



# WARMSWORTH PARISH COUNCIL COUNCIL MEETING

Minutes of the Meeting held on 12 March 2018 in the Community Centre, Low Road West, Warmsworth at 7.00pm

**Members Present:** Cllrs. J Auty (Chair), S Auty, C Pattison, A Bennett, L Curtis, C Jackson.

**In Attendance:** 9 members of the public, DMBC Cllr P Cole and Mr A. Bosmans (Clerk)

**Apologies:** Cllr. S White – the reason for the apology was given and accepted.

**Members Absent:** None

Standing Orders were suspended for up to forty-five minutes to enable a question and answer session with two representatives from Sibelco.

Typically, there were some challenging and robust questions about blasting, dust control, noise control, extraction limits and long-term extraction rights / plans, but equally the representatives from Sibelco were informative and useful.

Following the suspension of Standing Orders, normal business resumed, and the Chair reminded everyone of the Code of Conduct between members, the accepted Procedure for engagement by Members of the Public and that the meeting was being recorded in full for accurate reflection of the minutes and procedures in the meeting.

## **18/033**

### **To Receive Disclosure of Members' Interests**

None, other than those previously discussed in November 2016 and subsequent dispensation.

## **18/034 To Determine Applications for Dispensations for certain Pecuniary Interests and other Interests**

Cllr. White has been granted dispensation to take part in any debate and vote in this and any future meetings until 1<sup>st</sup> May 2019 on Agenda items concerning the allotments, however this did not apply today as Cllr White had tendered his apologies.

## **18/035 Exclusion of Press and Public**

Item 17 on the Agenda – an appeal for funding brought the need to move that Press and Public be excluded.

## **18/036 To Resolve that the Minutes of the meeting held on 12th February 2018 circulated as draft to members, be signed as a true record.**

One Councillor thought that there was an issue with certain wording for one of the items, but subsequently withdrew this so the minutes were, in fact accurate as distributed in Draft.

**RESOLVED:** That the Minutes of the meeting held on 12<sup>th</sup>. February 2018 be accepted as a true record and signed as such by the Chair.

## **18/037 Matters Arising**

There were no Matters Arising other than those which were contained within the Agenda.

9.4.16  
J Auty

### 18/038 Public Participation Session

There was no further update at present on the progress over the adoption of Beech Grove.

A delegation from the allotment Holders Association was attending and their Chairman brought in some photos of the potholes at the Allotments, and again made the case for spending more Council Tax money on the access road, indicating that the Parish Council was responsible for the repair of that road and for any damage or injuries sustained leaving the holes in disrepair.

The Chair stated that this was the same argument in a slightly different form and that there was never any agreement passed by the Parish Council to spend more money on the road immediately after purchasing the allotments, £80,000 was allotted to the purchase of the allotments only and any surplus from that goes back into the Budget for subsequent use. Nevertheless, she also emphasised that the Allotments representative on Warmsworth Council, Cllr S White, had been asked to discuss with the Allotments Committee, a possible short term remedial solution of compacted hardcore undertaken by a reputable builder, at the sanction of the Council.

Whilst recognising this action short of a full resurface, the Chair also recognised that there would be further consideration of resurfacing in due course, but as £60,000 had already spent on securing the allotments for future use, when they could have been lost forever, there were other more pressing priorities in the Parish at least in the short term.

The Chair also re-iterated the request from the Allotment Holders to re-negotiate the lease for the Allotments was an offer on the table and that there was a need now to sit down with representatives from the Parish Council and the Allotments Committee to look at new Terms and Conditions. The Clerk would also attend any meeting to ensure an adequate record was kept of proceedings.

There was some disagreement amongst the Allotment Holders in attendance as they were still objecting to what the Council was proposing, however DMBC Cllr Phil Cole stated that there was a suitable compromise on the table for negotiation and that this was a way forward which the Allotment Holders should consider very carefully.

The Chair indicated that there was a need for progress and that once again there was a Five Year Plan and no flat refusal to do the road, but it could not be done immediately, and that the Clerk would be contacting the Committee Chair to agree a suitable time to assess and undertake pothole remedial work and to offer some dates for meeting to discuss a new agreement between the Parish Council and the Allotments.

### 18/039 To Consider the Appointment of two Casual Vacancies to the Council

The Clerk advised that he had not received any more expressions of interest yet, but Councillors did indicate that they were working on the possibility of more expressions of interest which were non- specific.

### 18/040 To Receive any feedback from the Appointees to Various Bodies

- a) **Allotments** – This had been offered for report and discussion in the Public Participation Section and no further questions were allowed.
- b) **Environmental Group / Playing Fields** – Cllr Pattison circulated a brief report on the issues that were at present being tackled or had in fact been sorted by the Environmental Group around Warmsworth. This report was **Noted**.
- c) **Cricket Club**  
It was reported that there is at present some anti-social behaviour around the club, especially when it is closed such as recently having bins emptied out and other litter issues.
- d) **Football Club** – It was reported that the football pitches were in a poor state and currently unusable possibly due to damaged drainage.

It was also reported that the Gala Committee had been refused permission by the Lions to site a small container at the back of the building, but the Committee was examining alternatives in conjunction with the Parish Council.

- e) **PCJCC** – Due to meet that week – Chair was scheduled to attend and had received notification.
- f) **PROW** – Rights of Way – Cllr Pattison agreed to do this – it is due to meet soon.
- g) **DTUG** – Had not met, but Cllr Curtis had received notification that he would be sent an advance Agenda to attend then next meeting.
- h) **Don Gorge** – Cllr Bennett reported that there was now a Community Volunteer and he was from Warmsworth. The proposed litter pick in early March was postponed because of adverse weather.
- i) **Quarry Liaison** – There was no need for a report as representatives from Sibelco had been present earlier to discuss any issues and had promised to maintain liaison with the local community.
- j) **Accounts Inspection** – Cllr Bennett and S Auty were now satisfied with what they had seen and that a full reconciliation as requested was presented to Councillors in the current Agenda.
- k) **Staff Liaison** – Chair had not yet agreed a date to liaise with the Clerk for a Review.
- l) **Gala Committee** – Cllr Jackson was pleased to report that several local businesses had agreed to provide sponsorship for this year's Gala.
- m) **Neighbourhood Watch** – Representation on this was lacking at present but it does not meet very often if at all.
- n) **Community Partnership** – Representation on this was currently vacant

#### 18/041 To Discuss and Receive Correspondence

- a) South Yorkshire Fire & Rescue – Newsletter
- b) Cllr S Auty – Appeal for items in the forthcoming Newsletter
- c) VCF – Newsletter – Edition 9
- d) Northern Powergrid – February News & Weather Bulletins
- e) Liz Reeve – Don Gorge – Draft Minutes – 12/02/18
- f) The Testing Lab – Asbestos Report
- g) Fields in Trust – Love Your Local Park
- h) Liz Reeve – Don Gorge – AGM 12/03/18
- i) Fields in Trust – Membership Renewal – Automatic Direct Debit
- j) Community First – Newsletter – February 2018
- k) Police & Crime Commissioner – February / March Newsletter
- l) NALC – Chief Executive's Bulletins – Various – February / March
- m) Town & Parish Council Websites – Newsletter
- n) VCF – Newsletter – Edition 10

All items were **noted** without discussion except item f). The Clerk indicated that he had circulated the report to all members and that there were no significant issues. The Report was one of the requirements for Doncaster MBC, or indeed any contractor, to undertake work on the Community Centre.

#### 18/042 To Consider Members Items

- a) Risk Register – It was reported by the Chair that a new Risk Assessment had been undertaken by the Fire Alarm inspector and was a requirement of the recent South Yorkshire Fire and Rescue Inspection. She was awaiting the assessment from the contractor concerned and it would be kept centrally in the Community Centre. The Clerk stated that he was looking into a new Risk Register and would be introducing this to Councillors at the AGM in May.
- b) Demolished Wall and Gates – Holiday Inn – it was reported that there was some mix up between the owners the proposed contractor and Doncaster MBC especially since the wall had to be restored to its previous state with the same gates. Hopefully this was to be sorted within the next week.

**18/043 To Consider Financial Matters.**

a) The Following Orders were approved for Payment:

i)	000474	£100.00	Cllr J Auty – Section 137 – Gift Vouchers – Poor Family
		£94.79	Cllr J Auty – New Free standing Burco Boiler
ii)	000475	£360.00	Abacus – Mole Extermination
iii)	000476	£322.00	J Sheerin - Greenfingers
iv)	000477	£108.00	St Peters Warmsworth Scouts - Newsletter
v)	000478	£74.87	Water Plus – Waste Water
vi)	000479	£1,055.40	Clerk's Salary - February
vii)	000480	£364.00	Caretaker on Holiday – Replacement Wage
viii)	000481	£443.00	Caretaker's Salary
ix)	000482	£0.00	Cancelled
x)	000483	£1,513.00	Annual Insurance
xi)	000484	£74.00	Warmsworth Cricket Club – Refuse
xii)	000485	£210.00	J Sheerin - Greenfingers
xiii)	000486	£300.00	Warmsworth Allotment Holders – Hedge Work
xiv)	000487	£264.00	Testing Lab – Asbestos Survey
xv)	000488	£110.00	S E Robertson – Fire Alarm Testing

A question on the mole extermination was satisfactorily answered

**RESOLVED:** That the above Payments are approved.

- b) Signatures — The Chair stated that all signatories had been notified to the bank and that the Clerk should have a response very soon.
- c) Bank Reconciliation as at 31<sup>st</sup> January 2017 - **Noted**
- d) Actual Expenditure v Budget to end of January 2017 – **Noted**
- e) Bank Statements – Presented as evidence of c) and d) - **Noted**

**18/044 To Consider resolutions notified by Members**

i) Possible Appointment of a Gardener / Handyman

The Clerk was asked if he could source a Job Description and some costings about how much such an appointment may be, suggested hours and how much Green Fingers was currently being paid per the agreement between him and the Parish Council. This would be available at the next meeting.

ii) Blinds for the Old Hall Windows

The existing blinds in the Old Hall had been ruined by condensation and damp, so permission was sought to source quotes for new blinds – The Chair agreed to sort this and report back.

**18/045 To Discuss matters notified by members / Clerk or carried over from the last meeting**

*(Unless listed below, no resolutions may be moved under this item)*

- i) **Signage for River Don Path**– Cllr Pattison – this is about to be resolved.
- ii) **Warmsworth Businesses and their contribution to the village aesthetic** – Some discussion on this had been in the Budget but it was thought important enough to remain on
- iii) **Shrub Replacement – King George Field** - Shrubs would be sourced for planting in October / November and would be around v60 to 80cm and cost around £3 each.

- iv) **Front Hall Floor and Roof** – This was awaiting further action. Doncaster MBC had requested information on Asbestos and whether the Hall was listed and / or conserved – this had been sent to them and the Clerk was awaiting further instruction, but confirmation of the work taking place in the Summer holidays was needed which the Clerk said he would again request confirmation of.
- v) **New Door / Door Entry System** – Priorities at the centre had changed a little but this was still an item to be furthered and was included in the Budget.
- vi) **Lords Head Lane** – Culvert Cleaning – Councillors agreed to remove this for the time being and monitor.
- vii) **Quarry Park** – Section 106 Funds – This would be monitored as it was thought that Warmsworth deserved the money available and had ideas as to how it could be spent – agreed to remove for now.
- viii) **Parking/Speeding & Various Calming Measures in the Village** – Cllr Curtis had received an e-mail from Doncaster MBC stating that Church Lane was not a high-risk area and that he and Cllr S Auty would continue with the petition.
- ix) **Neighbourhood Plan / LDP** – Still awaiting further clarification on LDP by DMBC
- x) **Gala Appeal for Storage Space** – Cllr Jackson stated that they had been asked to remove the container from the allotments and needed new storage space – as reported earlier the Gala Committee and the Parish Council were looking at alternatives for storage.
- xi) **Summer Activity Request** – MUGA – there was a short debate about numbers for this, but it was reported that the cost anyway would be around £840 – adequate insurance was required from the provider and Cllr Pattison / Chair agreed to source the possible numbers expected for the April meeting
- xii) **Bus Shelter and Crossing** – Cllr Jackson reported that this had been a mess from the beginning, totally un co-ordinated and possibly unnecessary. The Bus shelter was still in its original position and The Clerk agreed to request why it had been such a farce to the SYPTE who were responsible for the contract.
- xiii) **Mill Lane Verges** – It was reported that there were a few initiatives by Doncaster MBC and residents regarding parking prevention. One member of the public who lived at the bottom of Mill Lane stated that he was not happy that access to his drive was regularly blocked. It was agreed to press Doncaster MBC officers further as Edlington had received some very effective bollards at the top end of the village to prevent parking damage on the verges. This item should remain as outstanding.
- xiv) **Parking Issues** – Top of Lord's Head Lane – it was uncertain as to what the outcome of this was and Clerk agreed to ask Doncaster Council again about the issue, as some studies were supposed to be undertaken.
- xv) **Christmas Lights Upgrade and Tree Trim** – Clerk to look at having lights removed, tree trimmed and lights restored, or new lights fitted
- xvi) **Condition of Bridge** – Guest Lane – still an outstanding issue – agreed to leave on the Agenda.
- xvii) **Damage to Fencing** – Sprotbrough Falls – Cllr Pattison stated that this could be removed as the fencing had been mended, although safety in this area was still being questioned.
- xviii) **Kelso & Guest Lane Potholes** – Cllr Pattison stated that the holes had been filled, but not to a very good standard – it was agreed to remove this for the time being.
- xix) **Fire Risks** – this was as per identified by the last Fire & Rescue Service Inspection , some had been actioned, The Clerk was rectifying the rest.

#### 18/046 To Consider and Comment of Planning Matters

18/00300/FUL – Erection of Rear Sunroom – 8 Warmsworth Court – Quaker Lane - No Observations

#### 18/047 To Confirm the date of the next Meeting as:

Monday 9th April 2018 at 7.00pm – Press and Public Exclusion was then moved to discuss an appeal for funding. Confidential Minutes refer.

The meeting concluded at 9.45pm

