

Great Houghton Parish Council

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Those present :

Chair : Ms D Parkin- Coates

Vice Chair : Councillor J Bembridge

Councillors : Councillor G Frame, Councillor P Gregg, Cllr D Pearson, K Sylvester, Cllr J Webzell

Non Councillors : Mr M Fensome, Cllr A Peace

4219 Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Cllr D Hanson, Cllr C Halliday

4220 Pecuniary / Non Pecuniary Interests

Cllr J Bembridge, Cllr D Pearson, Cllr K Sylvester - Re Allotment Holders
Cllr K Sylvester - Staffing

4221 Minutes of the Previous Meeting

It was proposed by Cllr J Webzell and seconded by Cllr P Gregg that the minutes of the previous meeting held on Wednesday 29th November 2023 be accepted as a true record.

4222 Matters Arising from the Minutes

Minute No 4208 (4194) Hanging Baskets.

The Chair informed members that

- a)** prices for the provision and maintenance of the hanging baskets had now been obtained
- b)** All lamp posts in the village will have been inspected by 11th January 2024, as to their suitability to hold hanging baskets.
- c)** Barnsley MBC's Community Development Officer be responsible for there provision and seeking sponsorship.

Following discussion it was agreed that:

- a)** the grant received towards the baskets last year and which was never spent be re-allocated in part towards the payment of the planters,
- b)** the remaining funds (£800) be used to subsidise the purchase of the brackets for the hanging baskets,
- c)** The members be consulted and have final agreement on where the hanging baskets will be placed, taking into account and respecting the peoples wishes.
- d)** Sponsorship for the hanging baskets be sought through the Parish Council's Web-site and Facebook page.

Proposed Cllr D Pearson seconded Cllr J Webzell

(Minute No 4203 Community Payback)

The Clerk informed members that future projects were still being discussed External work is very limited due to the wet weather and it being winter **NOTED**

Minute No 4209 (Correspondence Item 7)

The Clerk informed members that Barnsley MBC'S Highways Officer had informed him that the Double Yellow Lines on Rotherham Road would be provided in due course. **NOTED**

Minute No 4211 (Planning)

Cllr P Gregg informed members that the Planning Application had been withdrawn.

NOTED

Minute NO 4212 (Welfare Hall Resources)

The Chair informed members that along with Cllr D Pearson and Cllr J Bembridge a meeting had taken place with the Major Teams Project Manager to review the proposed plans / works.

Subject to further investigation and agreement the Project Manger was asked.

a) If the chimney breast in the kitchen could be removed to provide a more workable space,

b) that the 1920's decor be retained

c) that the Sprung Maple Wood dance floor in the hall be protected and sanded, sealed and buffed professionally when all the works had been completed. **NOTED**

Minute No 4216

Cllr P Gregg informed members that the sign for Ashwood Grove / Mileswood Road had been replaced, but others had not. **NOTED**

4223

Correspondence

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

1. A resident regarding taking over the lease of the field on Park Lane from the current tenant who, according to the resident, was not taking up their renewal option.

The resident indicated that they were prepared to pay the amount stated on documentation given to them by the existing tenant. **NOTED**

The Clerk informed members that whilst having served the existing tenant with a new tenancy agreement, he had not yet received a reply from them within the time period stipulated on the Invoice / document (30 days). Therefore, given the above, and the fact notice had been served 12 months earlier in previous correspondence, the current tenant had in effect terminated their tenancy,

Following discussion it was agreed by members to advertise the available tenancy, on a sealed bid basis, commencing at £400.

Existing allotment holders who currently have horses would be informed and an advert would be placed on the Parish Council's web-site and Facebook page.

Proposed Cllr D Pearson seconded Cllr J Webzell

2. A resident whose property adjoins the Welfare Hall grounds requesting that the boundary fence separating the properties be repaired as it had blown down in the winds before Christmas.

The Clerk informed members that he had informed the resident it would be looked at after Christmas /New Year, but noted on arriving at the meeting that some repair work had already been done. **NOTED**

3. The WEA (Workers Education Association) regarding inspecting the Welfare

Hall as to its suitability to accommodate various courses / activities it could provide for the community during the year.

The Clerk was asked to arrange the meeting and report back.

4224 Allotments

There were no issues raised.

4225 Planning

There were no Planning Applications to be considered.

4226 Welfare Hall Resources

The Chair

a) informed members that the 100 year celebratory event before Christmas had been a huge success with over 80 people attending, despite the bad weather.

NOTED

4227 Public Information / Media

The Chair reported that the Facebook page continued to be well supported.

NOTED

4228 Clerk's Financial Statement

The Clerk presented the accounts for November and December 2023.

It was proposed by Cllr G Frame and seconded by Cllr J Bembridge that they be approved and accepted as correct and signed accordingly.

4229 Parochial Matters

Members discussed the position of the caretaker during the closure of the Welfare Hall whilst the remedial works were carried out.

Following discussion it was agreed that they undertake other duties.

Proposed Cllr D Pearson seconded Cllr J Webzell

4230 Member's Recommendations

Cllr J Bembridge made members aware that Thurnscoe Lane road needed resurfacing particularly, between the sewage farm and Thurnscoe, as it was in poor condition. **NOTED**

The Clerk was asked to contact the BMBC's Highways Dept regarding carrying out possible repairs.

Cllr J Webzell asked if the gate on Park Lane had now been locked.

The Clerk informed members that a lock had been obtained and was due to be fitted shortly as time had to be given for those requiring a key to obtain one and the company fitting it returning to work after the Christmas / New Year holidays. **NOTED**

Cllr P Gregg asked

a) if it would be possible to provide some planters by the seat outside the allotments on Thurnscoe Lane with a view to asking the allotment holders to provide the plants and maintain them. Also for one to be put on the land by the takeaway, where the toilets used to be.

The Chair in replying explained that permission from Barnsley Highways and Grounds Maintenance departments would be needed as there were restrictions on where and how close they can be to a main road. There could also be a land ownership issue regarding the one by the takeaway. **NOTED**

4231 Any Other Business

Cllr J Bembridge asked if Barnsley MBC's Arboriculture Officer could attend a meeting to clarify the process for applying Tree Preservation Orders etc

It was agreed that the Clerk make the arrangements

4232 Date and Time of Future Meetings

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

21st February 2024

17th April 2024

22nd May 2024 St Michael's, Church Street