



WARMSWORTH PARISH COUNCIL COUNCIL MEETING

Minutes of the Meeting held on 11 September 2017 in the
Community Centre, Low Road West, Warmsworth at 7.00pm

Members Present: Cllrs. J Auty (Chair), S Auty, S White, M Collinson, and L Curtis.

In Attendance: 4 members of the public, and Mr A. Bosmans (Clerk)

Apologies: Cllrs. A Bennett and C Pattison – the reasons for apologies were agreed.

Members Absent: None

The Chair welcomed Cllr Lee Curtis, who was attending his first Parish Council meeting, after signing all the declarations.

17/127 To Receive Disclosure of Members' Interests

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

17/128 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 1st May 2019 on Agenda items concerning the purchase of the allotments.

17/129 Exclusion of Press and Public

Item 20 was identified and agreed, to Approve previous Confidential Minutes and discuss Staffing considerations.

17/130 To Approve the Notes of the meeting held on 10 July 2017 circulated as draft to members, and concerning the public meeting with the Police & Crime Commissioner.

These were accepted as reflecting what was said at the meeting and the Clerk was asked to place them on the website.

17/131 To Resolve that the Minutes of the meeting held on 10 July 2017 circulated as draft to members, be signed as a true record.

RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the meeting held on 10 July 2017 be accepted as a true record.

17/132 Matters Arising

The Clerk identified that the Parish Council now owned the Allotments, but he was still awaiting the registration from the Land Registry. There was apparently a backlog as notified by the Solicitors but he was asked to follow this up again with them.

The Clerk also clarified that there was a specific ruling concerning Allotments and that the Parish Council (despite rumours to the contrary) could not dispose of the Allotments without Government approval and even then after demonstrating that the Allotments were no longer required by the public and after lengthy consultations.

Councillors requested that the news of ownership and the rules around preventing its disposal be placed on the website.

The Clerk also reported that he had asked Doncaster Council to tidy up the roundabout at Junction 36 A1(M) as a significant gateway to Doncaster for the St Leger Festival and had been given promises that it would be done, however, to date it was still in the same state.

Other Matters Arising were contained within the Agenda.

17/133 Public Participation Session

There was a lengthy update by members of the public and the Clerk on the recent on-going anti-social behaviour in the Quarry Park which had resulted in a number of serious incidents including alcohol and drug abuse, and culminating in an off-road biker falling off his bike, sustaining serious injuries and his cohorts removing the bike from the scene before police arrived.

A local meeting in the park had been set up for Friday 15th September at 09.00 involving members of the Warmsworth Environmental Group, Doncaster MBC, police, and Councillors both Parish and DMBC.

The Press had also been invited and it was hoped that something could at least be started to prevent this type of behaviour in future.

A second matter was raised around the Allotments and whether there was any money left over from the acquisition of the Allotments for tarmac on the Halt land to facilitate easy access and exit.

The Clerk explained that there was a sum of money left over from the purchase of the Allotments and indeed there was no problem with the tarmac as such, but that this was a separate scheme which had to be costed and would be part of an ongoing investment by the Council. However, there were, at present, other more pressing priorities with the Community Centre roof and floor, the cottage and so on, and it was prudent to spread the money around the Community and not concentrate in one area, particularly since £60,000 was no small amount.

The Clerk did agree to place the resurfacing on a Budget "Wish list" and agreed to ask the insurers whether the current "hardcore" surface was acceptable.

A member of the public then made an allegation against another member of the public which was also a complaint against a Warmsworth Councillor. The Clerk stated that no action could be taken unless the matter was placed in writing to him.

17/134 To Consider the Appointment of two Casual Vacancies to the Council

The Clerk reported that he had received an application from Clarissa Jackson who was present as a member of the public. The Chair requested that she leave proceedings whilst a discussion ensued.

Councillors were minded to appoint Ms Jackson after a lengthy discussion about competence and enthusiasm for the position; however, Ms Jackson returned and withdrew her application.

This still left two Casual Vacancies to be filled and the Clerk agreed to place these on the website to ask for interested person to express a willingness to become a Parish Councillor.

17/135 To Appoint "Champions" as Representatives to various local interested bodies

- i) Allotments – Agreed Cllrs. White and S. Auty
- ii) Environmental Group / Playing Fields – Agreed Cllrs. Pattison and White
- iii) Cricket Club – Agreed Cllrs. Collinson and White
- iv) Football Club – Agreed – Cllr. Curtiss
- v) PCJCC – Vacant
- vi) DTUG – Transport Users Group – Agreed – Cllr Curtiss
- vii) Rights of Way – Cllr. White
- viii) Don Gorge – Agreed Cllr. Bennett
- ix) Quarry Liaison Group – Agreed Cllrs. Pattison and White
- x) Accounts Internal Inspection – Agreed Cllrs. Bennett and Collinson
- xi) Staff Liaison – Cllrs J Auty, S. Auty and Pattison
- xii) Gala Committee – Agreed Cllr. White
- xiii) Neighbourhood Watch – Agreed Cllr. Collinson
- xiv) Community Partnership / Library – Agreed – Cllr. Collinson

17/136 To Consider change of date and time for next Parish Council Only

The Clerk explained that he had an urgent engagement on the scheduled date and asked for the date to be changed if possible- Councillors acknowledged the need for the change and agreed to move the date to Monday 2nd.October 2017 ONLY, at the same time.

17/137 To Consider the establishment of a Working Party on Managing the Community Centre

The Chair explained that it was an idea that was put forward to manage the Community Centre independently, though not outside the remit of the Parish Council.

This would enable a small working group of appointed Councillors to assume responsibility for the Centre's day-to-day requirements and they would be able to react quickly to important or developing situations.

The Clerk stated that he would produce some more ideas on this for the next meeting.

17/138 To Discuss and Receive Correspondence

- a) DMBC – Rights of Way Minutes
- b) Don Gorge – Friends Newsletter
- c) Don Gorge – Committee Minutes
- d) Play Inspections – Annual Inspection of Play Equipment – For Discussion
- e) British Gas – Newsletter
- f) S Y Fire Service – Newsletter
- g) DMBC – Draft Minutes – PCJCC
- h) Don Gorge – Committee Meeting – September
- i) Liz Reeve – Sheffield Waterfront Festival
- j) Doncaster CCG – Invitation to AGM

This was all noted apart from the Annual Inspection of Play Equipment which had produced some minor but essential adjustments which the Clerk would look to addressing. The Clerk also reported some damage to the children's play area which would require more than remedial work to repair and in the interim it was appropriate for the Council to close that part of the facility.

RESOLVED: The Clerk would check out the necessary adjustments and renewals and report back

17/139 To Consider Members Items

The Chair reported that the Picnic Table had disappeared but had now been re-sited

Members also expressed a wish to see a five-year plan of Investment in the Parish which the Clerk would consider for Members to inspect at Budget setting in November's meeting.

17/140 To Consider Financial Matters.

The Following Orders were approved for Payment:

i)	000419	£250.00	Warmsworth Ladies - Donation
ii)	000420	£250.00	Warmsworth Gala Committee – Donation
iii)	000421	£933.68	Clerk's Salary
iv)	000422	£400.62	Caretakers Salary
v)	000423	£476.01	HMRC via Post Office
vi)	000424	£ 17.99	Battery for Loudspeaker
vii)	000425	£448.84	Hoover, Cupboard & Expenses
viii)	000426	£308.00	Greenfingers – Grounds Maintenance
ix)	000427	£960.72	Clerk Salary & Expenses
x)	000428	£522.45	Caretaker & Expenses

RESOLVED: That the above Payments be approved.

Councillors also agreed the Financial Report on the evening which included an update on the Balances and Expenditure to date against Budget, as well as evidence of the Bank Balances.

17/141 To Consider resolutions notified by Members

Although unable to attend the meeting, Cllr Pattison had sent an update on various issues which the Chair outlined as follows:

- a) **The Issue of Yellow Lines on Low Road West** – they were only limited restriction and not double yellows, but she has asked Highways at DMBC to consider double yellows and possible bollards to prevent large vehicles parking overnight on the pavement. Dave Worthington at Doncaster MBC was awaiting the request formally being agreed by the Council.

RESOLVED: That Warmsworth Council approve the full restriction of parking on Low Road West both sides of the road in the area where the limited restriction currently applies.

- b) **Replacement Shrubs and Litter Bin on King George Field** – The bin was awaiting a cost including installation from Doncaster Council and Greenfingers had cleared the entrance to the field for the planting of 4 or 5 shrubs which had only just been started despite approval from the Parish Council last year.
- c) **Perimeter Fencing behind the Cricket Club** – Cllr Pattison and The Clerk had inspected this and talked with the Cricket Club. A fence was required to keep vandalism to a minimum which threatened the Club, especially when fires were lit. The Clerk highlighted the three quotes that were sought but only one was suitable and it was Oakley Fencing who had done previous fencing at the Field. Cllrs were informed that to fence the area to suitability would require an outlay of over £4,000 and that some of this could be recovered from the Cricket Club as they wished for some modifications

RESOLVED: That Oakley Fencing is approved to undertake the contract and the Cricket Club is recharged for the additional work to their specifications.

- d) **Fallen Tree at the Cricket Club** – This was not strictly an issue for the Council but the Clerk was asked to contact someone previously used for this type of thing to see whether it was practical to remove the tree.
- e) **Cricket Balls – Resident Complaint** – Several meetings had been set to discuss this with Cllr Pattison, The Clerk, the Cricket Club, and the landlord. Some form of netting for protection of the properties had been agreed as well as insurance compensation for damage which the cricket club would sort in liaison with the landlord and tenant. There would be a small cost to the Council and this was on-going.
- f) **Guest Lane – Broken Fencing** – Still awaiting a response from Network Rail – in the absence of Cllr Pattison, Cllr S. Auty agreed to follow this up.
- g) **Quarry Grass Cutting** – Cllr Pattison had contacted the Quarry Manager Andy Scholes to complain about this and a follow up by some Councillors reported that this had now been done.
- h) **De-Cluttering of the Community Centre Cupboards** – An extensive clear out had removed most of the non-essential stuff and the cupboards looked better for it.
- i) **Signage for River Don Path** – Cllr Pattison had met with Andy Carnell from Rights of Way to gain support for the Canal and River Trust sponsored project for signage on circular walks. This should be done in the next few months and Councillors will be invited to see for themselves the results of this.
- j) **Street Cleaning Complaint** – After an allegation that Street Cleansing teams reported to residents that they were not permitted to pick up litter on the shop side of Edlington Lane, Cllr Pattison has talked with the Ground Maintenance Team Manager for the area, at Doncaster Council, and this should not be the case, but residents in the area were asked to monitor this.
- k) **Garage Doors** – Stapleton Road – There has been an initial discussion with St Leger Homes about their state but no progress has been made to date.
- l) **Quarry Park and Allocation of Section 106 Monies from Warmsworth Halt sale.** – DMBC Cllr Phil Cole had been written to by Cllr Pattison about the money being used in Warmsworth for improvements to the Quarry Park. Despite several reminders Cllr Cole had not acknowledged the letter but had asked any interested parties in both Edlington and Warmsworth what they wished the money to be spent on.
- m) **Speeding in Warmsworth** – getting any kind of enforcement for this was just about impossible. Cllr Curtiss suggested that some stickers could be ordered for dustbins stating quite clearly the limit on the roads affected. This had the tacit approval of Doncaster Council and Cllr Curtiss agreed to look further into this with a view to selling the stickers at cost through such bodies as Warmsworth Library.
- n) **Large Tree Removed from Grassed Area of Cliff Crescent** – Residents were not informed about its removal and were angry that they had requested it be tidied up NOT removed. Residents have asked that Warmsworth Council request immediate replacement and the Clerk agreed to do this.
- o) **Cottage Clearance** – The Chair had started this in the summer holidays but there was a lot of stuff that did not belong to the council which needed a decision on.
- p) **New Blinds for Community Centre** – Not investigated yet
- q) **Remembrance Day Parade** – Cllr Pattison had requested police presence and had been told this may be possible, but other suitable alternatives would be investigated when Cllr Pattison was free, alongside the Clerk.

17/142 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) **Allotments** – An update had already been given previously
- ii) **Planning Application – Mill Lane** – It was reported that this scheme had been revised and that it was a coffee Bar planned now NOT a Café. It was also reported that it was about to open so this item would be removed, but monitored.
- iii) **Fields at the side of Tara Lodge** – this was part of the LDP and would be discussed further when the plan is published
- iv) **Front Hall Floor** – Meetings had been held with the Major Projects Team at Doncaster Council who had highlighted the floor and the roof, but thought that it was not as bad as the Council had thought. They wanted to see the previous survey report and pictures of the floor, which the Clerk agreed to send them and was awaiting further response – The Clerk would chase this.
- v) **New Door / Door entry system** – part of a “Wish-list” to remain on the Agenda for the time being as the door needs a replacement.

- vi) **Lords Head Land – Culvert Clearing** – this has not really been completed to satisfaction and needs to be combined with a weight restriction on the road which could be difficult to obtain and is a lengthy process. Further monitoring was ongoing.
- vii) **Mess under the motorway bridge** – The Chair reported that this was now just a hole – disappointment was expressed that it had been reported but nothing had really been done.
- viii) **Church – High Road Warmsworth** – Clerk reported that the response he had received from Cllr Auty gave all the information necessary for the resident; he had sent her this and had received a note of grateful thanks. The owners appeared at present to be managing the grounds maintenance better than before.
- ix) **Neighbourhood Plan** – No Progress – It was agreed to remove this at present and perhaps re-appraise next spring when more would hopefully be known about the LDP.
- x) **LDP – Local Plan** – This was on again, but Doncaster Council had postponed release of a draft for further discussion internally.
- xi) **Trees and Ivy – Stapleton Road** – Ongoing – reported update earlier. The Clerk had reported both St Leger stated that the house reported was not one of theirs and had also flagged the Conker trees up for pruning with Doncaster Council.

17/143 To Consider and Comment of Planning Matters

17/01871/FUL – 5 Stapleton Road – Single Storey Extension – No observations.

17/144 To Confirm the date of the next Meeting as:

Monday 2nd October 2017 at 7.00 – As agreed previously in the meeting – The November meeting would be 13th November 2017 also at 7.00.

The meeting concluded at 9.50pm

17/145 To consider any items for which Press and Public have been excluded

The Confidential Minutes were agreed and signed as a true record and the meeting fully concluded at 10.00pm.

