**Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held Thursday 20 September 2018**

**1 Attendance and Apologies**

In attendance: Cllr Christine Jackson (Chair), Cllr Gordon Wordsworth, Cllr John Edge,

Cllr Jean Dickinson and three residents of the village.

Apologies: Cllr Tracey Elliott

**2 Declaration of Personal Interest**

None.

**3 Adjournment**

i Request for a Bypass

1. There had been a good meeting with 17 villagers attending. One point had been actioned – Cllr Ransome had been approached for leads in Doncaster Council to help with the request. It had been learnt that the bypass is an aspiration of DMBC and has been mentioned in infrastructure plans. Cllr Ransome had referenced Barnsley Council and its leader, Sir Steve Houghton, and their plans for future expansion of the land along the route of the A635. Hauliers would like a bypass but problems remain with DMBC.
2. Cllr Wordsworth had forwarded pollution figures. The air quality consistently breaches that recommended within air quality guidance, posing quite serious health risks. No particular monitoring of particulates is being done.
3. In the case of DMBC seeing no economic benefit to the building of a bypass and in order to push forward with the initiative, the group were in the process of gathering accident figures, specifically dates and times, along with photographs. Cllr Edge agreed to forward information on this.
4. Three members of the village formed the basis for the group and wanted to know how to make it an official body with the backing and support of the Parish Council. It was agreed that it be officially constituted as a Sub-committee. Cllr Wordsworth would check the rules and report back.
5. Within the PC meeting, it was discussed and pointed out that Sheffield Regeneration is believed to be the body to provide the funding for a bypass and that pollution is the main point on which to base the request for a bypass, as levels consistently break the law.
6. No further meetings of the Sub-committee have been scheduled at this time.

**4 Approval of Minutes**

1. The minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council held on Thursday 26 July 2018 were approved and proposed by the Chair and seconded by Cllr Edge.

**5 Matters Arising from previous Meetings**

**5.1 From the meeting held on Thursday 26 July 2018**

5.1.1 Item 3.i.d: Cllr Wordsworth to look at rules governing the setting up of a sub-committee.

5.1.2 Item 3.ii.a: The sale of Hickleton Hall – it is believed that the Hall is once more for sale.

5.1.3 Item 7.iii: Quotations for tree work to be discussed later in the meeting.

5.1.4 Item 10.ii: Website, computer and software all actioned.

5.1.5 Item 11.ii: The verge has been repaired by the gardener.

**5.2 From the meeting held on Thursday 17 May 2018**

5.2.1 Item 13.i: The footpath to Goldthorpe has been cleared.

5.2.2: Item 13.ii: The grass banks adjoining the Church have been cut.

5.2.3 Item 13.iii: Item carried forward (the monument adjacent to the Village Hall/Club which is in need of inspection and renovation).

5.2.4 Item 13.iv: Item carried forward (request to DMBC to construct a safety feature).

**6 Highways Report**

1. Cllr Edge reported that, since the last meeting on 26 July, there had been three accidents:
   1. In the early hours of Friday 3 August 2018 near the bus stop when a wall was demolished.
   2. On Saturday 8 September 2018 the wall around Lidgett Lane memorial had been damaged by a vehicle and the memorial mount was shifted.
   3. On the evening of Tuesday 18 September a car collided with two vehicles on the crossroads, ending up on the grounds of the memorial.

**7 Open Spaces – Village Tree Survey**

1. Cllr Dickinson had received a quotation for the tree work surveyed by Advanced Tree Care Limited. Having tried and failed to secure alternative quotations, it was agreed to approach the gardener and his colleague for a quotation (Cllr Jackson) and the contractor who had recently worked in the village (Cllr Dickinson).
2. Cllr Wordsworth had been asked if villagers could create raised beds on Winston Churchill Memorial Ground to raise produce to which villagers could help themselves. It was agreed that a 10-year business plan be requested to include costings, location and a maintenance plan. This would be considered and funding requested from the Wind Farm Fund.

**8 Village Hall Report**

1. Cllr Wordsworth reported that the refurbishment plans had been approved, although more expensive, at around £8,000, than first envisaged. The Club will close on 28 October and a Grand Re-opening will take place on Friday 16 November.

**9 Neighbourhood Watch**

1. Cllr Dickinson reported that she had attended the Green Lane, Scawsby Lane, Town View and Pickburn NW meeting on 11 September 2018 and was able to pass on the following information:
2. A reminder that the MOTO inquiry is to begin on 12 December 2018 in Doncaster and could take several days. Attendance of as many as possible was requested.
3. Incidents of nuisance quad bikes should be reported on 101.
4. NW in the area is undergoing a transition period, awaiting a constitution. More information to follow. The next meeting of Doncaster North NW Association is in early October.
5. With regard to HS2, work has been put back a year as costings are examined.
6. Cllr Dickinson reported that a series of safety devices could be obtained via the NW and asked if the PC would be interested in acquiring some of these for villagers. It was decided that this is a personal issue and should be investigated by individuals themselves

**10 Finance Report**

1. Cllr Wordsworth reported that funds in the bank stood at £5,830. VAT is now claimed online and there is about £300 to be reclaimed.
2. The second part of the Parish Precept, £3,000, is still to come which will mean a total of around £9,000 in the bank. This was verified by Cllr Edge.
3. There is £3,000 available to spend.
4. The following payment was agreed:
   1. Room hire of £18 to VHMC was proposed by Cllr Jackson, seconded by Cllr Wordsworth.

**11 Any Other Business**

1. The damage to the war memorial at the top of Lidgett Lane was discussed. It is not covered on insurance so Cllr Wordsworth is to approach the company for costings although this will increase the premium considerably. DMBC have responsibility for the wall, however, and will be approached to repair it. Action: Cllr Dickinson to report the state of the wall on the Mydoncaster website, along with photographs, in the first instance.
2. Cllr Jackson to request re-siting of the stone affected by the accident on 18 September within the memorial site on the crossroads.
3. Complaints about the burning of horse manure were discussed. Cllr Jackson agreed to inform DMBC.
4. The request by DMBC for a donation towards a miners’ memorial was discussed and it was agreed not to participate.
5. A request to site a public defibrillator in the village was discussed and it was agreed to obtain more information to be discussed at the next meeting.

**12 Date and Time of Next Meeting**

The next Parish Council meeting will be held on Thursday 22 November 2018 at 8.15 pm in the Village Hall.