

Great Houghton Parish Council

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Those present :

Chair : Ms D Parkin- Coates

Councillors : Cllr J Foster, Councillor A Gothard, Councillor P Gregg, Cllr C Halliday, Cllr D Pearson

Non Councillors : Mr M Fensome

4086 Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Cllr G Frame, Cllr J Bembridge, Cllr J Webzell

4087 Pecuniary / Non Pecuniary Interests

None were declared.

4088 Minutes of the Previous Meeting

It was proposed by Cllr C Halliday and seconded by Cllr P Gregg that the minutes of the previous meeting held on Wednesday 9th November 2022 be accepted as a true record.

It was also proposed by Cllr A Gothard and seconded by Cllr P Gregg that the minutes of The Special Finance meeting held on Tuesday 30th November 2022 be accepted as correct.

4089 Matters Arising from the Minutes

Minute No 4079 re- meeting 9th November 2022 - Cllr J Foster expressed concern about the wording relating to the Chairs response to the issue he raised regarding the Village Caretakers responsibilities / duties. Cllr Foster said that it read the Village Caretaker could plan his own workload. **Noted.**

The Chair in reply informed members that this was correct and was guided by workload on the day, and that the same courtesy arrangements applied to the new Village Caretaker as those applied to the previous employee.

Consensus of opinion was that the sentence was down to an individuals interpretation.

4090 Correspondence

The Clerk reported that he had received the following letters and e-mails from.

a) Cllr A Cherryholme regarding reported the fly tipping /dumped rubbish adjacent to Dearne Street to BMBC. **Noted**

b) Barnsley MBC Highways department regarding

1) the closure of Howell Lane from 23rd January 2023 for two days **Noted**

2) West Kirk Way road sign being replaced. **Noted**

c) Barnsley MBC's Planning Enforcement Officer regarding the issue on School Street. **Noted.**

d) admin@saaa.co.uk regarding notification of PKF Littlejohn LLP being appointed

the authorities external Auditor until the end of 2026/2027 financial year. **Noted**

e) The Placement Officer for the Community Payback organisation regarding the community allotment project . **Noted**

f) Barnsley MBC's Planning Department regarding public consultation on Sustainable Construction and Climate Change Adaptation SPD and Local Validation Requirements. **Noted**

g) Barnsley Parks Services reporting on the inspection of Church Street and Pleasant Avenue play areas.

- A resident had also complained via e-mail including photographs about the poor state of the Church Street play area. The photo's were distributed and all members agreed that the litter on the photo's was negligible **The Clerk** had replied informing the resident that certain issues were a police matter and that members were aware of the problems on that site. **Noted**.

Following discussion members agreed that :

- before any decision is made regarding renovating the equipment etc, some form of consultation with the youths / children congregating on the site should take place. **Noted**

- the resources and services that may be available to tackle the anti social behaviour issues on site need to be identified. **Noted**

- **Cllr P Gregg** offered to visit the play area and talk to any youths / children present (caution was advised by the Chair) and also suggested putting on an event to generate interest in the play area. **Noted**.

h) Barnsley MBC's Public Rights of Way Officer informing members that.

- Park Lane Bridleway gate padlock is the responsibility of the landowner

- Rotherham Road Bridleway gate padlock will be replaced by BMBC.

- the repair of the fencing opposite the Sandhill Tavern had been reported to Asset Management for their attention. **Noted**

i) Mayoral and Civic Support Officer inviting members to attend the Civic Carol Service on Thursday 15th December. **Noted**

4091 Allotments

Cllr P Gregg informed members that he had produced a map for each of the allotment sites that could be used with a GPS system to identify all the allotment plots and their approximate size when the inspection takes place next year. **Noted**

4092 Planning

The Clerk informed members that there were no applications for consideration. **Noted**

4093 Public Information / Media

Cllr J Foster informed members that the minutes of the previous meeting were not on display on the external notice boards and that the one on Cromwell's Corner contained a lot of posters. **Noted**.

The Chair confirmed that the minutes were on the outside noticeboard in the Welfare Hall grounds, she was not aware that they were not in the noticeboard at Cromwell's Corner as they had been made available for display and asked the

Clerk to look into the matter.

The Chair also informed members that the notice board on Cromwell's Corner belongs to the Ward Alliance and not the Parish Council, therefore they have preference over what is displayed, **The Clerk** was asked to determine how much space the Parish Council were allowed on the notice board.

Discussion took place regarding the Parish Council Facebook page and whether or not:

a) the Council minutes should be displayed on it. It was agreed that a link to the Parish Council's website allowing access to the minutes be created on the Facebook page.

b) to allow members of the public to comment on items posted on the Parish Council' Facebook page. It was agreed, subject to the item, that comments would be allowed

4094 Clerk's Financial Statement

The Clerk presented the accounts for November 2022

It was proposed by Cllr C Halliday and seconded by Cllr A Gothard that they be approved and accepted as correct. And signed accordingly.

4095 Parochial Matters

Cllr J Foster's concerns regarding the litter etc In the village (minute No 4046) was discussed as a Parochial Matter under matters arising.
The member of the public present at that time was asked to leave when the discussion took place.

4096 Members Recommendations / AOB

The Chair raised the following issue which the Clerk was to pursue

a) The bench on Thurnscoe Lane which had still not been replaced.

4097 Any Other Business

The Chair informed members that :

a) Approximately £6,121:50 is to be repaid to the Parish Council by the Village Hall Committee. This sum allowed the GHVC Committee to function whilst changes to their banking arrangements took place. The repayment covered the costs associated with the Allotment Project and incurred by Anvil CIC

b) Cllr Harris & the Chair had met with Age UK and were arranging a Christmas Coffee morning for Friday 16th December in the Welfare Hall, in conjunction with Great Houghton Youth Group and Age UK . This was to help promote / advertise the Youth Group weekly sessions as an on going event for the over 50's, commencing on the Friday 13th January 2023. **Noted**

c) The Chair informed the members that the Great Houghton Youth Club had raised £170 towards the Over 50's Coffee morning at this years Christmas Lights switch on. They had also been successful in gaining funding for a member of their staff to help run the weekly sessions for 1yr from January 2023. Further funding

applications had been submitted for room hire. Cllr Foster asked if the Parish Council would have to pay the Youth Group to do this. It was confirmed that they would not. **Noted**

The project had kindly been offered free tickets to see the pantomime in January at The Little Theatre in Thurnscoe, but paying for transport would be a problem

d) **Cllr P Gregg** suggested that he had a contact for mini bus hire that was reasonably priced and may be willing to do multiple runs to avoid the cost of a coach. Contact details of the person/company that might be willing to provide that service were to be forwarded to the Chair. **Noted**

- **Cllr Gregg** also informed members that additional information/ photo's on the 2nd World War was available for display at future Remembrance Day Services. **Noted**

- **Cllr Gregg** asked if any further contact had been received from BMBC regarding PROW queries that had been raised with Sarah Ford at a previous meeting

The Chair asked the Clerk to contact the Barnsley MBC's PROW Officer regarding the re-instatement of certain bridleways, originally raised at the meeting held on 11th Dec 2021.

The Clerk informed members that the cost of an election, should one be required in May 2023, was between £500- £700 and not £2,500 as previously stated. The highest figure related to the cost of a By- election. **Noted**

- **The Clerk** also circulated copies of Barnsley MBC's Lone Worker policy for adoption by the Parish Council. **Noted**

Please note a member of the public was also present at the meeting.

4098 Date and Time of Future Meetings

The next meeting(s) will be held in the Welfare Hall on
Wednesday 17th January 2023 (Special Finance meeting)
Wednesday 25th January 2023
Wednesday 8th March 2023