

Great Houghton Parish Council

Minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 25 October 2017

Those present :

Chairman : Councillor LD Higginbottom JP

Vice Chairman : Councillor J Bembridge

Councillors : Councillor A Gothard, Councillor T Neale, Councillor D Pickett, Councillor G West

3086 Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from - Cllr D P Coates, Cllr D Hanson, Cllr Y Hargreaves

3087 Minutes of the Previous Meeting

It was proposed by Cllr D Pickett and seconded by Cllr T Neale that the minutes of the previous meeting held on Wednesday 6th September 2017 be accepted as correct.

3088 Matters Arising from the Minutes

Minute No 3070 - Cllr D Pickett informed members that there was continued fly tipping on Chapel Lane as the barrier across the access point had still to be installed. - Noted

Minute No 3073 - Cllr G West queried Barnsley MBC's response stating they had no budget to install speed calming measure - Noted

3089 Correspondence

The Clerk reported that he had received letters and e-mails from:

a) BDO the Government Auditor confirming the completion of the accounts and issues raised for the 2016 /17 financial year - Accepted

Proposed Cllr A Gothard seconded Cllr D Trickett

b) A Mr M Robinson regarding the lack of maintenance carried out on the public bridle ways within the Parish, which he had forwarded to Sarah Ford Barnsley MBC's Public Rights of Way Officer

The Clerk informed members that a meeting with Mr Robinson, the Chair, Sarah Ford and himself had been arranged for Thursday 2nd November to discuss the issues. - Noted

c) Barnsley's, Service Director Governance and Member Support Officer Ian Turner informing members that it is proposed that all future Planning Regulatory Board Papers be available electronically rather than sent by post. - Noted.

d) Great Houghton and Little Houghton T.A.R.A. requesting a reduction on the hire of the Welfare Hall for their annual Christmas Party.

It was agreed that the charge remain the same as the previous year.

Proposed Cllr T Neale seconded Cllr J Bembridge.

e) The Alice Adams Trust regarding the Clerk's responsibilities for preparing the accounts - Noted.

f) A leaflet from Sarah Ford Barnsley MBC's Public Rights of Way Officer regarding FREE HEDGELAYING TRAINING DAYS for Volunteers on the bridleway between Rotherham Road and Chapel Lane. It is organised by the Countryside Rangers and takes place on various dates in November.

3090 Allotments

Members were informed by the clerk that he had received a verbal complaint with regard to the condition of one of the allotments on Stonebridge Lane which he stated should be resolved the following week. - Noted.

The Chair reported that the allotment project was progressing well. - Noted

3091 Planning

The Clerk informed members that Barnsley MBC's Planning Department had only forwarded one Planning Application for their consideration.

-The erection of a 1.5m boundary wall / fence at No 17 Crabtree Drive - No objections,

Proposed Cllr G West seconded Cllr A Gothard.

3092 Member's Recommendations

Cllr J Bembridge informed members of the continued problems surrounding parking and access on School Street and asked if Barnsley MBC could be contacted again in an attempt to solve the problems.

It was agreed the Clerk contact the Planning Enforcement Officer regarding this issue.

Cllr D Pickett informed members that the gulleys and drains on the road / footpath between the Antiques shop and the bottom of Pear Tree Drive were in a poor state of repair and required clearing.

It was agreed that the Clerk contact Barnsley MBC's Highways Department. regarding this issue.

3093 Parochial Matters

The chair informed members that the Christmas lights would be switched on, on Wednesday 8th December at 4:15pm. For Health and Safety reasons attendance within the Welfare Hall where carols will be sung after the event by Sandhill Primary School will be limited to 100.

3094 Clerk's Financial Statement

The Clerk presented the accounts for September 2017

It was proposed by Cllr A Gothard and seconded by Cllr D Pickett that the accounts be approved and accepted as correct and signed accordingly.

3095 Any Other Business

There were no other business matters.

3096 Date of next Meeting

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday 13th December 2017 at 6:30pm in the Welfare Hall

Signed(Chairperson)

Date