

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Thursday 18 July 2019

1 Attendance and Apologies

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

Apologies: None

2 Declaration of Personal Interest

None.

3 Adjournment

- i No adjournment was required.

4 Approval of Minutes

- i. The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Thursday 23 May 2019 had been circulated and were proposed by Cllr Jackson and seconded by Cllr Edge.

5 Matters Arising from Previous Minutes

- i. 6.2 Damage to monument on Lidget Lane: no further communication from Halifax Estates CJ
- ii. 6.1 Grant application for defibrillator carried forward. GW
- iii. 6.3 The proposed grit bin for Lady Mary View carried forward. JD
- iv. 6.4 Repairs at the crossroads: CJ gave quotation received of £2150 – GW to contact Insurers GW
- v 6.5 Honours board: to be discussed later in the meeting.

6 Report from Hickleton Bypass Action Group

- i. A proposal has been given by the Group to ask for wildflowers to be planted on the verges in an effort to help with pollution levels. They have been advised that there is limited opportunity to 'green up' the village and have been asked to submit a proposal to be presented to the Parish Council. They have been further advised to push for installation of pollution monitoring equipment that has been previously promised by DMBC.
- ii. On the subject of the greenery which faces the A635, a complaint has been received from a villager concerning overgrown hedges which make it difficult to use the pavements. Cllr Edge consented to put this to the villagers concerned in an effort to solve the problem.
- iii. It was also agreed to point out to DMBC that some hedges alongside the busy road make it dangerous to cut and to ask if a temporary closure of the road can be sought for villagers to cut their hedges in safety.

7 Finance

(a) To Approve Accounts

- i. Accounts circulated by Cllr Wordsworth show £8,020 in the bank account, including the £3,050 precept received.
- ii. A VAT refund is expected of £635.
- iii. £114 has been spent by the Bypass Group on mugs.
- iv. A cheque for Christmas lights has not yet been cashed.
- v. The accounts were proposed by Cllr Jackson and seconded by Cllr Edge.

(b) To Approve Invoice Payments

- i. Gloaming (tree work) £700 Proposed JE Seconded CJ
- ii. Room hire £18 Proposed JE Seconded TE

(c) Other Financial Matters

- i GW advised that the Parish Council insurance was due for renewal. He had obtained three quotations, of which Aviva, the present insurer, remains the cheapest. As their quotation for a three-year deal does not represent a significant saving, it was proposed by TE and seconded by JE that we secure a one-year renewal with Aviva.
- ii Cllr Jackson had circulated a quotation she had received for production of an honours board. This amounted to £582 plus VAT for a framed board with £50 per year to add the name of the new recipient. It was agreed to obtain further quotations – JD to approach Dee-Jay Trophies, JE to approach Keith Moore and GW to ask at Church as they have a similar board. This item will then be revisited at the September meeting.

8 Open Spaces

- i. Cllr Elliott has asked to gardener to remove suckers on trees on Fir Tree Close and on the main road. She agreed to ask if this could also be done to trees in Lady Mary Walk.

9 Highways

- i. Cllr Edge reported that a motorcyclist was involved in an accident at the crossroads at around 6 pm on Tuesday 2 July, leading to closure of the road for two hours.
- ii. Cllr Elliott reported that there had been a further accident one lunchtime.
- iii. An Astra car had been abandoned and burnt out at the triangle at 7.15 pm on Wednesday 16 July. Cllr Edge agreed to approach DMBC about resurfacing the road.

10 Neighbourhood Watch

- i Cllr Dickinson reported that there had been no Doncaster North NW meetings, presumably since the Chair has been involved with the MOTO appeal and with a number of other meetings. She repeated Police advice to keep a check on windows and doors kept open in the summer months and to ensure valuables are not on show in cars, following a spate of thefts in Doncaster town centre.
- ii The potholes on Lady Mary View have been the subject of a complaint by a resident and he is awaiting a reply by DMBC.
- iii The appeal raised against the proposed MOTO service station at Junction 37 has been successful.
- iv An HS2 parkway station has been suggested for Thurnscoe, a move that is supported by local councils.

11 Village Hall Report

- i. Cllr Wordsworth reported that the Club is trading well, with profits greatly increased on last year. A total of £1200 has been made in the past quarter which included a beer promotion.
- ii. There is a total of £12,000 in both accounts.
- iii. The new Chair of the VHMC is Eric Williams.
- iv. The Village Hall room is to be vacated on 25 August for refurbishment.

12 Any Other Business

No other matters were raised.

13 Date and Time of Next Meeting

The next Parish Council meeting will be on Thursday 19 September at 8.15 pm in the Village Hall.