

MINUTES of the PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

held on Monday 7th September 2020 at 7pm using a remote access platform.

PRESENT:	Councillor	Phil Maude (Chair)		
	Councillors	Joanne Austin	Dan Greenwood	Stella Walsh
		Howard Bedford	Claire Hassell	Jaqueline Ward
		Karen Dales	Paul Remmer	David Young
		Glyn Davies	Graham Slater	

In attendance: Seven residents, Ward Cllr. Matthew Robinson, Ward Cllr. Sam Firth and the Clerk.

The Chair read out a statement outlining the procedures to be undertaken to hold a lawful and effective remote meeting.

1 APOLOGIES. None.

2 DECLARATIONS OF PECUNIARY INTEREST. None.

3 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION.

- The boys secretary for Garforth Rangers Football Team enquired about availability of the pitch at Barwick.
- A resident asked when the playground at Barwick would reopen. It was agreed that this be an agenda item for the October meeting (liaison with Leeds City Council was ongoing).

4 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING.

It was **resolved** that the minutes of the PC meeting (5/2020) held on 6th July 2020 (598-600) having been circulated, be approved.

It was **resolved** that the minutes of the extraordinary PC meeting (6/2020) held on 27th July 2020 (601) having been circulated, be approved.

5 OTHER ITEMS

5.1 Tree planting on Scholes Lodge Field. A report of an onsite meeting with an Archaeologist and an Ecologist had been circulated for consideration. It was **resolved** to accept the recommendations of their report not to plant any more trees on Scholes Lodge Farm.

5.2 Community Fund Support. The effect on the Community Fund due to the cancellation of the music festival at Bramham Park was noted and it was suggested that the Parish Council (PC) consider offering support in lieu of the funding which would otherwise have been available, especially as many village groups would have been unable to organise fund-raising events of their own due to restrictions associated with control of the pandemic. It was **resolved** that the grants policy be amended. Cllrs. Hassell, Maude and Ward would work together to produce a revised grants policy for consideration by the PC.

5.3 Litter Picking and the Appointment of a Lengthsman. There was discussion regarding whether Councillors considered that there was a litter problem in the Parish. The main areas of concern were the verges along arterial roads. It was noted that the Bloom groups do regular litter picks. There was no overall agreement on making such an appointment and it was agreed to note the report which had been circulated ahead of the meeting.

5.4 Access to Barwick Sports Field. A report had been circulated regarding a request from Barwick in Bloom for the PC to create a new access to the Sports Field. It was **resolved** in principle to allow this change

to be made. The need to consult residents of the adjoining properties, to consider alternatives and to check for underground utility cables/pipes prior to any final decision were noted.

5.5 Pavilion subcommittee Terms of Reference. It was **resolved** that the Terms of Reference of the Pavilion subcommittee be amended to allow them to take bookings for the football pitch.

5.6 Request from H. Hirst amusements to use Jack Heaps field for the fair from 12th October 2020. It was **resolved** that H. Hirst amusements be allowed in principle to use Jack Heaps from the above date subject to production of appropriate documents and assurances that compliance with government guidelines would be followed

5.7 The ginnel off Wendel Avenue. Leeds City Council (LCC) had sought the view of the PC regarding an enquiry from a resident about the removal of a chicane on the ginnel off Wendel Avenue to allow mobility scooter access. It was **resolved** to recommend to LCC that the chicane be removed on the understanding that it would be restored if motorcycles began using it.

5.8 Pavilion

- There had been 126 responses to the 'Vision for the Future' consultation questionnaire – 112 from Scholes and 14 from Barwick in Elmet. There was overall support for the vision, concerns being expressed about anti-social behaviour, noise and access control. The meeting of 22nd August had been well attended. Cllr. Slater and Mr. Moreland were thanked for the considerable amount of work they had done.
- It was agreed that an application be made for the Emmerdale Farm Grant Funding and it was noted that a resident with experience of making bids for funding sources had offered assistance to the PC.
- It was resolved to accept a recommendation to co-opt Cllr. Greenwood and Mr. Beardsley onto the Pavilion subcommittee (the latter as a representative of hirers)

5.9 To consider a resolution to adopt a volunteering policy. This was deferred due to Standing Order 3x.

5.10 Training. It was noted that Cllr. Remmer had attended Village Greens training on 13 August and that Cllr. Maude had attended Appointing, Structuring and using Committees training on 5 August.

5.11 Staffing Committee. It was **resolved** to approve the Terms of Reference of the Staffing Committee which had been circulated.

5.12 Clerk's Annual Appraisal. The Staffing Committees recommendations from the Clerk's Annual Appraisal were noted.

6 PLANNING

- The minutes of the Planning Committee meetings of 20 July and 17 August were noted.
- It was **resolved** to accept a recommendation to co-opt Cllrs. Greenwood and Young onto the Committee.
- It was **resolved** to accept a recommendation to agree in principle a review of the Neighbourhood Plan.

7. FINANCE

7.1 The cash book, bank reconciliation statement, screen print and budget monitor had been circulated and showed eighteen BACS payments made in July & August amounting to £4,017.29. There were also ten direct debits totalling £442.84. Future bank reconciliations would also show monies owed to the PC

7.2 Cash book. It was **resolved** to approve seventeen BACS payments to be made in September of £2,272.01 (plus direct debits).

8 CORRESPONDENCE

The list of correspondence items 3070-3084 had been circulated

9 CRIME REPORT.

There had been one crime in August being the theft of two children's bicycles, this had been captured on closed-circuit television.

10 DATES OF FUTURE MEETINGS

Next PC meeting Monday 5th October 2020 at 7pm.

Finance and General Purposes Committee – Tuesday 15th September 2020 at 7pm.

Pavilion subcommittee – Wednesday 16th September at 7pm.

Planning Committee – Monday 21st September 2020 at 7pm.

All the above meetings to be held by remote access unless advised otherwise.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9:29pm.

Signed

Chair
5th October 2020
