

**MINUTES of the EXTRA-ORDINARY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING**

held on Monday 28<sup>th</sup> November 2022 at 7pm in the Miner's Institute, Barwick in Elmet.

**PRESENT:**

Councillor	Claire Hassell (Chair)		
Councillors	Karen Dales	Graham Slater	Jacqueline Ward
	Paul Remmer	Stella Walsh	Gillian Williamson
	Kinga Ragg		

**In attendance:** The Clerk.

**1 APOLOGIES.** Cllr. Cantelo.

**2 DECLARATIONS OF PECUNIARY INTEREST.** None.

**3 GRANT APPLICATIONS**

The meeting had been called in order to consider several applications for grant funding which had been made by Cllr. Slater and the Clerk and to consider whether to retrospectively approve these applications. The Chair was concerned that these applications had been made without the knowledge or prior approval of the Parish Council (PC). Cllr. Slater disputed this making reference to the minutes of the February meeting of the Pavilion Subcommittee and noted that there had been no objections from the PC at the time (the agenda for this meeting was on the website). He cited paragraph 1b of the terms of reference of that subcommittee (allowing it to consider improvements and maintenance to the Pavilion, Tennis Courts, and perimeter fences within the agreed budget). He suggested that other councillors had instructed expenditure without reference to the PC and cited examples of this.

The specific grant applications were;

To the Community Fund, Emmerdale Fund and Caird Peckfield for Solar Panels, and also to the Community Fund for a playground in Scholes and for conversions of lamppost columns to enhance Christmas light provision.

Each application for solar panel funding was transparent about the fact that funding was being sought elsewhere. If all the applications were successful, then there would be more money coming in than the cost of these solar panels. Cllr. Slater explained that this was the very situation which had occurred with the funding for the Vision project and that there had been telephone conversations with the funding provider and the same would apply regarding the solar panel grant applications. There was a query about the figures which had been submitted.

It was **resolved** to support all five grant applications, Cllrs. Dales, Ragg, Remmer and Ward were in favour and Cllrs. Hassell, Slater, Walsh and Williamson abstained.

It was agreed that a process for making grant applications in the name of the PC was needed and this would be an agenda item at the next meeting.

#### **4 DATES OF FUTURE MEETINGS**

**Parish Council** – 5<sup>th</sup> December 2022 at Scholes Church Hall at 7pm

**Finance and General Purposes Committee** – 13<sup>th</sup> December 2022 at 7pm in the Pavilion

**Planning Committee** – 30<sup>th</sup> November 2022, 6:30pm, Barwick Miner's Institute

**Note:** The wording of agenda items to be submitted in writing to the Proper Officer at least ten clear days before a meeting.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8pm.

Signed

Chair

9 January 2023