

# Conisbrough Parks Parish Council

## MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING HELD ON MARCH 10th 2021.

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

**Also present:** the Clerk to the Council P. Wilkinson

### 1. APOLOGIES

DMBC Cllr Pearson submitted his apologies.

### 2. DECLARATIONS OF PERSONAL OR PREJUDICIAL INTERESTS

Cllr Manning declared a personal interest in agenda item 9 when a planning application update regarding the Beeches is discussed.

### 3. MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 10<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY 2021

**RESOLVED:** that the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 10<sup>th</sup> February 2021 be approved and signed by the Chairman at the earliest opportunity.

### 4. MATTERS ARISING

Minute No.4. *Cllrs noted the costs of purchasing a new noticeboard to replace the one outside the Church and decided that refurbishment of the existing one is the preferred short-term solution. Cllr Cliff agreed to look at what work was required and he will also seek a quotation from a local joiner for future consideration.*

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 & Report ref. 201001484787).*

Minute No.4. *Cllr Manning informed Councillors that the bollards around the water pump on Beacon Lane had not yet been repaired. The Clerk will contact Yorkshire Water.*

Minute No.4. *Cllr Cliff said that the 'No Dogs Allowed' sign was ready and Cllr Peat agreed to put it up in the play area.*

Minute No.6. *The Clerk said that a Planning Officer from DMBC had expressed a willingness to meet with Councillors to talk about neighbourhood planning. Councillors indicated that their main priority was to protect the green spaces, the trees, the environment and the character of Clifton village. They agreed that a meeting would be useful and the Clerk will arrange.*

Minute No.9. *Councillors noted the grounds maintenance map received from DMBC and agreed that a meeting with the relevant Officer would be useful in order to seek clarifications. The Clerk will arrange.*

### 5. POLICE AND CRIME REPORTS

There were no reports.

### 6. REPORTS FROM DMBC WARD COUNCILLORS

There were no reports.

Signed.....Chairman

## 7. FINANCIAL REPORT AND BUDGET MONITORING

The Clerk reported that the total of the bank balances at 28<sup>th</sup> February 2021 was £12,150.81. Bank charges totalling £0.35 and the receipt of interest totalling £0.09 had occurred since the last meeting.

**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. WEIGHT LIMIT SIGNS

Cllr Manning highlighted a number of recent occurrences of large vehicles trying to come through Clifton village and being unable to get round the bends. On one occasion a wall was damaged as a result. He said that weight limit signs were originally in place at the junction of Denbrook Lane & Carr Lane and the junction of Beacon Lane & Ruddle Lane, but these were no longer in situ. In addition he was of the opinion that there should be a new sign at the junction of Shipman Balk & Ruddle Lane.

The Clerk informed Councillors that he had requested replacement signs from DMBC for the first two locations and that the third location will be assessed as soon as is possible.

Councillors agreed to monitor the situation.

Cllr Gran was of the opinion that some large vehicles were using the excuse of ‘making a delivery’ in order to justify use of the narrow roads and that residents should therefore make it clear to prospective deliverers that a weight limit applies, meaning that a suitable vehicle should be utilised.

## 9. PLANNING APPLICATIONS/ISSUES

20/03086/FUL (The Bungalow, Common Lane) – No decision yet made but Councillors noted an amended plan had been submitted. The Clerk will ascertain why the Parish Council had not been notified of the amendment and what the deadline for comments is.

21/00503/TCON (8 Beacon Square) – Removal of Eucalyptus tree in conservation area. Councillors raised no objections

19/03028/FUL (Beacon Ridge) – Councillors noted no decision yet made.

21/00333/FUL (Beacon Ridge) – Demolition of existing outbuilding, part demolition of wall and erection of new dwelling. Councillors raised the following issues/concerns:

- Encroachment into green belt. The proposed new boundary should be the limit of this encroachment and no future changes should be permitted. The boundary should be set and agreed.
- The front of the proposed building comes very close to the roadside. No other buildings come so close in this area.
- Access in and out of the site is close to a bend in the road and immediately on entering the 20MPH area. Furthermore to the north are existing hedges and trees. These trees add to the character of the local area and in many cases they are outside of the applicant’s boundary. Both the proximity of the bend and the trees will cause sight line difficulties and the potential for accidents. Other properties in the area have had to make changes in order to provide for line of sight when making changes to access.
- The footprint of the proposed building should be the limit, with no future extensions permitted.
- Will the connection into the Beacon Ridge sewer cause any difficulties? Is the sewer capable of the addition of a further property?

Signed.....Chairman

- The turning area is too close to the remaining trees. Trees in the area are known to only have shallow roots due to limestone ridges just below the surface.
- There should be no further felling of trees permitted. The tree identified as R2.8 is outside the applicant's boundary as may be the case with other trees and hedges to the north along Common Lane.
- There are a number of inaccuracies on the application form i.e. the demolition of the outbuilding & wall and erection of hedges **will** have biodiversity and geological conservation impacts; the existing space is not all hard-standing as stated in the proposal and it **does** involve the loss, gain or change in use of non-residential floor space.
- Work has already started on site prior to any decision being made by DMBC.
- The driveway turning area encroaches into greenbelt, is this permitted? Is the driveway area large enough for 2 cars?
- The parish council wishes that a condition can be placed which would restrict the parking of vehicles on the road or verge as this would cause obstruction on the public highway.

The Beeches – Councillors noted an alteration to the plan regarding the barn and an extension to the time frame for comments. It was agreed to monitor progress.

#### **10. TREE PROTECTION ORDERS AND PROTECTING GREEN SPACE**

Councillors agreed to defer this item until the completion of the Doncaster Local Plan and to then ascertain if it contains sufficient protection for the green spaces and trees in order to satisfy local residents. This will be discussed further at the meeting with the DMBC Planning Officer regarding neighbourhood planning (see agenda item 4).

#### **11. DEFIBRILLATOR**

Councillors noted that a donation of £150 from the DMBC Ward Councillors Community Fund had been received towards the funding of a defibrillator and they wished to record their thanks for this generous gesture.

The Clerk confirmed that a total of £450 had been received in donations and therefore the Parish Council would need to contribute £549 in order to make the payment of £999 to the Yorkshire Ambulance Service Charity. In return, the YAS Charity would ‘gift’ a defibrillator and a storage cabinet to the Parish Council for use in Clifton village.

The cabinet is heated and has a light in it so will need connecting to an electricity supply. It has a keypad to open it and will be located on the exterior wall of the Church building so that it is accessible 24/7. The defibrillator comes with a battery and a set of pads. A number of nominated ‘guardians’ will be required as the equipment will need checking each week in accordance with a checklist that YAS will provide. It requires a new battery roughly every 4 years at an approximate cost of £200. A set of pads will be required every 2 years, or after use, at a cost of approximately £40 and electricity costs will be approximately £12 per year. Councillors discussed the matter.

**RESOLVED:** That the Parish Council contributes £549 and makes application to the Yorkshire Ambulance Service Charity 999 scheme for the provision of a defibrillator. Furthermore, the Parish Council accepts responsibility for the defibrillator and the above conditions which apply to the scheme.

Signed.....Chairman

**12. COMMUNITY FIBRE SCHEME**

It was agreed to defer this item to the next meeting.

**13. CORRESPONDENCE**

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

YLCA – White Rose Updates x 2

YLCA – Training Bulletins x 3

YLCA – SY Branch Meeting 24.02.21 Climate Emergency Presentation Notes

YLCA – Remote Conference 21<sup>st</sup>/22<sup>nd</sup> April 2021

DMBC – Planning Application re. Removal of Tree at 8 Beacon Square

DMBC – Permanent Traffic Regulation Orders re. School Keep Clear Markings

DMBC – Invitation to Opening of Danum Gallery, Library & Museum

DMBC – Planning Application re. Beacon Ridge, Common Lane

Sheffield City Region Mayoral Executive – Financial Support for SY Businesses

SY Police & Crime Commissioner – Blogs x 2

Resident – Reports to DMBC re. Fly-Tipping x 2

Resident – Welcomes Proposed Increase in Enforcement Activity by DMBC re. Fly-tipping

Resident – Suggestion of Litter Picks by Volunteers. Councillors agreed to discuss this suggestion further at a future meeting when the current Covid restrictions have been lifted.

**14. PARISH COUNCILLOR ITEMS/ISSUES**

Cllr Manning raised the following:

- a litter pick is required along Ruddle Lane to Five Lane Ends. The Clerk will report (ref. 201001552724).
- need for replacement of the road signs at the Five Lane Ends roundabout. The Clerk will report (ref. 201001552834).

Cllr Gran suggested a slight movement of the salt bin on Beacon Square.

**15. DATE/TIME OF THE NEXT MEETING**

**The next Ordinary Meeting will take place at 7.00pm on 14<sup>th</sup> April 2021**

Signed.....Chairman

