

Conisbrough Parks Parish Council

MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING HELD ON JULY 16th 2019 IN THE CHURCH, CHURCH LANE CLIFTON.

PRESENT: Cllrs. Manning, North, Gran, Peat and Cliff

Also present: the Clerk to the Council P. Wilkinson and DMBC Councillors Ian Pearson and Lani-Mae Ball

1. APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Cllr Manning for his lateness to the meeting. Cllr North took the Chair until his arrival.

2. DECLARATIONS OF PERSONAL AND PREJUDICIAL INTEREST

There were none

3. MINUTES OF THE MEETINGS HELD ON JUNE 18th 2019

RESOLVED: that the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 18th June 2019 be approved and signed by the Chairman

4. MATTERS ARISING

Minute No. 4 *In the absence of any action by DMBC the repositioning and securing of the fly tipping 'eyes' sign at the junction of Shipman Balk and Ruddle Way has now been addressed by Cllr Peat.*

Minute No. 4 *Cllr Pearson was of the opinion that the Parish Council was against the use of glyphosate but this was clarified and emphasised that the Parish Councillors will accept its use on condition that it is used sparingly and kept tight round the posts/trees in order to minimise the extent of unsightly bare patches. The need for its use 3 times a year was also questioned, given that one dosage appears sufficient. This will be raised during discussions about the SLA.*

Minute No. 4 *The meeting regarding the grounds maintenance SLA with DMBC has not yet taken place although the relevant Officer is aware of the need and has the names/email addresses of the Parish Councillors who wish to attend.*

Minute No. 4 *All the potholes have not yet been filled. Some have been and others have been re-marked in preparation.*

Minute No. 6 *For clarification, the theft of a car from a garage occurred on the same night as the burglary and theft of items from a car i.e. the 11th/12th June.*

Minute No. 9 *The letter has been sent off to RBS bank requesting the change of contact*

Minute No. 16 *The Clerk had reported the urgent need to cut verges at a number of road junctions and to clear the gullies throughout the village. Cllr Pearson requested the report numbers so that he could check progress on the work.*

5. POLICE AND CRIME REPORTS

Cllr North advised Councillors that he challenged some alleged fly-tippers where the by-way joins Back Lane. They denied the allegation despite there being lots of scattered papers, some

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with names and addresses on, close to their van. They became agitated and brandished offensive weapons. Other villagers arrived and the situation became threatening. The perpetrators eventually left and the Police arrived about 30 minutes later. It transpired that the van was a stolen vehicle. The advice from those that witnessed this unsavory incident was in future to avoid face to face conflict but to gather whatever evidence was possible and report it to the Police.

Cllr Pearson requested the crime reference number, if available, so that he could chase up any progress on identifying the culprits. In addition, he suggested that any future similar occurrences be reported to DMBC Environmental Services.

6. REPORTS FROM DMBC WARD COUNCILLORS

Cllr Lani-Mae Ball reported on the following:

- The summer programme of activities for children has now been advertised
- The recent music festival was very successful, with 3 to 4 thousand people in attendance.
- There is the opportunity to view the public consultation documents regarding proposed cuts to the Fire Service by going on the SYFS website.

Cllr Pearson reported on the following:

- Fly-tipping is a continuing and massive problem which is getting worse. It is proposed to re-introduce the 'dome' containers at selected sites and to ensure that the dumpit sites in the Borough are only used by Doncaster residents. Cllr Manning said that the dumpit sites should be open 7 days a week rather than 5 and Cllr Gran said that it was ludicrous to make it harder for people to get rid of their rubbish as this only encourages fly-tipping. Cllr Manning was of the opinion that some fly-tipping reports could be 'matched-up' as the same items are being split up and dumped separately in different places.

Cllr Gran expressed concern about the recycling of plastics, with some things being accepted and some not. It is obvious that some plastics offer a premium to contractors whilst others do not. Contractors should be made to take all plastics for recycling. Cllr Lani-Mae Ball said that if the contract conditions were too onerous it would put off prospective Contractors.

- The sweeper machines purchased by DMBC have proved to be not fit for purpose and the situation will need to be addressed.
- DMBC Legal Services have been advised to issue notices to farmers and other individuals about the need to cut their hedges for safety reasons. If the work is not done within a given period DMBC will do it and charge the site owner.
- The Fire Service was called out on 4th July to deal with some burning tyres at the maggot farm.
- In future, all DMBC Council Meetings and Committee Meetings will be filmed and recorded to ensure transparency.

Cllr Manning said that he had recently seen in the Rotherham Advertiser a list of PCSOs, their names and their geographic area of responsibility. However, Clifton was not mentioned and Cllr Lani-Mae Ball agreed to find out this information.

Cllr Manning said that New Road between Braithwell and Clifton is in a terrible state of repair and asked if the DMBC Councillors would liaise with their colleagues who cover the Braithwell area in order to bring about improvements for the benefit of all residents. Cllr Pearson replied that the road was within the Braithwell Parish and therefore it is an issue for the Councillors in that Ward.

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7. CORRESPONDENCE

The Clerk had forwarded the following items of correspondence since the last meeting:

- PKF Littlejohn – Confirmation of exempt status
- NALC – Chief Executive Bulletins 21.06.19 & 08.07.19
- YLCA – Joint Annual Meeting 13.07.19
- YLCA – Play area training event 25.07.19
- YLCA – Annual Review 2018/2019
- YLCA – July White Rose update
- YLCA – Protocol on marking the death of a senior national figure
- YLCA – Vacancy for member of SY Police and Crime Panel
- DMBC – Agenda papers for Parish Councils JCC Meeting 10.07.19
- SYP & SYFR – Joint Community Safety Open Day 08.08.19

8. CONFIRMATION OF PAYMENTS

The Clerk confirmed that one payment had been made by cheque since the last meeting. This was for £147.56 to DMBC for grounds maintenance services. Cllr Gran queried the payment in view of the impending meeting regarding the SLA. Cllr Manning said that he would contact Andy Rutherford in an effort to arrange an urgent meeting.

The Clerk reminded Councillors that in the last financial year an amount of £1,508.50 had been received in error from HMRC for a refund of VAT. This was identified in the year end accounts and after discussions with the internal auditor it was agreed to make a cheque payment for the relevant amount to Hooton Pagnell Parish Council in order to rectify the mistake,

9. PLANNING APPLICATIONS/ISSUES

The Clerk informed Councillors that the planning application in respect of 8 Beacon Square (19/00935/FUL) had been refused.

The Clerk informed Councillors that the planning application in respect of The Beeches on Common Lane was still awaiting a decision.

10. PARISH COUNCIL WEBSITE

Cllr North showed a photograph he had taken of a landscape in the South Ward.

RESOLVED: That the photograph be used on the Home page of the Parish Council website to replace the one that is currently displayed.

11. IMPLICATIONS OF THE PUBLIC SECTOR BODIES (WEBSITES AND MOBILE APPLICATIONS) (NO. 2) ACCESSIBILITY REGULATIONS 2018

The Clerk informed Councillors that a recent circular sent by YLCA outlined the requirements in order to comply with the regulations and that these had to be in place no later than 23rd September 2020. It was agreed that the Clerk will liaise with the webmaster and also identify any costs that might be incurred.

Cllr Manning asked if there was a way of recording the number of ‘hits’ on the website and the Clerk will explore the possibility.

12. PLAYGROUND

The Clerk informed Councillors that DMBC carry out quarterly maintenance checks of the playground and the equipment. If any repair work is required a quotation is sent to the

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Parish Council for authorisation of the work, followed by an invoice for the cost when the work is completed. The Parish Council insurers (BHIB) have confirmed that as the Council is solely responsible for the day to day maintenance and upkeep of the equipment then the Public Liability section of the policy will extend to cover the Council's legal liabilities arising from use of the play area. The conditions of this cover are for the play equipment to be inspected annually by an independent qualified inspector (e.g. ROSPA) and for a weekly visual inspection by a member of the Council or someone appointed by the Council. It was agreed that the Clerk will compile a draft weekly checklist for the playground and the matter will be discussed further at the next meeting.

13. PROVISION OF A DEFIBRILLATOR

The Clerk informed Councillors that Braithwell Parish Council had been given two defibrillators 2 or 3 years ago by the Community First Responders based in Maltby, one for Braithwell and one for Micklebring. It was agreed that the Clerk will contact the Community First Responders to ask about the possibility of donating one to Clifton, given that it is an isolated rural community and reasonably close to Maltby

16. ITEMS/COMMENTS FROM PARISH COUNCILLORS

Cllr Gran reported on her attendance at the DMBC Parish Councils JCC Meeting. There were 3 presentations and the meeting was very useful. The next meeting is in November when there is a presentation on planning issues, including a question and answer session. It was agreed that Councillors will consider possible planning questions (such as protection of the greenbelt and implications of being in a conservation area) and a list will be compiled at the next meeting.

Cllr Cliff raised the issue of the overhanging hedges at Beacon Ridge on Common Lane, a property which is currently up for sale. DMBC won't cut the verges or clear any litter until the hedges are cut back. It was agreed that the Clerk will write to Wm. H. Brown asking that they contact the owners to make them aware of the need for action.

Cllr Cliff asked whether there was anything specific for North Ward that he should be addressing. Councillors raised nothing in particular but suggested that he could keep an eye on the accessibility of the footpaths.

Cllr North informed Councillors that the tree outside the Church which was planted to commemorate the Queen's Jubilee had died and that he will remove it. It was agreed to leave the commemorative stone in situ and discuss the possibility of a replacement tree at the next meeting.

Cllr Manning expressed annoyance and frustration at the dumped rubbish on Green Balk.

17. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

No items were raised

18. DATE/TIME OF NEXT MEETING

The next Ordinary Meeting will take place on 3rd September 2019 at 7.00pm

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