

# TODWICK PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held in Todwick Village Hall at 7.00p.m. on Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> November 2016.

## **Present**

Councillor Gregory – In the Chair  
 Councillor Hill  
 Councillor Newbold  
 Councillor White  
 J R Walker – Clerk & Financial Officer  
 Louise Nicholson  
 Howard Nicholson

## **16/100 APOLOGIES**

Councillors Arden, Carter, Ferris, Jeffrey and Lightfoot were not in attendance.

## **16/101 APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF 25 OCTOBER 2016**

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

## **16/102 MATTERS ARISING**

There were no matters arising not to be covered under an agenda item.

## **16/103 DECLARATION OF MEMBER'S INTERESTS**

Hill had a business association with Hobson Nurseries.

## **16/104 URGENT ITEMS FOR LATER CONSIDERATION**

1. Street Light
2. Fracking/Seismic Surveys

## **16/105 CLERK'S REPORT**

Clerk had undertaken all his duties since the last meeting.

## **16/106 FINANCIAL OFFICER'S REPORT**

Clerk reported:

	£
<b>Monies received</b>	
1. British Gas – Feed-in Tariff	667.26
2. TPC – Receipts from Bonfire/Fireworks Display	1806.00
3. TPC – Stall Profit from Bonfire/Fireworks Display	101.57
<b>Payments made since last meeting</b>	
1. Aviva – Clerk's Pension: November	15.97
2. Chris Marsden – "Informer" Printing	95.00
3. Todwick Village Hall – Rents	12.00
4. RMBC – Grounds Maintenance	1558.69

5. HMRC – November Tax/NI	336.12
6. Reaction Fireworks – Fireworks Display	3000.00

**Un-presented cheques**

1. Go Karts Party – Deposit for Go Karts	100.00
2. Todwick Village Hall – Rents	12.00
3. Reaction Fireworks – Fireworks Display	3000.00

**Payments to be made**

1. J R Walker – November Salary/Expenses	560.39
2. St. John Ambulance – Medical Cover at Bonfire	82.40
3. Barry Northall – Remembrance Day Wreath	18.00
4. David Gregory – Various Cllr Expenses	60.00
5. Greenscene – Christmas Tree	69.00
6. Word for Word Ltd – Bonfire Banners	120.00
7. Brian White – Bonfire and other Expenses	41.47
8. Bryan Ferris – Lock and Keys for Allotment Gate	25.06
9. Mark Archer – Village Maintenance Works	167.55
10. Securitech Fire and Security – CCTV at Sports Pavilion	1116.00
11. Wales High School – Community Award	100.00

**Bank statement balances prior to the meeting**

Business Saver Account (Cheque Feeder)	£32,469.75	Community Account (Cheque)	£1.00
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**16/107 CORRESPONDENCE**

Written correspondence received.

1. Transport Secretary – HS 2 Option Proposals

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. RMBC – Area Assembly Meeting
6. YLCA – Various White Rose Updates
7. RMBC – Goosecarr Lane Weeds
8. Northern Powergrid and British Gas – Sub Station on Kiveton Lane
9. YLCA – Crime Commissioner Meeting with MP's
10. Superfast South Yorkshire – Business Case Studies
11. YLCA – Grants to Parish Councils
12. RMBC – Neighbourhood Planning Guidance/Protocol
13. Councillor White – Informer
14. Norman Anderson – Crime Statistics
15. Various Councillors and Norman Anderson – Bonfire Night
16. YLCA – Adoption of Telephone Boxes

17. Jackie Smeja/Susan Coldwell/William Wernhall – Humming Noise
18. Shed Grounds Maintenance and Councillor Gregory – Grounds Maintenance
19. Councillor White – Vandalised Dog Waste Bin
20. Councillor Ferris – Arrangements for December Council Meeting
21. Norman Anderson – Village Hall
22. YLCA – Information about the Northern Powerhouse
23. Councillor White – TVH FIT
24. Councillor White – Various Sports Pavilion Repairs
25. Friends of Ulley Country Park -Fungi Walk in Ulley Country Park
26. Councillor Ferris – Possible Candidate for Handyman & Pavilion
27. Rural Action Yorkshire – RAY/NYFF Merger
28. YLCA – Matrix Speed Signs
29. Councillors Carter and White – Monies from Bonfire Night
30. Various Councillors – December Meeting
31. Councillor White and Jean Leah – Bluebell Wood/School Environmental Art Project
32. RMBC – RMBC/Parish/Town Council Charter
33. RMBC – Funding Opportunity
34. Councillor Carter – Cash
35. YLCA – Community Lead Housing
36. YLCA – Newer Clerks’ Training
37. YLCA – Update from the National Association of Local Councils
38. Councillor Hill – Santa
39. SYPTE – MASS Brightbus - School Bus Service Changes from January 2017
40. RMBC – Licencing Team
41. Sheila Pantry and Councillor Gregory – Council Minutes
42. Chesterfield Canal Trust – Newsletter/TV Programme
43. Heightsafe Systems – Service
44. RMBC – RVS Area Assembly
45. Superfast South Yorkshire – Delivery of Fibre Broadband
46. Voluntary Action Rotherham – Food for People in Crisis Leaflet Autumn 2016 Edition
47. Councillor Ferris – Advice on Removal of Oak Tree Subject to a TPO
48. Norman Anderson – Crime Statistics
49. RMBC – Dog Clipping Events
50. Dinnington St John’s Town Council – Staff Benchmarking/Evaluation Exercise
51. Councillor White – Events Receipt from RMBC
52. Councillor Gregory – Cheques
53. RMBC – Change to Order Number Prefix
54. INEOS Shale and Councillors Gregory and Carter – Invitation to 30 November Meeting
55. YLCA – Dependent Carers Allowance for Local Councillors Survey Request
56. YLCA – Request for Information Grassland Contractor
57. Dr. J Richardson – Village Hall Caretaker
58. Councillor Newbold – Receipt for Firelighters
59. Councillor Ferris – Village Maintenance
60. Councillor White – Expenses
61. Councillor Ferris – Mark Archer
62. RMBC – Reindeer Community Event
63. RMBC – Basic Health and Safety Awareness Session
64. Councillor Arden – Apology for Non-attendance

## 16/108 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

**Gregory** declared an interest being a friend of the applicants and did not participate in the discussions or vote.

### 1. RB2016/1545

Single storey front and rear extensions at 15 Manor Way for Mr. and Mrs. Shaw.

**Resolved** to offer no objection.

## 16/109 COMMITTEES

### Recreation

**Gregory** reported that Kevin Light had been appointed as the new caretaker.

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

Kevin Light had cleaned the sports pavilion on Monday 28th November and reported:

1. Tea room showers, small holes in the panels.
2. Football showers, 3 dents in panels on left-hand side.
3. Water leak from shower tray, leaking onto floor in football showers.

Barry Northall had asked Kevin if he would be closing the recreation ground gate.

Unfortunately Kevin would not be able to do this on a regular basis but Ferris would ask Kevin if he could help out at all.

### Allotments

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

The RMBC Pest Control Officer had visited the allotments on the 27<sup>th</sup> October. All rodents were under control. He would visit again in a couple of weeks.

**Ferris** had needed to replace the gate padlock and keys due to wear and several keys not working.

### Grey Matters

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

He had attended the group on several occasions during the last month. Good attendances were continuing. The Christmas dinner would be later that week.

### Church Yard

**Gregory** advised that subject to the weather the clearance team would be meeting on the coming Saturday.

**White** may undertake some work on the Sunday as he was busy on Saturday.

### Village Hall

**White** advised that Sue Wright had been appointed as the new caretaker. All the trustee positions on the village hall management committee were now filled.

## 16/110 STRATEGIC PLAN

1. **White** intended to wait until spring and then obtain builders quotes for the multi-functional sports area prior to looking into the possibilities of obtaining a grant for the project.
2. **Gregory** reported on his attendance at the Parish Council's Conference:  
The main topic of discussion was Neighbourhood Plans. To date only Dinnington had started to develop its own plan and he floated the idea of updating the Parish Plan in conjunction with

the Neighbourhood Plan.

Should Todwick develop a plan it would have no impact on the current situation regarding the RMBC Sites Policies. It may, however, be a useful tool in future planning issues.

The basic process would be to:

Declare an interest

Formulate a plan

Submit the plan for review

All planning must be evidence based. Surveys would need to be carried out in order to establish both the need for and a clear desire to have a plan.

The plan must be a community plan not a parish council plan and therefore it must have the community fully engaged and more importantly involved.

A key factor was to involve a planning consultant. Whilst there was free help and advice, planning policy was a skilled art and a Todwick plan would most certainly benefit from advice from a consultant.

There was money available to cover costs but more detailed research was required.

This process was not restricted to authorities. A community group could develop a plan for their specific concerns.

## **16/92 MEMBER'S ACTIVITY REPORTS**

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

He and Councillor **White** had installed the Christmas tree outside the village hall.

He and Councillor **White** had attended Mark Archer's leaving do.

Jim Tompkin had kindly distributed 15 leaflets to:

Kiveton Library, Todwick Village Hall, Todwick Bowling Club, Wales Parish Hall, Dinnington Library, Todwick Church Hall and Harthill Parish Council. In addition 45 leaflets had been given to the Rotherham MBC Rights of Way Department, with the understanding that they would place some in Rotherham Library.

Jim Tompkin had sent a report to Alex Cousins at RMBC regarding the state of Storth Lane as it exited the line of trees at the Todwick end. It had become very muddy, due in part to cultivation of the adjacent field. This route was well used by students on their way to and from school. In addition the stone traffic blocks appeared to have been moved at both ends of the lane.

2. **Gregory** had represented the Parish Council at the hearing to examine the RMBC Local Plan Sites and Policies on the 27<sup>th</sup> October.

The two main issues discussed were the Todwick North Industrial Area and the proposed housing development to the west of Kiveton Lane.

The Parish Council had submitted an alternative site for the housing plan as directed by the public meeting held in the village hall on the 10<sup>th</sup> October 2015.

Written submissions had been made prior to the hearing:

The industrial site would exceed the requirements

There were ecological issues to the north of the proposed site. Simply stepping back would not be enough to mitigate the issue.

The alternative site was not in the original core strategy.

RMBC had delineated the alternative site as being in Dinnington and consequently inefficient, early consultation had left Todwick in the dark.

To remove land from green-belt required exceptional circumstances which the Inspector did not consider justified.

The process regarding housing set out a target of 170 new homes over 5 villages. The end result was actually 2 villages having to supply the same number.

According to RMBC there was capacity at all local schools. However, every head at local schools had said their schools were at full stretch.

The statistical impact of 107 homes in Todwick was 15% when the core strategy called for an overall 1% uplift. How could such a small village cope?

The proposed development would lead to a loss of separation between Todwick and Kiveton.

Todwick residents Ray Sykes, Shaun Howe and Helen Greer-Waring also attended and made their own submissions.

It was anticipated that the Inspector would announce his decision within the next five weeks. If he decided in favour of RMBC the Parish Council would need to consider whether to appeal at considerable cost and since the Inspector would be considered to have given an independent judgement then what would any appeal likely achieve?

Some residents were to consider their own options and may seek the Parish Council's views. Some residents would be personally impacted. Mr. Sykes would not be but was championing the cause of green-belt and environmental issues.

3. **White** together with **Ferris** had erected and decorated the Christmas tree fronting the village hall

4. **White** reported on the bonfire and fireworks display. Income had been £1907.57 and expenditure £3484.

**Newbold** suggested that for next year a local company be contacted which he knew had the capacity to provide a comparable firework display to the recent one and potentially at less cost. **Resolved** in principal that Councillor **White** arrange for the event to be held on the 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2017 but that no fireworks provider be chosen until details had been obtained from the local company.

**Resolved** to thank Mr. Teasdale for his help in providing pallets and other assistance without which the event would not have been possible.

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

### **OPEN SESSION**

Louise and Howard Nicholson from Nickerwood Farm expressed their concerns about the route of the proposed HS2 rail route which would necessitate the demolition of their grade 1 listed farmhouse.

**Members** expressed their concerns and Councillor Hill gave a resume of his experiences related to compulsory purchase and other related matters.

**Gregory** advised that the matter would be placed on future agendas and information only recently received from the Transport Secretary would be given to parishioners via “The Informer” newsletter.

*The meeting was re-convened at 8.25p.m.*

### **16/92 MEMBER’S ACTIVITY REPORTS (Continued)**

5. **White** reported that the feed-in-tariff payment had been received for the village hall. Some £9,698 had now been received in total. Since installation of the system had cost £10,200 the capital outlay of the system would soon be fully recouped and further feed-in-tariff payments would then directly contribute to the Parish Council’s funds for the next 20 years.

6. **White** had repaired the lock on the gentlemen’s toilet at the sports pavilion

7. **White** reported that the CCTV system had been installed at the sports pavilion. He needed to know the logging in details for the system and would contact the installers for advice.

8. **White** had received a call from Mr. McKee at Wales High School concerning the Parish Council’s “Todwick Award for Community Service”. No one from the Council had been invited to the award ceremony and no consultation had taken place as to the chosen recipient. **White** and **Members** were most dissatisfied with the manner in which the High School continued to treat this award and would be reviewing whether to offer this in the future.

9. **White** had made a further complaint, via a different department, about the condition of the gas sub-station on Kiveton Lane as there had been no response to the Clerk’s requests.

10. **White** had noted dangerous moss present on the footways on Mill Hills and the top of Millfields and asked the Clerk to report to RMBC.

**Newbold** reported a similar situation on Osborne Road

**Clerk** would report all to RMBC.

### **16/111 VILLAGE MAINTENANCE**

**Ferris** had sent Mark Archer’s report to Members prior to the meeting:

Over the past month litter picks had been carried out:

Goosecarr Lane – four rounds

Kiveton Lane – four rounds

The Pastures – four rounds

Church View – four rounds

Recreation Ground – four rounds

The Pastures flower beds had been weeded and swept.

The war memorial had been swept twice in the past month.

There were five black bin bags next to the flower beds that needed taking to the tip.

**Ferris** reported that Mark Archer's employment ceased at the end of November and that he was to be replaced by Kevin Light as the new village maintenance contractor.

### **16/112 TRAFFIC AND TRANSPORTATION MATTERS**

**Gregory** reported that there was nothing to discuss.

### **16/113 NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH**

Norman Anderson had reported the statistics for 2016 up to the end of September.

By comparison last year to the end of September there had only been 23 reported cases compared to 50 in 2016. Over the whole of 2015, there were only 46 reported cases.

This may be something to do with the downsizing in South Yorkshire Police and the fact that officers were now more remote.

Dinnington station had closed. Maltby was not open to the public and Main Street Rotherham was now the nearest police station open to the public.

MONTHLY CATEGORIES														
2016	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DE C	TOTAL	
BURGLARY		2	2	3			1		2				10	
CRIMINAL DAMAGE/ARSON	1		1	1	1				1				5	
OTHER THEFT				1		1							2	
VEHICLE CRIME	4			2		1	1						8	
PUBLIC ORDER				1									1	
VIOLENCE & SEXUAL		1	1	2	2								6	
ANTISOCIAL BEHAVIOUR	1	2	3	2	2	2	4	2					18	
TOTALS	6	5	7	12	5	4	6	2	3				50	

### **16/114 BONFIRE**

**Carter** had sent a report prior to the meeting:

She had sold out of Toffee apples at £1. Glo items went really well particularly the bigger more expensive items and a total profit of £101.57 was made.



Being unsure of the demand, she had been cautious in buying for the stall. Next year the stall would require three people as a minimum and would be more profitable with more thought being put into planning.

**16/115 APPOINTMENT OF LOCAL COUNCILS ENFORCEMENT OFFICER**

**Gregory** gave a précis of the meeting he attended at RMBC with the Parking Enforcement Officer present. The most alarming information to arise was the limited powers the enforcement staff had to issue penalty notices. There was legislation coming to give greater powers but without these any person the parish councils appointed would be unable to fully fill the role required.

**16/116 URGENT ITEMS**

1. Street Light

**Newbold** reported a defective street light on Rayls Rise

2. Fracking/Seismic Surveys

**Hill** read out an article from the Yorkshire Post detailing the problems experienced by Letwell Parish Council caused by potential fracking companies seeking to explore in the area.

The Meeting Closed at 9.00p.m.

The next Council Meeting would be held in **Todwick Church Hall** at 7.00p.m. on Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> December 2016.

..... Chairman

..... Date