

ADDINGHAM PARISH COUNCIL

ORDINARY MEETING OF ADDINGHAM PARISH COUNCIL held at The Old School Room, Addingham on Wednesday 15th JANUARY 2014 at 7:00pm

MINUTES

165/13 Present

Cllr's: Brady, Campbell, Coates (Chairman), Flesher, Hindle, Jerome, Mawson (Vice-Chairman), Naylor, Smith, Tennant

166/13 Absent

Cllr Cole

167/13 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for Absence had been received from Cllr. Cole

168/13 In Attendance

Clerk, 1 Member of the public, 1 Representative of Addingham Cricket Club.
Police Officer Sam Buckley arrived 7.10 pm – in attendance till 7.20 p.m.

169/13 Disclosures of Interest

(Members Code of Conduct)

Cllr Smith disclosed a personal interest in agenda item 9, as she is the daughter of Ex- Parish Councillor Palmer.

170/13 Admission of the Public

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

Resolved: None of the tabled items to be discussed were required to be held in closed session.

171/13 Public Consultation and Question Time, including Police Matters

Police Matters- a police officer was not in attendance at this point in the meeting.

Public Consultation- There was no matters brought to the attention of the Council at this point in the meeting.

Resolved: Standing Orders would be set aside to allow the Cricket Club Representative to address Members when Agenda Item 6 was discussed.

172/13 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 18th December 2013 and that they were signed by the Chairman.

Matters Arising

Grit bin – is still to be sited adjacent to the new path at the Recreation Ground, Memorial Close.

150/13 Local Plan (Core Strategy) – no information has been received from BMDC on the Consultation. It is envisaged to be Mid February when documents will be released for consultation.

155/13 Sourcing of a new Electricity supplier is outstanding - **Clerk to action.**

157/13 WWI Centenary events – A letter has been written to Nigel Pitchforth, current Chairman of Addingham RBL, stating that Parish Council wish to support the RBL in the events they propose.

158/13 Tour de France a letter has been sent to Westlake – the Managing Agents of Townhead Trading Estate requesting that resident parking during TDF weekend, can be accommodated on the Estate..

163/13 payment to contractor – Contractor has accepted a lower payment which matches that made by another contractor.

Police Officer Buckley had arrived by this point in the meeting and was asked to provide her report on police Matters

Police Matters – There had been four recorded crimes during the period; 1 burglary, 2 criminal damage, 1 theft from the Co-operative Store. It was noted that rural retail stores were a target of crimes at the current time. In response to comments about the TDF, PC Buckley confirmed policing matters ranging from extra staff to security of camp-sites and empty properties were being discussed by the Police and were part of the planning process for the TDF visit.

173/13 Addingham Cricket Club (ACC) - use of Hoffman Wood field for installation of cricket practice nets.

Resolved: Members considered the document prepared by Addingham CC and agreed that the Hoffman Wood field could be used for the construction of Cricket Practice Nets, which were to be used by Cricket Club Members on designated evening training sessions and at all other times during the cricket season by members of the public. The nets would be removed during the closed season, with the structure remaining in-situ. Power to finalise the location was delegated to the Maintenance Committee.

The location proposed by the CC, (South-West corner) was considered to be too close to the neighbouring properties on Abbey Close, Members were concerned about the level of noise and possible disturbance to these properties from use of the Cricket Nets in the evenings.

An on-site meeting was arranged for Thursday 16/1/14 to review the location, Members suggested that the South East corner would be a better location however the gradient of the land in this area would have an impact on the actual construction and costs as a greater amount of levelling would have to be carried out. The final orientation of the nets would also be discussed.

ACC confirmed that they were in discussions with the planning officer to determine the requirement of planning approval for the nets.

174/13 BMDC - Consultation on proposed changes to Children's Centres.

Recommended: Members made the following comments for submission:

The proposals were made to save costs to BMDC. It was the aim of BMDC to reduce the running costs by attempting to remove salary costs and hand over the running of the Centre to a voluntary group

Members were concerned about the loss of paid jobs; however acknowledged that the proposals were based on the requirement by BMDC to make significant budget cuts.

175/13 Renaming of Marchup Ghyll Nature Reserve (GC)

Resolved: Members were in favour of re-naming Marchup Ghyll Nature Reserve to recognise the input and work undertaken by ex-Parish Councillor Danny Palmer in its establishment and upkeep. However Cllr Smith would consult with her family to discuss the proposals further and inform the Council at a future date of their comments.

176/13 Addingham Civic Society

Following notification that the Village Information Board located on Bark Lane near the path to the Suspension Bridge has been damaged in the recent bad weather, and a physical inspection of the board near the Library

Resolved: Members agreed to jointly fund, with the Civic Society, the repair cost of the Village Information Board posts.

Following the awarding of a Marsh Christian Award to the Addingham Civic Society for their work in securing funding and installing the MUGA.

Resolved: Members agreed to the display of the Marsh Christian Trust Award (A framed A4 size certificate) in the School Room.

177/13 BMDC Consultation –on proposed changes to entitlement within Bradford Council's school transport policy

Resolved: Following advice received from Councillor Naylor on the Consultation Document, Members did not make a response to the above Consultation; as supplementary and clarifying information would be issued in order to allow a more informed response.

178/13 Maintenance Committee

Cllrs Mawson and Hindle provided an update on the initial appraisal of the library room.

The room could not be extended in size as there was no void space to the rear of the bookshelves, as had been earlier suggested. The Volunteers were in agreement that their requirements included: a better heating system, re-wiring, and replacement windows. Members of the Maintenance Committee would also look at a possible reconfiguration of the room to increase the area available for library shelving. Local Contractors would be asked to provide quotes which would give the Parish Council an idea of the approximate cost of a library only refurbishment.

179/13 Parish Council representatives attended meetings

Councillor Hindle had attended the inaugural meeting of the **WWI Centenary group**. It had been well attended with a number of residents and Village Group representatives. Various ideas had been discussed and the group was looking at a number of events including; producing an information leaflet, Primary School involvement, showing of relevant films at the Memorial Hall, displays of WWI memorabilia.

Councillor Coates provided an update on the **TDF** meeting which had been very well attended by residents, local businesses and a number of Parish Councillors. This meeting had seen new attendees who brought new ideas and also offering to help. More information had been shared between those attending and additional visitor parking had been offered by a local farmer. Predicted number of visitors was still being calculated, Bradford MDC were liaising with emergency services. The release of information relating to the timing of the race would be released by TDF 2014 Ltd.

A further meeting of the Addingham TDF committee was to be held on the 16/1/14.

180/13 Addingham Garden Friends (AGF)

Resolved: Members agreed to the requests for following work to be undertaken at the Memorial Garden.

- The widening of one of the side beds between the gate and the War Memorial building to make the two beds the same width.
- The raising of the edging at the back of both beds to a height of 18" (with appropriate stone) to allow for greater depth of soil.
- The planting of a small shrub in each of the beds at the top.
- The use of vine eyes and wire to pin back the pyracantha against the wall of the War Memorial building.

Clerk to request that BMDC carry out re-pointing of flags to remedy the unsafe uneven surface.

181/13 Parish Council Owned Land at Parsons Lane, Addingham.

Following receipt of a letter from Windle, Beech Winthrop confirming that owners of adjoining land are to make a pre –application enquiry, to Bradford MDC, with regard to developing their land

Resolved: Members did not want to join with the owners of adjoining land to take part in a pre-application enquiry which would establish the development potential of Parish owned land.

182/13 Heartstart Training

Following notification of training courses being held in the Village to train volunteers in the use of the newly installed defibrillators

Resolved: Seven Members agreed to attend a Heartstart Course, along with the Clerk

183/13 Matters reported by the Clerk to Bradford MDC.

No Matters had been reported to Bradford MDC

184/13 Chairman's Remarks and Correspondence

Chairmans Remarks

Councillor Coates expressed concern at the lack of timely information on the Parish Council website; Members discussed the possibility of employing a "press officer" to publish information on the website, allowing residents greater access to information on the Parish Council activities. Clerk to add this to February Agenda.

Correspondence.

- Copies of BMDC Minutes – various meetings
- Confirmation that Addingham Civic Society is installing the Mount Hermon Plaque at the end of February/beginning of March.
- Notification that Bus service 903 which runs from Addingham Estates to Airedale will cease to operate from 27/1/14 onwards. This follows a passenger user's survey which confirmed a very low usage rate.
- Confirmation That BMDC is passing on the Council Tax Support to Parishes. This is the payment from Central Govt. which is made to compensate Councils for the adjustment in Council Tax Bases i.e. the reduction in band D equivalent housing units used to calculate the annual precept.
- confirmation from AGF that they will NOT be entering Yorkshire in Bloom this year – this is due to a number of factors such as the TDF visit , undertaking a review of what plants and flowers actually succeed during the year so they can plan what new things to plant and if any areas need re-planting/re-designing.
- Response from ACS re Traffic issues – they would like to work with PC in looking at the issues and potential solutions.
- Invitation to Welcome to Yorkshire (WTY) TDF Roadshow to give you all the latest information followed by a Question & Answers session. Date: Thursday 20th February 2014, Time: 5pm – 7pm. Councillor Coates will attend unless they confirm that they will come to this area in early March as the above date clashes with the BMDC Council meeting which approves the Budget- this will probably lead to a number of Parish Councillors and BMDC Councillors not being able to attend the roadshow on the 20th.
- Notification of BMDC signing up to Green Dog Walkers Scheme, a campaign which is a non-confrontational, friendly way to change attitudes about dog fouling.

185/13 Finance

A. Invoices for payment

Resolved: that the presented list of invoices paid and due for payment, excluding the cheque for Beat- as the actual work done was to be verified by the Clerk, were approved, and cheques were signed As required.

B. Precept

Resolved: Members agreed the precept for the Financial Year 1 April 2014 to 31 March 2015 would be Set at £25.00 per band D house. (2013/14 financial year £25.00 – a NIL percentage rise)

186/13 Date of Next Meeting

The next Ordinary Meeting of Addingham Parish Council will take place on Wednesday 12th February 2014 at 7:00pm, at The Old School Room.