

Conisbrough Parks Parish Council

MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING HELD ON JANUARY 13th 2021.

PRESENT: Cllrs. Cliff, Manning, Gran, Leigh & Peat

Also present: the Clerk to the Council P. Wilkinson

1. APOLOGIES

None

2. DECLARATIONS OF PERSONAL OR PREJUDICIAL INTERESTS

Cllr Manning declared a personal interest in one of the planning issues to be discussed under agenda item 10.

3. MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 9th DECEMBER 2020

RESOLVED: that the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 9th December 2020 be approved and signed by the Chairman at the earliest opportunity.

4. MATTERS ARISING

Minute No.4. *Cllr Manning will chase up the quotation for a new noticeboard outside the Church*

Minute No.4. *The Clerk informed Councillors that DMBC Officers have indicated that they will arrange for a more robust fly-tipping sign to be erected at the junction of Green Balk and Long Leys Lane.*

Minute No.4. *Cllr Cliff informed Councillors that the bin in the play area was still not being emptied regularly. The Clerk will notify DMBC again (Report Ref. 201001460710 and new report ref. 201001484787).*

Minute No.6. *The Clerk informed Councillors that Mexborough Police Station coordinates operations in the Parish Council area and that the PCSO has sent her contact details.*

Minute No.9. *Councillors noted that in addition to the permitted development of an extension at the rear of The Bungalow, 2 Common Lane, a new planning application (20/03086/FUL) had also been submitted to DMBC for the erection of a granny flat to replace the existing workshops, the erection of a new garage, a loft conversion and the installation of a new roof over the existing front sun room.*

Minute No.11. *The Clerk informed Councillors that Yorkshire Water had acknowledged it's awareness of the work required to repair/replace the bollards around the water pump on Beacon Lane and had issued a reference number (UO65559) for the work and a contact phone number.*

5. POLICE AND CRIME REPORTS

None

6. REPORTS FROM DMBC WARD COUNCILLORS

In view of the current coronavirus restrictions it was not possible for any of the DMBC Ward Councillors to attend the meeting and no written reports had been received.

Signed.....Chairman

7. FINANCIAL REPORT AND BUDGET MONITORING

The Clerk informed Councillors that the total of the bank balances at 30th November 2020 was £11,751.69. Since this date there have been no bank statements received. However, transactions have been minimal, with only the receipt of a VAT refund from HMRC for £399.19 and a small amount of bank charges being expected. As a result, the estimated total bank balances at the date of the meeting is £12,150.

RESOLVED: That the Finance Report be accepted.

The Clerk informed Councillors that he had no concerns about the expenditure for 2020/2021 as each budget heading was either as expected or under spent.

RESOLVED: That the budget 2020/2021 monitoring process be approved.

8. PARISH COUNCIL PRECEPT 2021/2022

The Clerk reminded Councillors that the 2020/2021 precept is £4,500 which equates to £36.59 for a Band D property. He presented a draft budget for 2021/2022 and also some examples of the implications for a range of possible increases in the precept. Councillors considered the anticipated expenditure for 2021/2022 and the impact of the precept on households.

RESOLVED: To increase the precept for 2021/2022 by £50 to £4,550, which equates to £36.69 for a Band D property.

9. APPOINTMENT OF INTERNAL AUDITOR FOR 2020/2021

The Clerk informed Councillors that the YLCA Internal Auditor carried out the work in 2019/2020 and did a very good and thorough job. He recommended that the same appointment be made for 2020/2021.

Councillors discussed the matter and accepted the recommendation.

RESOLVED: That YLCA be appointed to carry out the internal audit for 2020/2021

10. PLANNING APPLICATIONS/ISSUES

19/03028/FUL (Beacon Ridge) – Councillors noted that no decision had yet been made and that the results of a bat survey were awaited.

20/02730/FUL (3 Beacon Square) – Councillors noted that permission had been granted.

20/01912/FUL (The Bungalow, Kearsley Lane) – Councillors noted that no decision had yet been made.

20/00334/FULM (Crematorium, Sheffield Road) – Councillors noted that permission was refused.

20/02770/PDE (The Bungalow, Common Lane) – Councillors noted the application for an extension to the rear as permitted development.

20/03086/FUL (The Bungalow, Common Lane) – Councillors expressed concerns that significant work was already being undertaken, seemingly in advance of any decision regarding the application, for a granny flat to replace existing workshops, erection of a new garage, a loft conversion and installation of a new roof over the existing front sun room. It was agreed that the Clerk will urgently contact the DMBC Planning Officer to notify her of the concerns.

Cllr Cliff agreed to prepare a draft response to the plans and associated documents relating to this application so that, once it is approved by the other Councillors, it can be submitted to DMBC by the Clerk.

Signed.....Chairman

21/00088/PD (Communication Mast DN0068. Manor Farm, Denbrook Lane) – Councillors noted this as permitted development.

Cllr Manning declared a personal interest in the next planning issue as the owner of a neighbouring property.

21/00081/COND (The Beeches) – Councillors noted this application for the discharge of conditions 15 & 16 of planning application 19/00215/FUL i.e. for landscaping and tree works. However, Councillors expressed concerns that the document also includes items for boundary hedge, fences and wall which are visible from the road and, being in a conservation area, they were of the opinion that specific planning permission should be required for these. For example, the use of concrete posts, boards and panels would not be in keeping with the character of the conservation area especially as the intention is to use them adjoining the old stone barn. It was agreed that the Clerk will register these concerns with the DMBC Planning Department.

11. DEFIBRILLATOR

Cllr Cliff informed Councillors that feedback from his contact at Yorkshire Ambulance Service indicated that grant funding towards the cost of a defibrillator and cabinet was no longer available. The Clerk reminded Councillors that £300 had been donated by the Church and that the purchase price will be approximately £1,500. Cllr Cliff agreed to seek further information from his contact regarding which model of defibrillator & cabinet is recommended, the installation requirements, the ongoing maintenance and any necessary training. It was agreed that the item will be discussed further at the next meeting.

12. CORRESPONDENCE

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

YLCA – White Rose Updates x 2

YLCA – Training Bulletin

YLCA – Climate & Ecological Emergency Bill

YLCA – Coronavirus Update

YLCA – Open Letter from NALC Chairman

DMBC – Agenda Papers for Parish Councils` JCC Meeting 14.01.21

DMBC – Notice of Crematorium Planning Application Going to Planning Committee

DMBC – Planning Consultation re. The Bungalow, Common Lane

DMBC – Permanent Traffic Regulation Order Intention re. Low Rd/Castle Hill, Conisbrough

SY Police – Contact Details for PCSO Laura-Jo Johnson

SY Police & Crime Commissioner – Christmas Message, New Year Message & Blog

Yorkshire Water – Response re. Damage to Bollards Round Water Pump

Census 2021 – Introduction of Laurance Green (Lead Officer) and Offer to Discuss.

Councillors agreed to offer whatever support was required to encourage residents to participate.

Signed.....Chairman

13. PARISH COUNCILLOR ITEMS

Cllr Gran raised two items on behalf of a resident:

- can small electrical items be left in a bag at the side of a blue bin for collection? The Clerk will seek clarification.
- would it be possible to establish a book exchange scheme in Clifton? Councillors agreed to consider the idea when the current pandemic restrictions are lifted and there are no health or safety concerns.

Cllr Gran informed Councillors that she will be participating in the RSPB Garden Birdwatch initiative between 29th & 31st January 2021 and it was agreed that she will display a poster in the noticeboard to encourage others to take part.

Cllr Manning made Councillors aware of an article he had seen in Doncaster Free Press giving details about broadband infrastructure provider Openreach having launched a new project which allows those living and working in Braithwell and Hickleton to pledge their Gigabit Broadband Vouchers to help Openreach fund the installation of gigabit-capable, full fibre broadband. It was agreed that the Clerk will seek further information to see if the scheme can also be extended to include Clifton.

Cllr Cliff said that a new 'No Dogs Allowed' sign in the play area was required. The Clerk will make enquiries with DMBC.

Cllr Cliff said that the 6 grit bins in the village were in need of refilling. Councillors acknowledged that 3 of them were owned by the Parish Council and that it would therefore be required to pay DMBC for the grit. The Clerk will make the request to DMBC. i.e.

GB191 – ref. 201001483749

GB236 – ref. 201001483755

Jct. Common Lane/Church Lane (PC owned) – ref. 201001483765

Jct. Beacon Lane/Back Lane (PC owned) – ref. 201001483770

Jct. Back Lane/Church Lane (PC owned) – ref. 201001483776

14. DATE/TIME OF THE NEXT MEETING

The next Ordinary Meeting will take place at 7.00pm on 10th February 2021

Signed.....Chairman

