

# Great Houghton Parish Council

## Great Houghton Parish Council - Ordinary Meeting

Those present :

Chair : Ms D Parkin- Coates

Vice Chair : Councillor J Bembridge

Councillors : Councillor G Frame, Councillor A Gothard, Councillor P Gregg, Cllr C Halliday, K Sylvester, Cllr J Webzell

Non Councillors : Cllr A Peace

### 4177 Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from - Cllr D Hanson, Mr D Hand, BMBC Community Development Officer.

Prior to the commencement of the meeting the Chair welcomed the new members and apologised for the absence of Darryl Hand Barnsley MBC's recently appointed Community Development Officer who was due to talk about his role within the North East Ward.

The Chair in Mr Hands absence informed members that he was very enthusiastic and committed and doing some very good work organising and becoming involved in the following events/activities

a) Pictures on the Pitch

b) Family Fun Day

c) Grass Roots in the Park.

d) Christmas Lights switch on events

e) Grass Roots in the Park, ( an event which the Ward Alliance have agreed to fund again in October. It being a success during the summer)

f) Graffiti Art on Church Street Play area -.A proposed project involving the community and GXO volunteers

Following discussion members agreed that any Art work would be limited and not visible from the Church entrance opposite the play area.

The Chair asked that a letter of appreciation for his efforts so far be sent to him.  
NOTED

### 4178 Pecuniary / Non Pecuniary Interests

Cllr J Bembridge - Garraby Close Issues

Cllr K Sylvester - Village Caretaker appointment.

### 4179 Minutes of the Previous Meeting

It was proposed by Cllr P Gregg and seconded by Cllr A Gothard that the minutes of the previous meeting held on Wednesday 24th May 2023 be accepted as a true record.

### 4180 Matters Arising from the Minutes

**Minute No 4171, 4135 & 4126 & 4166).** The Clerk informed members that the contractor had apologised for not being able to provide any Hanging Baskets in the village this year, due to the delay in receiving the necessary approval from BMBC.

**NOTED**

The Chair informed members that discussions were on going with SYCF regarding retaining the grant the Parish Council had received for them for the baskets, with a view to providing some planters next year as the number of Hanging Baskets

provided could be limited to 10 as a result of Health and Safety issues surrounding the lampposts. **NOTED**

**Minute No 4172** The Clerk informed members that the owner of the Sandhill Tavern had agreed to install the defibrillator week commencing 11th September 2023. **NOTED**

#### 4181 **Correspondence**

**The Clerk** reported that he had received the following letters, e-mails and telephone calls

1. A resident complaining about the web site not being up to date. The Clerk had replied and had resolved the problem **NOTED**.
2. A resident complaining that the Noticeboard on Crabtree Drive /Ashwood Grove did not contain the same information as that on Cromwell's Corner. The Clerk had replied informing the resident that he was not aware a notice board had been erected and it would not therefore be the Parish Council responsibility
3. Yorkshire Air Ambulance thanking the Parish Council for it's donation. **NOTED**
4. Barnsley's Community Safety Officer regarding the request for a speed camera check. **NOTED**
5. South Yorkshire Police and Crime Commissioner regarding the grant scheme that he operates informing members that applications must be submitted before 30th September 2023. **NOTED**
6. PKF the Government Auditor informing members of the completion of their audit. **NOTED**.
7. DIAL regarding the commence of their advice sessions to be held in the Welfare Hall every 3rd Wednesday in the month between 10:00am -1:00pm **NOTED**
8. BHIB Insurance informing members of it's integration with the Clear Group. **NOTED**
- 9 Cordtape Ltd informing members that the asbestos on Stonebridge Lane allotments had been removed.
- 10 Barnsley MBC's Assistant Service's Manager regarding the cutting of the tree canopies on Brierly Common. **NOTED**.
- 11) Barnsley MBC's Programme Manager informing members that there is no 106 monies available in the Great Houghton area. **NOTED**

#### 4182 **Allotments**

Members were made aware that the asbestos on Stonebridge Lane allotments had been removed and that there had been a need to hire a digger and skip to remove other debris and clear a suitable access path. The access may require some hardcore as the area may become boggy during the winter. The asbestos was removed by Cordtape a registered company and the other groundworks undertaken by the Chairs brother and an allotment tenant **NOTED**

It was agreed that that an Inspection of all the allotment sites take place on Sunday 15th October 2023. The tenants of the allotments on Lister Row were to be informed by the Clerk, that access or a key to obtain access, would be required at 10:00am that day.

Members commented on receiving complaints of quad bikes being used on Thurnscoe Lane allotments in the early hours of the morning.

It was agreed The Clerk prepare and display a notice asking for any information regarding this issue and informing tenants that it contravenes the terms of their tenancy.

#### **4183 Planning**

The Clerk informed members that he had received one planning applications for consideration.

**a) Burntwood Hall Farm - Change of use from agricultural land to Equestrian use including stables and riding area .No Concerns.**

**The Chair** informed members of the Bio-Diversity Net Gain scheme measured in units and linked to planning and buildings. It required a map to be produced identifying areas of natural habitats (wood land and open space) **This could lead to funding being made available for specific purposes.**

Following discussion it was agreed the Clerk would investigate this with the assistance of Cllr P Gregg. **NOTED**

#### **4184 Welfare Hall Resources**

**The Clerk** informed members that an application to hire the Welfare Hall for a Dance Class had been received. **NOTED**

**The Chair** informed the new members of the proposed improvements to the Welfare Hall. **NOTED**

#### **4185 Public Information / Media**

**The Clerk** informed members that a Noticeboard had been erected outside the Welfare Hall and a litter bin and instruction notice installed /displayed on Church Street play area. **NOTED.**

The Chair informed members that the Facebook page was well used with over 800 hits being recorded **NOTED**

#### **4186 Member's Recommendations**

**Cllr J Bembridge** - informed members that he had received a response from Doncaster Council regarding the footpath on Spreyer Lane which did have a PROW but informing him that they did not own it or were responsible for it and that basically it was no-mans land. However, they would welcome a DMO **NOTED**

**Cllr P Gregg** - Informed members that

a) the footpath between Mileswood Close and Ashwood Grove was overgrown and required clearing. **NOTED.**

**The Clerk** to inform BMBC

b) That an electric pylon in the field near Milton Street had killed a Barn Owl due to

it not being insulated or having Cowells. It had been reported to the appropriate authorities **NOTED**

**c)** Circulated a copy of a survey he had undertaken on PROW around Park Lane, Hodster Lane etc following the talk with Barnsley MBC's Officer about the legal process for adopting certain tracks at the previous meeting, **NOTED**  
Following discussion it was agreed that the Clerk and Cllr P Gregg look into the process for future consideration.

**d)** was concerned over the irresponsible driving of certain heavy goods vehicles through the village, particularly those containing human slurry for the farmers fields. **NOTED.**

**The Chair** asked the Clerk to contact BMBC's Highways Dept regarding possibly introducing weight limits and speed restrictions and to seek clarification on who was now responsible for the proposed road refuge on the High Street / Rotherham Road and when the work was to be undertaken as this would help limit the problem

**Cllr A Gothard-** raised the issue of the tree's on Westcoe Avenue that had not yet been pruned. **NOTED**

**The Clerk** to inform BMBC.

- an overflowing drain/sewer on Norfolk Road that required attention. **NOTED.**

**The Chair** informed him that this was being looked into by the BMBC Ward Councillor A Peace.

**Cllr J Webzell** informed members of fly tipping by a landscape gardener on the tops near Chapel Lane / Tank Hill as access is gained via Chapel Lane / Tank Hill

**The Chair** asked the Clerk to contact Barnsley MBC's Highways to determine who owns or is responsible for the road/path and if the barrier can be locked.

**Cllr D Pearson** informed members of an increase in anti-social behaviour and drug use around the garages behind the houses on Pleasant Ave. **NOTED.**

**The Chair** informed her that there was a planned walk around the village by Bernslia Homes who are responsible for the majority of the properties around there and Barnsley Council members to identify problem areas with a view to improving them. **NOTED**

**Cllr J Bembridge** Informed members that the road signs had still not been replaced. **NOTED**

**The Clerk** to pursue along with those for Mileswood Close, Rotherham Road /High Street

#### **4187 Clerk's Financial Statement**

**The Clerk** presented the accounts for June and July 2023

It was proposed by Cllr P Gregg and seconded by Cllr C Halliday that they be approved and accepted as correct and signed accordingly.

#### **4188 Parochial Matters**

The Clerk asked if members would confirm in post the temporary village caretaker who was doing an excellent job. Agreed **by all.**

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**Any Other Business**

**The Clerk** informed members that the resident on Garraby Close who was in dispute with the allotment holders opposite her property had sought permission to cut / prune the trees that form part of their boundary

**The Clerk** had informed her that since it had been confirmed that the boundary was their responsibility and the trees were on their land, it was not a matter for the Parish Council to deal with. **NOTED**

**Cllr J Bembridge** in reply, produced a map that showed the land in question was not owned by the resident on Garraby Close.

The Chair reiterated that all avenues had been investigated and all backed up that the resident did own the land. However, the Chair said that she would look at the document and seek clarification once again if needed. **NOTED**

**The Chair** also informed members that she along with Barnsley MBC Cllr A Peace had been to see the resident and that the situation was now resolved. **NOTED**

**The Chair** asked the Clerk to obtain quotes for the remarking of the MUGA on Pleasant Avenue playing fields. **NOTED**

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**Date and Time of Future Meetings**

The next meeting(s) will be held in the Welfare Hall at 6:30pm

Wednesday 18th October 2023

Wednesday 29th November 2023

Wednesday 10th January 2024