

## Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Thursday 21 March 2019

### **1 Attendance and Apologies**

In attendance: Cllr Christine Jackson (Chair), Cllr Gordon Wordsworth, Cllr John Edge, Cllr Tracey Elliott, Cllr Jean Dickinson and one resident of the village.

Apologies: None

### **2 Declaration of Personal Interest**

None.

### **3 Adjournment**

i There was no adjournment.

### **4 Approval of Minutes**

i. The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Thursday 17 January 2019 were proposed by Cllr Jackson and seconded by Cllr Edge.

### **5 Matters Arising from Previous Minutes**

- i. 12.1 Grant application for defibrillator carried forward GW
- ii. 13.11 Cllr Jackson has been in touch with Halifax Estates about the damaged wall and will supply the names of two builders to provide estimates for the repairs. CJ
- iii. The proposed grit bin for Lady Mary View was carried forward. JD

### **6 Report from Hickleton Bypass Action Group**

- i. A number of meetings have been held with DMBC and BMBC. In Doncaster, the group have met with members of the Environmental Team who are to put in a continuous air monitoring system. The group have asked them to leave in the diffusion tubes. At the meeting with Barnsley Council personnel, they said the group were “kicking against an open door” but were in support of the group’s ideas. The group will continue to try to get BMBC to put pressure on DMBC.
- ii. Members of the group also went to a Transport for the North meeting. TfN would like a different funding model – at present all Local Authorities only look at schemes which will improved Gross Value Added.
- iii. They met with Neil Firth of DMBC’s Planning Department who said a relief road is an aspiration but all funding is being used to widen the A1. It will be revisited after 2025 and could be before if funding becomes available. In their consultation document to HS2, DMBC argued for a relief road around both Hickleton and Marr.
- iv. Sheffield Region has been suggested as a target for support and the idea of looking at the economic barriers imposed by not having a relief road.
- v. Positives so far are that the idea of a relief road is being discussed but serious money is needed in South Yorkshire to improve connectivity and movement of skills.
- vi. The safety aspect is important as the business case is not triggered by pollution, congestion or accidents.
- vii. The group has written to Ed Miliband and Dan Jarvis.
- viii. The strategy is to periodically raise the profile of a relief road.
- ix. Together with Marr, the group is keen on the idea of a mobile speed camera and Inspector Adrian Luscombe has agreed to help.
- x. They have debated a possible protest outside Civic Office on the day of a council meeting.
- xi. On the subject of funding, Tony Wilson has paid for the banner and t-shirts and they are now thinking of getting mugs printed up, as well as a new banner. Possible PC funding would be discussed at Item 12.
- xii. The PC thanked Mr Clark for his and his group’s actions and said that they were both in favour of what is being done and how the group are going about it. On the subject of pollution and reports that trees make a big difference, one possible avenue would be to consider planting laurels and rhododendrons.

## **7 Finance**

### **(a) To Approve Accounts**

- i. There is £5988.96 in the bank account. One bill of £160 is to be taken from that amount, leaving £5836.96 at 13 March 2019.
- ii. A VAT refund is expected of £662.02.
- iii. An amount of £7437.02 has been spent against a budget of £7574.10.
- iv. Savings have been made on gardening but expenditure has gone on tree maintenance.
- v. The figures were proposed by Cllr Wordsworth and seconded by Cllr Edge.

### **(b) To Approve Invoice Payments**

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|------------------------------------------------|------|-------------|-------------|
| i. H Dando (erection of Christmas tree lights) | £160 | Proposed CJ | Seconded TE |
| ii. Gloaming (tree work)                       | £600 | Proposed JE | Seconded CJ |
| iii. Woolley Edge (Christmas tree)             | £180 | Proposed CJ | Seconded TE |

## **8 Open Spaces**

- i. Bollards have been erected to combat lorries going over the grass verges.
- ii. Cannabis waste has been reported.
- iii. The bulbs on Lady Mary Walk are coming through and DMBC's gardening team will be asked to avoid those areas when mowing. Villagers may be asked for any spare plants and bulbs to further enhance open areas.
- iv. The Edward VII area has displaced stone blocks and broken chain. The insurers will be asked to contact the Police for the name of the haulage company responsible for the damage which occurred on 24 January.
- v. A litter pick will be organised for Sunday 14 April at 10.30 am outside the Club.

## **9 Highways**

- i. There have been two accidents: one on 24 January at 8.05 am when a lorry spun into the memorial at the crossroads (see above) and on Wednesday 6 February at 9.30 am there was an accident at the end of Lidget Lane, but no further details.

## **10 Neighbourhood Watch**

- i. Cllr Dickinson had been unable to attend the NW North meeting on Wednesday 6 March which was subsequently cancelled.
- ii. She attended the local Green Lane, Scawsby Lane, Town View and Pickburn NW meeting and was able to report the following:
  - a. A decision by the Inspector on the MOTO appeal is due on 9 April, to then go before the Secretary of State.
  - b. Quad bikes are still a nuisance, albeit the riders are said to be polite!
  - c. Flytipping of tyres is becoming more prevalent.
  - d. All villages are experiencing more litter – Andy Rutherford is the contact at DMBC.
  - e. Street light problems can be reported to Craig Morris, DMBC, on 01302 862771, who is very helpful.

## **11 Village Hall Report**

- i. Cllr Wordsworth reported that all is going well with lots of new functions.

## **12 Discussion of Proposal to give a Donation to the Hickleton Bypass Action Group**

- i. This was discussed and a donation agreed with the following rules:
  - a. Expenditure would need to be approved and receipts submitted.
  - b. A limit of £500 would be set over the year starting from 1 April to include the amount already spent. This was proposed by Cllr Wordsworth, seconded by Cllr Edge.

## **13 Ken Keen Award**

- i. Notices inviting nominations would be placed on the noticeboards in the village and on the website. Proposals would need to be submitted by 1 May.
- ii. The idea of an honours board was discussed. Quotations should be sought.

**14 Any Other Business**

- i. There were no objections to the tree application by one of the villagers.
- ii. Dog fouling – Cllr Elliott is to look into the use of Tikspac dispenser stations to deal with dog waste. Cllr Wordsworth pointed out that any expenditure would be for a future date as there is no spare cash in this year's budget.
- iii. Cllr Wordsworth has completed a GDPR document for the Yorkshire Local Council Association.

**15 Date and Time of Next Meeting**

The next Parish Council meeting will be the AGM on 23 May 2019 at 8.15 pm.