

GUNTHWAITE AND INGBIRCHWORTH PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COUNCIL HELD ON WEDNESDAY, 1ST NOVEMBER 2023, 7.30 PM, FOUNTAIN VILLAGE PUB FUNCTION ROOM

PRESENT; Councillors Edmondson, Berry, Ogden; Clerk; two members of the public.

72. TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES AND APPROVE REASONS FOR ABSENCE.

Noted – Councillor Guest gave notice that she could not attend the meeting.

73. TO RECEIVE DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST IN ITEMS ON THE AGENDA.

Noted – Councillor Edmondson noted that shortly after the last Parish Council meeting, he reconsidered his position on the matter of the planning application 2023/0790 (Item 60.1) and decided to absent himself from further discussions and any resulting communications on the matter. This was communicated to the Clerk and other Councillors at the time. Councillor Edmondson did not contribute to the response sent to the planning department on behalf of the Parish Council. Resolved – Councillor Edmondson declared an interest in item 77.1, no other interests were declared.

74. TO NOTE THAT COUNCILLOR WHITE RESIGNED FROM THE COUNCIL ON 28TH SEPTEMBER.

Noted – Councillor Edmondson received the resignation letter. The Clerk has started the process for ten electors to claim a by-election by placing a notice in the Parish noticeboard and on the Parish Council webpage and advising the Electoral Officer at BMBC.

Resolved – Clerk to write to Mr. White thanking him for his service on the Parish Council and in the wider community.

75. TO CONFIRM AND SIGN THE MINUTES OF THE PARISH MEETING HELD ON 20TH SEPTEMBER 2023.

Resolved – minutes confirmed and signed as accurate, subject to amending the agenda item referring to the minutes to remove the word ‘annual’.

76. TO ADJOURN THE BUSINESS OF THE MEETING TO RECEIVE COMMENT AND QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC ON AGENDA ITEMS.

Noted – members of the public present raised further concerns about the planning application 2023/0790, this was the impact on the bridleway from large vehicles and the impact on the two bridges, one of which is classed as uncategorised. They also noted that the consultation period for the application has been extended to late November.

Councillor Berry read out the section of the Parish Council’s response to the application that covers highways matters to confirm that it already incorporated the concerns raised.

77. TO RECEIVE AND CONSIDER ANY PLANNING APPLICATIONS SINCE THE LAST MEETING:

77.1 2023/0790 ERECTION AGRICULTURAL BUILDING, HIGH LANE, INGBIRCHWORTH

Noted – there is no change to the previous comment sent by the Council.

78. TO RECEIVE AND CONSIDER MATTERS RELATING TO THE TWO NEW COMMEMORATIVE BENCHES.

Noted – Councillor Edmondson noted that the Queen Elizabeth II bench is now in place on the recreation field. The King Charles III bench is intended to go on the ‘old village green’, along with an interpretation board, for which a grant will be sought. A working party of residents is organising this. Councillor Ogden noted that a new heritage fund (Pride of Place) is available instead of the Ward Alliance and this could be used for funds for the board.

79. TO RECEIVE AND CONSIDER MATTERS RELATING TO PROVISION OF PARKING AND A COMMUNITY VENUE ON A SITE IN INGBIRCHWORTH VILLAGE.

Noted - Councillor Berry has had communications from Yorkshire Water and a potential developer covering different options (car park only under a leasing arrangement, or a small number of houses with a community venue/car parking spaces also provided). Councillor Ogden noted that due to parking in the Fountain car park by non-patrons Brooke Leisure would have an interest in the proposal.

Resolved - the Parish Council has £8000 reserve earmarked to contribute to the combined community venue/car parking spaces option if this happens. A trust or community group would be required to run any community venue. If a car park only is provided under a leasing arrangement, then the Council would help with the running of it, but not provide any money.

80. TO RECEIVE AND CONSIDER MATTERS RELATING TO CPR TRAINING AND DEFIBRILLATOR PROVISION.

Noted – this is still being organised by Cmdr. White and is for any resident to attend.

81. TO RECEIVE AND CONSIDER MATTERS RELATING TO THE REMEMBRANCE DAY AND CHRISTMAS LIGHT SWITCH-ON VILLAGE EVENTS.

Noted – Councillor Berry noted that at the last meeting Councillor Guest agreed to read the names of the fallen along with some background information at the Remembrance Day service. Councillor Ogden noted that the Rev’d Stocker needed to be told about the change to existing arrangements. Resolved - Councillor Edmondson will send the information for the Remembrance Day service to Councillor Guest. Councillor Edmondson will ask the volunteers to put the tree up the weekend before the light switch-on event and ask if they can help with the gazebos on the day of the event. Councillor Berry will help with handing out the mulled wine.

82. TO CONSIDER MATTERS RELATING TO PUBLIC RIGHTS OF WAY AND PUBLIC OPEN SPACES.

82.1 TO RECEIVE AND CONSIDER MATTERS RELATING TO THE INGBIRCHWORTH PETANQUE SOCIAL CLUB.

Noted – Councillor Berry noted that the club sessions are going very well and are very popular. Councillor Edmondson noted that Mr. Karle has a key to the metal container as the petanque equipment is stored in there.

82.2 TO RECEIVE AND CONSIDER MATTERS ABOUT IN-PROGRESS VILLAGE MAINTENANCE AND GARDENING WORKS.

Noted - Councillor Edmondson noted that gardening has finished for the year. The planters at the memorial area are starting to break part and need to be removed, probably next year. Clerk is still getting information about sponsored hanging baskets. There is an up-front cost for the Council to cover (for the attachment brackets/signs) but these items are re-usable. Also need BMBC to confirm which lampposts can be used.

82.3 TO RECEIVE AND CONSIDER MUGA INSPECTION REPORT AND MAINTENANCE ITEMS.

Noted – Councillors Edmondson and Ogden checked the MUGA with respect to the points raised by the annual inspection.

Resolved – Councillor Edmondson will arrange for the ground worn way at the entrance to be backfilled and the moss on the tarmac surface to be removed with a stiff brush and some cleaning material.

83.TO CONSIDER MATTERS FOR REFERRAL TO BMBC HIGHWAYS AUTHORITY.

Noted – Councillor Ogden noted that the wooden fence opposite Rosemead that fences off the pavement from an embankment is collapsing and needs replacing.

Resolved – Clerk will report the matter on the BMBC website.

84.TO CONSIDER MATTERS FOR REFERRAL TO NEIGHBOURHOOD SERVICES.

Noted – Councillor Berry noted the growth of moss on the pavement on Ings Way.

85.TO RECEIVE AND CONSIDER CRIME AND SAFETY MATTERS.

Noted – no matters raised.

86.FINANCIAL MATTERS

86.1 TO RECEIVE ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT AND NOTE INCOME RECEIVED.

01.11	#734	Fothergill's Trees Limited	Christmas Tree	£140.00
			(payment made under s137 Local Government Act 1972)	
01.11	#735	BL Lonestar Ltd	Hire of Fountain function Room 1st November	£30.00
01.11	#736	Denby Dale Lions	Donation for Santa Sleigh Christmas light switch-on	£35.00
			(payment made under s137 Local Government Act 1972)	
01.11	#737	Shepley Band	Donation for playing at Christmas light switch-on	£35.00
			(payment made under s137 Local Government Act 1972)	
01.11	#739	Liz Charlesworth	Garden tasks (end September To October)	£60.00
01.11	#740	Playsafety Limited	MUGA inspection	£90.00

Income received

31.08	Nat West bank	Interest	£9.60
22.09	L Edmondson	Donation from organiser of Village Scarecrow trail	£221.00
29.09	Nat West bank	Interest	£9.30

Debit card account payments made by Clerk

None

86.2 TO RECEIVE AND NOTE THE BANK RECONCILIATION REPORT TO SEPTEMBER 30TH.

Noted – bank balance of £13,801.29 reported.

Resolved – report checked and signed by a Councillor.

86.3 TO RECEIVE AND CONSIDER THE BUDGET MONITOR REPORT TO NOVEMBER 1ST.

Resolved – budget report accepted.

86.4 TO NOTE AN AMENDMENT TO THE COUNCIL'S BANK ACCOUNT MANDATE.

Noted – authorised signatory removal form signed at meeting. Clerk to post it to the bank to action.

87. TO NOTE CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED.

87.1 YLCA WHITE ROSE UPDATES/LAW AND GOVERNANCE BULLETINS (SEPT/OCT).

87.2 FROM BARNSLEY COUNCIL ABOUT HOUSEHOLD SUPPORT GRANTS.

87.3 LETTER/REFERRAL LEAFLET FROM UPPER DON COMMUNITY ENERGY RE THEIR COMMUNITY WARMING PROJECT AVAILABLE TO RESIDENTS IN S36 WHO ARE STRUGGLING WITH ENERGY BILLS.

87.4 FROM SOUTH YORKSHIRE MAYORAL COMBINED AUTHORITY – RAISING AWARENESS OF ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR (INCLUDING UNWANTED SEXUAL BEHAVIOUR) ON PUBLIC TRANSPORT; CHANGES TO BUS AND TRAM ROUTES AND FARES.

87.5 'SLOW WAYS' NATIONAL WALKING NETWORK – CHARITY SEEKING HELP TO REGISTER NATIONAL NETWORK OF WALKING ROUTES ACROSS THE UK.

Noted – Clerk had sent round an email from BMBC relating to road closures planned during the closed road rally on Sunday December 10th that will pass through parts of Ingbirchworth and Gunthwaite. This said that roads will be closed from 07.00 to 18.00, not just rolling closures as was stated by the event organisers originally.

Resolved – Clerk to respond asking why the road closures are now all day as this is a change to what was originally agreed, and if affected residents and businesses have been informed, as the impacts are likely to be greater than expected.

88. TO RECEIVE AND CONSIDER COUNCIL MEETING DATES.

88.1 TO CONFIRM THE NEXT COUNCIL MEETING DATE AS WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 13TH, 2023.

Resolved – next meeting date of 13th December confirmed.

88.2 TO NOTE THE CLERK HAS BOOKED THE FOUNTAIN FUNCTION ROOM FOR MEETINGS IN 2024 - JANUARY 24TH, MARCH 6TH, APRIL 17TH, MAY 22ND (ANNUAL COUNCIL MEETING PLUS ANNUAL PARISH MEETING), JUNE 26TH, JULY 31ST, SEPTEMBER 11TH, NOVEMBER 6TH, DECEMBER 11TH.