

ADDINGHAM PARISH COUNCIL

ORDINARY MEETING OF ADDINGHAM PARISH COUNCIL HELD AT THE OLD SCHOOL ROOM, ADDINGHAM ON WEDNESDAY 18TH DECEMBER 2013 AT 7:00PM

MINUTES

140/13 Present

Cllr's: Brady, Coates (Chairman), Cole, Flesher, Jerome, Hindle, Mawson (Vice-Chairman), Smith and Tennant.

141/13 Absent

Cllr's: Campbell and Naylor.

142/13 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for Absence had been received from Cllr's Campbell and Naylor.

143/13 In Attendance

Sergeant J Grey - till 7.10 p.m. 6 members of the public, including representatives from the Addingham Community Library and Addingham Civic Society. Clerk – M Holland.

144/13 Disclosures of Interest

Cllr Hindle disclosed a personal interest in Agenda item 9, as he is the current Tenant of the land in question.

145/13 Admission of the Public

(Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, Local Government Act 1972 s100/100A ss2/Schedule 12A)

Resolved: Agenda Item 21 would be discussed in closed session, as it dealt with a contractual matter.

146/13 Public Consultation and Question Time, including Police Matters

Police matters – Sergeant J Grey addressed the Council and gave the following update.

There had been three recorded crimes during the period from the beginning of December to date- one burglary, one criminal damage and one other. November figures were one -theft from motor vehicle, two- criminal damage and one-other.

Addingham crime rates remain one of the lowest in the Bradford District.

Questions from Members- "Is the number of crimes this December similar to previous Decembers?"

Sergeant Grey could not answer as she did not have the crime figures to hand.

"Is the previously reported issue of increased burglaries in the Burley and Ben Rhydding area still prevalent?"

Response- "Level of burglaries appeared to have diminished in Ben Rhydding and the Police were using the tactic of stop and disrupt by targeting known burglars."

Questions from the Public – was the criminal damage figure relating to vandalism of the MUGA meter?

Sergeant Grey could not confirm this as she did not have the detailed information to hand.

Public consultation-

As all members of the public present wished to discuss tabled items, Standing Orders would be set aside at the appropriate time to allow members of the public to address the meeting and Members.

147/13 Previous Parish Council Minutes and Progress Report, for information only, on Matters Arising

from the Minutes which are not included elsewhere on the Agenda

Previous Minutes

Resolved: that the presented Minutes were accepted as a correct record of Addingham Parish Council's Ordinary Meeting held on the 20th November 2013 and that they were signed by the Chairman.

Matters Arising

100/13 Addingham App

Totally Local confirmed that their website was operational and that the cost would be set off against the previously awarded grant.

Grit bins – Agreed location of grit bin is close to the newly tarmaced path.

148/13 Addingham Cricket Club - use of Hoffman Wood field for installation of cricket practice nets.

Mr. G Sutcliffe had advised the Clerk that he would attend the January Meeting to address the Parish Council on the above proposal.

Resolved: Item withdrawn from the agenda. The clerk updated Members on feedback received from Parks & Landscapes Department that the football field did meet FA criteria and that adjusting the size would mean it no longer complied with the size requirements however it would be suitable for Junior League use.

149/13 Library Development and the Old School Building

Resolved: Members reviewed the proposed development of the Library Building, following feedback from Library Volunteers, and agreed that they would request a smaller, lower cost refurbishment proposal of the building be obtained by the maintenance committee. The two schemes would then be considered in consultation with Library volunteers and users. The long term aim should be the complete refurbishment of the building as a whole; however a short term scheme should also be investigated at a lower cost which would also have a lesser impact on the Library Service currently provided.

The following points were raised by those present –

Was an internal stairway connecting the two rooms necessary?

What would be the impact of closing the library for a number of months to undertake a major project – would this jeopardize the number of library users?

Would a smaller scheme including improved heating, damp –proofing, re-wiring, new windows be better for the building and users?

Can the Village afford a major refurbishment and does the room use justify such a major expenditure?

Comment: the full restoration of the building would serve to increase its prominence in the Village; There is the real possibility of securing external funding through Heritage Grants which would lead to a low cost to the Village and also secure the long term use of the building.

150/13 Invitation to co-host a public clinic with the Civic Society on the BMDC Core Strategy Consultation which will take place in January 2014.

Resolved: Members agreed to host a joint “clinic” session with the Civic Society. The 16th January 2014 was no longer considered an appropriate date as no information on the Consultation would be available. Members agreed it would be prudent to hold a meeting with Civic Society Representatives, prior to any clinic session, to ensure all parties were in agreement with the information being relayed and advice given to those residents attending any such clinic.

Cllr Naylor had confirmed that he would fund, from ward fund monies, a leaflet for distribution to Addingham Residents which would deal solely with Addingham issues and information.

Members would not support a Joint Wharfedale leaflet as they needed to consider and comment on the impact of the Core Strategy on Addingham and its residents.

151/13 BMDC proposed - B8258 Strengthening work to Stamp Hill Burr Wall

Resolved: Members granted permission for above works to be undertaken and to allow contractors to erect a temporary 5mtr width of land enclosed with temporary stock proof fencing for the 10-12 week construction period.

152/13 Addingham Civic Society – provision of new bench adjacent to the MUGA

Resolved: Members agreed to allow the placing of a new bench at the location marked on the map provided. Addingham Civic Society will fund the provision of the bench.

Clerk to write and confirm PC approval and also inform Civic Society that future maintenance costs would have to be met by the Civic Society, or alternatively any future maintenance costs incurred by the PC would be reimbursed by the Civic Society.

Clerk to also confirm that the Civic Society would maintain ownership of the bench.

153/13 Consultation - Proposal to establish a combined authority for the area of West Yorkshire

Resolved: Members did not wish to submit a response to the Consultation.

154/13 Consultation - Future of Local Audit – draft regulations

Resolved: Members agreed that they were in agreement with the principles of the draft regulations which will facilitate the development of a sector led body, by the National Association of Local Councils and the Society of Local Council Clerks, to carry out audits of local councils and parish meetings.

155/13 Electricity supplier

To note the increase in unit cost of electricity supply, current provider Utility Warehouse.

Current unit price 13.388 pence per kw/hr. **New price** 14.201p per kw/hr.
Current standing charge 14.79 pence per day. **New price** 18.082p per day

Resolved: Members noted above price increases and agreed that the Clerk should undertake further investigation to secure, if possible, a lower cost supplier.
Any Direct Debit instructions would be signed by Cllrs Coates and Jerome.

156/13 Scout Hut

In response to the correspondence received from the Scout Group

Resolved: Members did not grant an award to fund the installation of sound proofing boards in the Scout Hall.

Members requested that the Clerk write to the Scouts, with a CC to the Scout Association, which reflected the Council's views on funding streams for the building itself, the suggestion that the Scouts should consider other funding providers and grantors before approaching the Council.
The Council do consider the building is fit for purpose and to remind the Scouts that any alterations to the building needed the consent of the Parish Council prior to commencement.

157/13 Centenary Celebrations of World War I to be held in 2014.

Resolved: Members agreed to write to the Addingham Branch of the Royal British Legion to offer to assist them, including offering financial assistance, in their proposals for marking the 100 year anniversary of the commencement of WWI in 2014.

158/13 Meetings attended by Parish Council representatives.

To receive an update from Councillors on meetings attended on behalf of the Parish Council.

Cllr Campbell had attended the meeting hosted by Addingham Civic Society to which Kris Hopkins was invited.

Cllr's Coates and Mawson provided an update on their meeting with BMDC which dealt with the TDF. The purpose of the visit helped formulate access plans for emergency vehicles and potential parking for residents. BMDC would clear the path adjacent to Newtown Allotments to allow pedestrian access to the Village. Plans to allow access by carers and emergency services would be formulated by BMDC, Resident's parking on the old first school site was discussed and BMDC would consider clearing the area to allow this.

Location of additional toilet blocks would be agreed, improvements to the Roman Road would be made to allow safe pedestrian access.

Clerk to write to agent who managed the Townhead Mill site to request resident parking during the TDF weekend.

159/13 Addingham Garden Friends

Following comment received from AGF re the condition of walls in the Hen Pen and Cottage garden

Resolved: Cllr Mawson provided an update on the walls. The walls were of dry stone wall construction. Some pointing had been undertaken to the topping stones and where this had diminished Cllr Mawson agreed to make good. The walls were deemed safe.

160/13 Matters reported by the Clerk to Bradford MDC.

Flooding at Ilkley Road.

161/13 Correspondence

Correspondence received –

Bradford MDC – copies of Minutes of various meetings.

Confirmation from BMDC that Burley and Ilkley have both been approved as a Neighbourhood Area for the purpose of producing a Neighbourhood Development Plan.

Confirmation from North Yorkshire CC that a footpath order, Bridleway 15.96/42, has been created and runs from Fisher Fountain Ford to West Hall Farm, Nesfield.

E-mail re concerns over TDF visit and potential for damage to walls at the Allotment sites on Silsden Road, had been forwarded to BMDC. Clerk confirmed BMDC were formulating plans and considering impact on Villages of the TDF route.

162/13 Finance

A. Invoices for payment

Resolved: that the presented list of invoices paid and due for payment were approved, and cheques were signed as required.

163/13 Payment to contractor for path works at the Recreation Ground, Main Street.

Resolved: Members considered the payment to the Contractor in view of the work done.

Clerk to write to the Contractor confirming the level of remittance they were prepared to make. Copy of the quote from the competing contractor would be forwarded to substantiate the Council's payment.

164/13 Date of Next Meeting

The next Ordinary Meeting of Addingham Parish Council will take place on Wednesday 15th January 2014 at 7:00pm, at The Old School Room.