

CAWTHORNE PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF CAWTHORNE PARISH COUNCIL HELD IN THE MOXON ROOM, CAWTHORNE VILLAGE HALL ON THURSDAY 4th FEBRUARY 2016

Present

Councillors: Cllr D Asquith, Cllr E Ellis, Cllr M Broadhead, Cllr C Hindley, Cllr R Barr,
Cllr P Kilner, Cllr S Pitt.

Chairman: Cllr J Walker.

Clerk: Mrs S M Bashforth

Internal Auditor: Mr K Arundel

Ward Councillors: Cllr John Wilson

Members of the public: One

Absent

Cllr A Butterworth,

Minute No 169 To resolve to accept apologies for absence

It was resolved that an apology be accepted from Cllr Butterworth

Resolved

Minute No 170 To receive any declarations of Pecuniary or Non- Pecuniary Interests from Members in respect to any item on this agenda

Cllr Kilner and Cllr Broadhead declared an interest in item 11 as they are trustees of the Jubilee Museum

Minute No 171 To resolve to accept the minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on Thursday 7th January 2015 as a true record.

These were accepted and signed by the Chairman

Resolved

Minute No 172 To receive the Clerk's Report

The Clerk reported that

1. A letter of thanks had been sent to a resident of Darton Road thanking them for cutting back the overhanging vegetation.
2. £10 grant has been sent to the Cawthorne Toddler and Baby group.
3. The temporary manhole on the Green has been replaced with a permanent one by Yorkshire Water.
4. The precept demand has been sent to BMBC
5. The Clerk sent an email to Dr Billings thanking him for his visit.
6. The overflowing dog litter bin in The Orchard has been reported to BMBC
7. Planning application for work on the trees with TPOs has been made public. Waiting to hear from BMBC for permission to do the work but verbal permission has been given to work on the flowering cherry trees in the cemetery.

Minute No 173 To receive correspondence

All routine correspondence has been dealt with

1. Copies of emails between a parishioner and BMBC, Cllr Barnard and the police regarding the possible permanent siting of traffic lights on Darton Road. *(see minute no.182)*
2. Notice of the YLCA South Yorkshire Branch meeting, Saturday 6th February 2016
3. Email inviting a member of the Parish Council to attend the results of Hogwatch 2015 at Penistone on Saturday 6th February. *(Cllr Asquith to attend)*
4. Email from BMBC informing people about a Council Tax "Refund" scam.
5. The Penistone Branch of HSBC bank is to close on 29th April 2016

6. BMBC have informed Cawthorne Parish Council that it will receive a Council Tax Support Grant of £856 but that this grant is not guaranteed in future years.
7. Jo Birch (BMBC) informs the Parish Council that the discolouration on the swing seat chains is normal.

Minute No 174 To receive Members' Reports

Cllr Asquith reported that (i) pot holes in South Lane have been filled and that she has been reliably informed that resurfacing work is due in the summer (ii) the Clean and Tidy group will look at clearing the ivy encroaching onto the highway at Taylor Hill / Hilltop

Cllr Broadhead reported that there is dog fouling on Darton Road again

Cllr Hindley reported that there is a phishing scam where you receive a text or email supposedly from HM Revenue and Customs informing you that there is a parcel waiting for delivery and asking for your details.

Cllr Kilner reported that the pruning of the cherry trees in the cemetery is in hand. Cllr Kilner also showed the Parish Council the bell muffles recently purchased by the bellringers using grant money.

Cllr Barr reported that there is little progress with the Parks for People project. The consultants have told him that there is no evidence of a bye-dyke prior to 1930: Cllr Barr is seeking evidence. He has also suggested that the consultants look at the bye-dyke at Bretton Hall.

Cllr Walker reported that (i) motor bikes have been using bridleway No 16, Bentcliffe Hill Lane (also known as Gypsy Lane) causing deep ruts.. Sarah Ford at Rights of Way has been informed. She informed Cllr Walker that notices could be erected but it is the police who enforce them and that vehicles seen on this, or any other section, should be reported to the police on 101. (ii) the hedge adjacent footpath No. 2 (runs from the Chapel) has been cut but the hedge trimmings have been left on the footpath. (iii) the fallen branches are still in the river by the iron bridge. (*Cllr Kilner reports that John Lees will remove them*).

Minute No 175 To receive an update regarding the footpath at Jowett House Farm

Cllr Kilner reported that he had not heard anything from Mr Fraser

Minute No 176 To receive quotes for tree work and approve expenditure

The Clerk had received two out of the three quotes sought. It was resolved to award the work to Tree-Canopy-Climb at a cost of £2260. There were conflicting opinions from the tree consultant and both tree surgeons as to what to do with the large pear tree in the Orchard (T97). Cllr Kilner and John Lees to have a look at it and maybe seek further consultation later.

Resolved

Minute No 177 To approve expenditure for a bench for the Queen's 90th birthday.

It was resolved that a metal powder coated bench be made by G Bagshaw at a cost of no more than £750 plus a fixing cost, including a concrete base, of £300. After some discussion it was decided that the exact wording to be on the bench be confirmed at a later date.

Resolved

Minute No 178 To consider celebrations to mark the Queen's 90th birthday.

The cricket club have agreed to a joint event in June with possibly a bonfire and a BBQ. The church is also to be involved in Her Majesty's 90th birthday celebrations.

Minute No 179 To consider an event to coincide with Look North's 3-legged run.

Paul Hudson and Harry Gratton from BBC's Look North are doing a 100 mile three-legged run across Yorkshire, passing through Cawthorne on Friday March 11th. It was decided that as this was a week day the Parish Council would not organise anything but hope that villagers will turn out to cheer the pair on.

Resolved

Cllr Kilner and Cllr Broadhead declared an interest in the following item and left the room.

Minute No 180 To consider an application for grant aid from Cawthorne Jubilee Museum

The Museum asked for grant aid towards a replacement gas central heating boiler as the existing was old and beyond economical repair. It was resolved to award the Museum £500.

Resolved

Cllr Kilner and Cllr Broadhead returned to the room.

Minute No 181 To approve design and expenditure for two signs for The Orchard bridleway.

It had been reported previously that horses were being cantered down the bridleway and the Council were concerned for children's safety. It was resolved that two signs stating "Walk your horse, children at play" be purchased at a cost of £20 + vat each and fixed at either end of the bridleway..

Resolved

Minute No 182 To receive and discuss correspondence from a parishioner regarding traffic lights on Darton Road.

An email had been forwarded to the Clerk from a parishioner. During recent road works traffic lights had been erected from near the village store to near Stanhope Avenue on Darton Road and this alleviated the problem of cars mounting the pavement to pass, as well as speeding. The parishioner had emailed the police to suggest that there be permanent traffic lights erected and the PCSO in her reply suggested that it would have to be a decision taken by the council/parish council.

The Parish Council's view was that it would not be feasible due to the number of driveways, exits etc. No further action to be taken.

Resolved

Minute No 183 To receive information on costs of purchasing and installing street Christmas illuminations

The cost of purchasing illuminations from a local supplier would be in the region of £170 each and the cost of having them installed by BMBC would be approximately £1400 each year. Some councillors expressed an opinion that street illuminations would not be appropriate in the rural village setting. It was resolved that street illuminations would not be purchased.

Resolved

Minute No 184 To resolve that Cawthorne Parish Council meets the criteria to be eligible to use the General Power of Competence

The Parish Council resolved that it meets the criteria as set out in The Parish Councils (General Power of Competence) (Prescribed Conditions) Order 2012 No 965 Schedule to use the General Power of Competence, Localism Act 2011.

Resolved

Minute No 185 To resolve to not to opt-out of the new sector led body for the appointment of an external auditor

The Clerk explained the new audit arrangements and the reasons for not wishing to opt out of being assigned an auditor and having to procure our own auditor. It was resolved that the Parish Council would not opt-out.

Resolved

Minute No 186 To receive and approve the monthly accounts for January 2016

The following accounts were approved

Receipts

Cemetery £50

Payments

Clerk's salary as per agreement

Clerk's expenses £156.24

Plusnet

£5.99

Resolved

Minute No 187 To consider any planning applications

None received

Minute No 188 Any other business which does not require a resolution or decision

The cricket club had contacted the Clerk with regard to obtaining a lease for the cricket ground thereby enabling them to apply for grants. The Clerk had checked that the Parish Council is the custodian trustees therefore it would be the managing committee which would give the cricket club a lease. Cllr Barr said that he would talk to someone from the cricket club.

Minute No 189 To confirm the date of the next meeting

It was confirmed that the next meeting be on Thursday 3rd March 2016.

Resolved

There being no further business the Chairman thanked all for attending and closed the meeting.