Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held 30 March 2016
Village Hall – 7.00pm

Present

Councillors: Peter Hubbard (Chair), Richard Steel, David Wing
Clerk: Phil Parkin
Four members of the public

Public Session

The following matters were raised:

Progress on previously raised issues:

- Re highway issues, a letter was sent to RMBC seeking comments from Streetpride on a number of highway concerns raised by residents; a reply is awaited.
- Re Neighbourhood Watch payment. No payment to be made in 2015/16, but a contribution will be made in the following financial year.
- Tesco Fund; Adrian Osbourne has been asked about the CCTV research, but a reply is awaited. It was noted that a possible restriction on obtaining grants is the absence of a clear audit certificate.

A question was raised about the attendance of borough councillors at Parish meetings. The Chair said that no apologies had been received, but the Clerk would ensure that councillors were notified of each meeting.

Jeff Walker has established that old Ulley documents are held in the Rotherham Museum at Clifton Park. The Chairman thanked Jeff for his efforts.

Reference was made to land to the rear of 10 Main Street where a post has been removed, and where cars were now parking. The Parish Council would consider replacing the post.

A suggestion was made to invite a speaker from RMBC to future Parish meetings.

A suggestion was made that a polite note be produced that could be left on cars parked on verges asking the drivers to ‘please do not park here’

26/16. Apologies

No apologies were received.
27/16. Minutes of the meeting on 26 February 2016

Resolved: The minutes be accepted as a true and accurate record and be signed by the Chairman.

28/16. Declarations of interest

None declared.

29/16. Items for which a resolution may be passed to exclude the press and public

None.

30/16. On-going issues:

1 The former clerk had been bailed until April while the police collate data, including that from Ulley Parish Council.

2 The Halifax fund is now operational with approximately £16,600 in the fund.

3 The adoption of the recreation ground awaits RMBC completing all formalities; contact has been made, and the Chairman will continue to pursue.

4 The Clerk has written to RMBC’s Conservation officer regarding the Brewery wall. A RMBC officer will visit the site in the near future.

31/16. Communications received by the Chairman

The written resignation of Councillor Mozley had been received.

The external auditor, BDO, had sent the annual return for completion.

A letter had been sent to nPower seeking a refund of the excessive charges made.

Resolved: The Clerk should write again to nPower, seeking a response.

32/16. Casual Vacancy

Cllr Mozley has now formally resigned, and Cllr Finley has not attended meetings for six consecutive months, without reason or approval by the parish council (Section 85 1972 LGA).

Resolved: The Council declares a vacancy; that the process for filling the vacancies be noted and that the Clerk is instructed to make the necessary arrangements with RMBC. At the end of the 14 day period, if no election has been sought, the Clerk should seek expressions of interest in being co-opted to the Council.
33/16. Village Hall insurance

Came and Co. have been contacted and are making a site visit on 5 April 2016.

Resolved: The Clerk pursues the possible combining of insurance cover for the Millennium Trust and the Parish Council, and reports back.

34/16. Financial position

The financial position to March 2016 as reported, was noted as being £697 in hand; further payments had recently been made of around £400.

Resolved: The balance of funds held by the Parish Council at the year end be deposited in the savings bank account; and that next year, bank statements, invoices and receipts be scanned into the one-drive, with a budget monitoring report highlighting budget, spending and the remaining balance.

35/16. Payments

Payments due to be made were reported.

Resolved: The following payments were approved:

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36/16. Actions relating to RMBC matters:

(i) Minutes from the RMBC/Parish and Town Council Joint Working Group were noted.

Resolved: The Clerk contacts Paul Griffiths to clarify to whom previous meeting notices have been sent, ensures the Clerk receives future notifications, and shares these with all parish councillors. Also, the Clerk to clarify the position on the joint working agreement and consultation thereon.

(ii) A number of highways issues have been raised by residents.

Resolved: The Clerk write to RMBC to invite a relevant and senior officer with knowledge of the matters concerned, to a future meeting.

37/16. Actions relating to police in the community
None – no police representatives were present. It was noted that the PCSO was to attend the next meeting.

38/16. FoUCP

No matters were raised.

Resolved: This item be deleted from future agendas, until further matters arise.

39/16. Community funded skip

The bid made by the Parish Council was too late for 2015/16.

Resolved: The Clerk contacts RMBC Area Housing Panel to submit a bid for a skip during 2016/17.

40/16. S.137 Expenditure

The report and updated limit on S.137 expenditure was noted.

41/16. Appointment of Internal Auditor

Resolved: Voluntary Action Rotherham be appointed as Internal Auditor.

42/16. Urgent business

An issue had arisen relating to dog use and fouling on the recreation ground. It was noted that a polite sign was to be posted encouraging residents not to allow dogs on the ground, and a reminder placed in the newsletter. Also, the litter bin is to be relocated to a more suitable site.

The Clerk to add an agenda item covering the filming and recording of future meetings.

43/16. Next meeting 25 May 2016 at 7 pm in the Village Hall.