**Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Thursday 27 January 2022**

**1 Attendance and Apologies**

In attendance:

From the Parish Council: Eric Williams (Chair), Margaret Marsh, Margaret Goddard,

Jean Dickinson

Others: None

Apologies: Gordon Wordsworth

**2 Declaration of Personal Interest**

None.

**3 Adjournment**

No adjournment was taken. MM, however, tabled a question from a resident who wished to know if any specific figures for convictions for speeding through the village had been given, as, in her opinion, cars are once again speeding up through the village. It was pointed out that figures had been given at the last PC Meeting which related up to the end of August and that these would undoubtedly be obtained for the period thereafter.

**4 Approval of Minutes**

The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Thursday 18 November 2021 were proposed by EW and seconded by MG.

**5 Matters Arising from Previous Minutes**

1. The Queen’s Platinum Jubilee celebrations: MM reported that free hedging plants would be received in March for the Winston Churchill Memorial Garden and that the Woodland Trust’s idea for planting was to encourage families to get children to plant one of these native British hedgerow plants as part of the celebrations. JD reported from the VHMC meeting that it had been decided to hold a separate meeting to discuss ideas and plans on Thursday 3 February at 8 pm in the Village Hall when this could form part of the plans, namely a Jubilee Hedge.
2. EW reported that ten Snow Wardens had been recruited in the village, equipment to follow.

**6 Finance and the 2022/23 Budget**

1. In the absence of GW, no financial reports and statements were presented. However, the details of the 2022/23 Budget which had been fully explained at the PC Meeting held on 18 November 2021 and were revisited at this meeting, were to be agreed by the PC. The 2022/23 Budget was duly proposed by JD and seconded by MM.

**7 Open Spaces**

1. Work on the War Memorial has now been completed and just requires maintenance.
2. The trees in the Memorial Garden form part of the work to be done, as part of the Tree Survey commissioned by the PC, on 8 February. MM and MG are to make neighbouring villagers aware of the work to avoid any inconvenience.
3. The cost of all the remedial work recommended is £1200 + VAT, with the exception of two Horse Chestnuts on the crossroads memorial area which need to be removed. They will not need to be replaced immediately but a plan will be needed to show that they will be at some point.
4. MM and MG reported on the meeting they had held with DMBC’s Streetscene on 18 January to look at ways in which DMBC can help maintain open spaces in the village. The DMBC officers agreed to weed spray the paths in Lady Mary Walk a couple of times during the year and will see if they can also clear the fallen leaves. They suggested a contact at DMBC for help with re-gravelling the paths. They suggested contacting the Allotments Officer to see if anyone will want to take away the contents of the compost heap. They agreed to trim back the vegetation and clear the leaves on the pathway to the Church and from the bus stops. Lastly, they will try to get a copy of the SLA for Lady Mary Walk.
5. MM and MG have contacted the Golf Club re ownership of the fence between the golf course and Lady Mary Walk.
6. MM and MG will ask the opinion of the gardener for ways in which the compost heap in Lady Mary Walk can be maintained.

**8 Any Other Business**

1. Use of the Village Club has been requested by DMBC for the South Yorkshire Mayoral Election on 5 May. The VHMC has been informed as the Club will be closed all day.
2. MG will contact BT re working in the village – there were safety concerns recently when a lone workman was working on a BT panel on a narrow piece of pavement next to the busy A635.
3. As mentioned at the VHMC, JD asked if potential Coffee Mornings could coincide with Book Club meetings. These, however, are planned solely to coincide with village clean-up events and, for that purpose, the VHMC have offered use of the Club and refreshments if run at weekends.
4. A question arose at the VHMC around using PC money to organise the compost heap and for turning the compost at regular intervals, say every three years. A plan will be formulated to deal with this after finding out what is necessary to set up a properly maintained compost heap.
5. Also from the VHMC, it was asked if the village could obtain a percentage of the speeding fines from the A635 to spend on amenities. This will be followed up.
6. JD has asked if David Snell from DMBC’s Highways Department would meet to discuss the state of the road in Castle Hill Fold, both as a follow-up to the previous meetings in 2019 and in view of the potential use of that area for a street party in June.

**9 Date of Next Meeting**

The next Parish Council Meeting will be held on Thursday 24 March 2022 at 8.15 pm in the Village Hall.