

Great Houghton Parish Council

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Those present :

Chairman : Councillor LD Higginbottom JP

Vice Chairman : Councillor J Bembridge

Councillors : Councillor G Frame, Councillor A Gothard, Councillor P Gregg, Councillor T Neale, Councillor D L Parkin- Coates, Councillor D Pickett, Councillor J Pickett

3223 Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from - Non received

3224 Minutes of the Previous Meeting

It was proposed by Cllr T Neale and seconded by Cllr Bembridge that the minutes of the previous meeting held on Wednesday 15th May 2019 be accepted as correct.

3225 Matters Arising from the Minutes

Minute No 3217 - Cllr P Gregg informed members that he understood a further planning application relating to the proposed extension of the Renewable Energy Farm on Park Spring Road (2019/0573) had been submitted to Barnsley MBC. - **Noted** . It was agreed the clerk contact Barnsley MBC's Planning Dept. to confirm the current situation and report back.

Cllr D Pickett was concerned as to where the renewable energy plant stood following the Government's anti wood burning policy. The chair explained how the act is interpreted and informed members that the site was monitored by the Environment Agency.

Minute No 3218 - The Clerk circulated copies of the Catering Training Courses suitable for the staff and volunteers to attend. And the chair informed members that the Ward Alliance was proposing to run such a course free of charge. - **Noted**

Minute No 3221 - The Clerk informed members that he had received a response from the South Yorkshire Passenger Transport Executive to the council's objections to the proposed changes to Route 219 - **Noted**

- **The Clerk** informed members that the tree on Pleasant Avenue playing fields had now been removed following the incident with the young boy. **Noted**

3226 Correspondence

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

a) Barnsley Transport User Group seeking members to represent the community at meetings with the South Yorkshire Passenger Transport Executive where local transport related issues are discussed. **Noted**

b) Barnsley MBC regarding the Parish and Town Council Charter a copy of which was circulated and comments requested - **Noted**

c) South Yorkshire Police and Crime Panel informing members that there is a vacancy on the panel for suitable members of the community (councillors cannot

apply). A poster was provided for distribution. - **Noted**

d) Barnsley MBC's Play Area Officer regarding the inspection reports for Chapel Lane and Pleasant Avenue play areas. **Noted**

3227 Allotments

The Clerk informed members that a complaint had been received over a tenant burning industrial waste on his allotment.

The allotment holder had been identified and informed that he was not complying with the terms and conditions of his tenancy and any further complaints would result in his tenancy being terminated.- **Noted**

Following a discussion on matters relating to the allotments it was agreed that a meeting be arranged with the tenants in order to improve relations and standards. The proposed meeting was arranged for 6:30 pm on Wednesday 21st August in the Welfare Hall.

Proposed The Chair seconded Cllr T Neale

3228 Planning

The Clerk informed members that there were no Planning Applications for consideration, however a response had been received following the Chairs enquiry regarding proposed works on Park Spring Road between Cathill roundabout and Rotherham Road.

The response stated that planning permission was not required.- **Noted.**

3229 Member's Recommendations

Cllr J Bembridge - asked if the paths leading across the fields from Normandale Road could be cut back as they was overgrown. It was agreed that the Clerk contact Barnsley MBC's Public Rights of Way regarding this

Cllr A Gothard - asked if the footpath between High Street and the Old Crown Gardens could be cut and made tidy. It was agreed the Clerk contact Barnsley MBC's Tidy Team regarding this issue..

Cllr T Neale informed members that some fly tipping had occurred between Crooks Drive and the road junction.- **Noted.**

Cllr D Pickett - asked when another Speed Watch Initiative was due to take place. It was agreed the Clerk would contact the Police to make suitable arrangements.

- raised the problem of the hedge and grass verge being in need of cutting as it reduced the sight lines of motorists at the chicane just before the Sandhill Tavern. It was agreed that the clerk contact Barnsley MBC's Highways Dept.

3230 Clerk's Financial Statement

The Clerk presented the accounts for May and June 2019

It was proposed by Cllr T Neale and seconded by Cllr J Bembridge that the accounts be approved and accepted as correct and signed accordingly.

3231 Parochial Matters

There were no Parochial Matters raised.

3232 Any Other Business

Cllr P Gregg - asked why yellow paint had been sprayed on various parts of the road/footpaths on Rotherham Road He was informed that it was likely due to proposed works.

- commented on Gregory's Yard and the problem of grass cutting raised by a resident, that had now been resolved.

The Chair and Clerk informed members that grass cutting was proving to be a problem borough wide with most sites only being cut every 21 days

- commented on parked cars on Milton Street restricting access to Gregory's yard playing field.

It was agreed the Clerk contact Barnsley MBC's Highways Dept about this issue.

Cllr D P Coates - informed members that the reading room had now been decorated and that the project is doing really well. Berneslai Homes were also looking at checking the electrics and lights with a view to funding some further improvements.

- Offered the thanks of the Youth Club for the Parish Council's support throughout the year.

Cllr D Pickett - asked if the block paved humps across Rotherham Road by the Welfare Hall were a crossing or speed hump as it needed identifying if a crossing.. He was informed by the chair that it was not crossing.

Cllr G Frame - commented on the theft of dustbins within the village and the number of cars parking on the pavement on Norfolk Road.- **Noted**

The Clerk updated members on correspondence and discussions he had had with Barclays Bank over changes to the Signatories and Mandate, affecting the Parish Council accounts.

It was agreed that the three signatories and the Clerk complete the relevant forms again and present them to Barclays Bank in Barnsley for verification on 5th August, - **Noted**

3233 Date of next Meeting

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday 4th September at 6:30pm in the Welfare Hall.

