to the recreation ground and enjoy the day.

### 16/189 URGENT ITEMS

1. **Carter** explained the situation regarding ponies on land off Storth Lane. One pony had died. RSPCA was not prepared to take any action against this individual nor intervene in any other way because private individuals and businesses were now caring for the animals.
2. **Gregory** in answer to Ray Sykes confirmed that despite speculation, no proposal had been received concerning possible development of land off Rayls Road by Alan Smith.

3.

The Meeting Closed at 8.40p.m.

The next Council Meeting would be held in Todwick Village Hall at 7.00p.m. on Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> April 2017. The Annual Assembly would be held at 7.30p.m.

..... Chairman

..... Date