Ulley Parish Council

Attachment 1

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held 27 July 2016
Village Hall – 7.00 pm

Present
Councillors: Peter Hubbard (Chair), David Wing and Ian Stones
Clerk: Phil Parkin

Six members of the public, RMBC Cllr Bob Walsh and PSCO Alan Concannon.

Public Session
The local dog bin was said to be full. The Chair agreed to follow this up with RMBC, who usually empty it within 2 days.

It was asked if two ladies could be allowed to walk their dogs around the perimeter of the recreation ground. The Chair said that this had been considered previously and that no further consideration would be given by the Parish Council.

In response to a question about a skip, the Chair said that RMBC’s co-ordinator was preparing a new procedure, after which Ulley PC could apply for a skip.

A water leak was mentioned at 2a Main Street, this had been reported to the appropriate agency.

Reference was made to the pavement from 21a Main Street to the bottom, and that work was still on-going, though one stretch which had been reported to RMBC had been done. Furthermore, Turnshaw Hill (that section) was in a poor state. The Chair undertook to report this to RMBC. Cllr Wing added that the public should report such matter directly to RMBC.

Double yellow lines are needed on Reservoir Road Bridge; this matter had been raised previously and reported to RMBC.

Concern was expressed as to railway sleepers in the playground. The Parish Council agreed to remove them immediately due to the safety concerns expressed.

80/16. Apologies
Apologies were received and accepted from Richard Steel and Richard Robson.

81/16. Minutes of the Parish Council annual meeting on 25 May 2016
Resolved: The minutes be accepted as a true and accurate record and be signed by the Chair.

82/16. Minutes of the Parish Council meeting on 25 May 2016
Resolved: The minutes be accepted as a true and accurate record and be signed by the Chair.

Signed as approved
83/16. Minutes of the Parish Council extra-ordinary meeting on 21 June 2016

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

84/16. Declarations of interest

None declared.

85/16. Items for which a resolution may be passed to exclude the press and public

It was noted that the press and public would be excluded if any business is considered under Part II of the meeting (confidential items).

86/16 Police in the Community

PSCO Alan Concannon attended the meeting and explained that the police had a scheme which monitors traffic, with the aid of volunteers. He is to email volunteers on 29 July to arrange for the monitoring to commence within two weeks. He will also contact RMBC to consider additional assistance, such as “speed and flow” monitoring. As well as monitoring at peak times, the police will revisit throughout the year.

Other issues were raised including fishing and intimidation by youths in the area. The PSCO advised that the police should be contacted as and when such issues arise, either via 101, email or 999.

The Chair referred to summer statistics which had been received from the police for Rotherham South LPT area.

87/16. On-going issues

1. Re the former clerk (Andy Pashley), the police were compiling a file for consideration by the CPS and the former chair of Ulley Parish Council (UPC) was to be interviewed by the police in order to progress the investigation.

2. Progress was being made to agree a lease for the recreation ground with RMBC. UPC was awaiting a response from RMBC and is hopeful of progress in the near future.

3. Re the brewery wall, planning had been sought by the brewery to fell four trees. RMBC intend to require the wall to be made good as part of the planning process. It was noted that there were no objections to the tree felling.

4. Regarding the permissive footpath, a positive meeting had been held with RMBC. The legal position had been clarified and a pro-forma document provided, which is to be completed and passed to the Estate, which if agreed then provides a permissive footpath.

88/16. Communications received by the Chairman

The Chair reported that he had received the clerk’s resignation, and thanked him for helping UPC to make progress in the last 6 months.

Signed as approved
Also, a reply had eventually been received to UPC’s letter to the CEO of RMBC. The Chair itemised the various issues, and RMBC’s response. He stressed that the public should always report all incidents to the appropriate authority, in order to ensure that proper account is taken of the various safety issues of concern to local residents and UPC.

It was noted that RMBC had not directly responded to the request for a senior officer to attend a meeting in Ulley.

Resolved: That the Parish Council proceed with the initiatives already in place to progress the concerns expressed.

89/16. Actions relating to RMBC
The highway issues previously raised were covered in 88/16 above. RMBC had responded to the freedom of information request, explaining why a speed sign had been provided in Brampton but not in Ulley.

90/16. Revised salary scales
The revised salary scales which had been negotiated nationally and effective from 1 April 2016 were noted.

91/16. Financial position
The financial position to July 2016 as reported, was noted as being £2,250 in hand.

92/16. Payments
Resolved: The following payments be approved:

17/6 Yorkshire Water - £25.70 (Direct debit)
17/7 HMRC – PAYE April 16 - £43.00 (cheque no. 400132)
17/8 Clerk expenses - May 2016 - £13.65 (cheque no. 400136)
17/9 Build a sign.co.uk - Dog signs - £47.59 (cheque no. 400131)
17/10 Clerk salary - May 2016 - £163.40 (cheque no. 400134)
17/11 Spectrum (Internal Audit) £137.50 (cheque no. 400133)

93/16. Financial report of Halifax Fund
The financial position to July 2016 as reported, was noted as being £16,230 in hand, though further expenditure of £6,531 had been approved.

94/16 Halifax bids approved
It was noted that bids totalling £7,030.94 had now been approved by the Halifax Estate.

95/16 Speed signs
The chair had obtained two quotations for speed signs for attaching to lampposts.
Resolved: That a bid be submitted to the Halifax Fund for the “slow down” sign (£2,625), data collection unit (£250) and additional brackets (£50).

96/16 Dispensation re Millennium Trust Trustees
Resolved: that dispensation be sought for Ian Stones who is now a councillor.

97/16 Fly tipping
The Chair explained that there are difficulties in the Parish Council itself, carrying out covert observations, due the legislative restrictions, but he would refer to a possible solution later in the agenda. He added that the recent Area Assembly meeting had made it clear that the various agencies were all working on intelligence information so that “hotspots” were identified based on calls and complaints received. Hence it is more and more important that the public notify the appropriate agency when issues arise, in order to ensure that account is taken of all incidents.

98/16. Transparency Fund
It was noted that a grant had been approved providing £360 to support the cost of implementing the Transparency Code.

99/16 Area Assembly meeting 4 July 2016
The Chair referred to the ‘love my street’ co-ordinator of RMBC, who has a small pot of money available.

Also, RMBC area assemblies have devolved budgets with two elements - revenue and capital. Various options exist for UPC to apply to RMBC for the use of these funds in future. In particular, fly-tipping and speed signs are of potential interest, with RMBC is able to legally use covert observations.

100/16. Urgent business
The Chair referred to HS2, which is planned to pass through Ulley. One resident had asked if there would be a meeting with HS2 in the village. The Chair said that at present, there was no benefit in seeking such a meeting, though other immediate action would be beneficial.

UPC will contact adjacent parish councils in order to establish a united voice expressing concerns both environmental and economic. Also, RMBC and DMBC will be approached to establish useful contact points to take local concerns forward.

RMBC councillor Bob Walsh advised that he would be holding surgeries for residents, every second month, alternating with the Parish Council meetings.

101/16. Next meeting 28 September 2016 at 7 pm in the Village Hall.

Signed as
Approved