Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held 25 January 2017
Village Hall – 7.00 pm

Present
Peter Hubbard (chair), Richard Steel (Vice Chair), David Wing, Richard Robson and Ian Stones
Clerk - Emma Taylor

Seven members of the public and some emails from people not present.

Public Session

Concerns were raised by the public about the following items:-

- Dog bin on Reservoir Road – members of the public and PC reported it. It has been removed but not replaced. Chair had chased this along with a member of public. RMBC has confirmed that it was removed because it was dangerous. It will be replaced but the staff who do this are currently collecting the fallen leaves in the town so it may take a while.
- Yorkshire Water signage is bright and offensive – did they have planning permission. PC not sure they need it but agree the signs seem a bit large for the size of the buildings. PC will write and ask if they can be smaller.
- Yorkshire Water were supposed to be attending to fix leak. They wrote to say water would be turned off but they never arrived and although the burst pipe has been fixed, the leak on Main Street remains. PC will chase them again.
- Dead Trees on Ulley Lane are dangerous. Some have already blown down in the wind and luckily landed in the field. PC will write to RMBC and highlight the danger.
- Fly-tipping – been an issue for a while. The man at RMBC who sorts has been working on an arrangement in Ravenfield with an anti littering campaign. Chair is at a meeting that he is attending and doing a presentation at so PC agreed that the Chair would speak to him at the meeting and see if they can do something similar in Ulley.
- Member of the public raised concerns that the owners of “The Holt” had purchased some land from the farmer. Wanted to know if they had planning and what they had bought it for. PC confirmed that whilst they will keep an eye in case anything is built without permission, the owners do not need planning permission simply to buy land.
- Member of public raised concerns that the dog poo bin relocated near the rec ground has been put in the wrong place. It doesn’t get emptied and has only just been emptied today since the last PC meeting. Chair confirmed that for some reason that bin is run by Green Space and not Street Pride. It has been pointed out before to RMBC. PC will write to ask why it is not being emptied and to ask if it can be added onto the list for Street Pride to do.

Meeting

1/17 Apologies – None

2/17 Minutes of the PC meeting 30th November 2016

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

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3/17 Declarations of Interest – None declared. Update was given in relation to the law change from 2011. PC now have power to grant but have to accept a resolution in standard wording. Clerk can then grant dispensations for a period up to 4 years. Ian Stones needs to be granted.

Resolved:

- That the Council delegates the power to grant dispensations to the Clerk. The Power rests with the relevant authority under s33(1) of the Localism Act 2011 and the basis set out under section 33 (2).
- Agreed that dispensation be granted to Councillor Ian Stones until 5th October 2019 when the other Councillors end.
- Agreed that normally, dispensations will be granted for 4 years.
- Agreed that all requests for dispensation should be sent to the Clerk.

4/17 On-going issues

1. Former Clerk, Andy Pashley – Chair confirmed that he has appeared at the Crown Court and entered a plea of Guilty. He will be sentenced in March.
   Resolved: No further action for the PC to take unless a Victim Impact statement is requested via the Police.

2. Recreation Ground Lease – Update was provided in short report attached to the agenda. RMBC forgot to include a break clause in the lease. Without a break clause, the lease has to be approved by the cabinet and the next one it can be put before is likely to be May. PC have to make a decision whether they agree to break clause and the lease can be issued asap or whether PC tries to get the lease without break clause and are prepared to wait. Cabinet may still impose the break clause.
   Resolved: PC vote for the lease to go to cabinet and try and get full lease without the break clause.

3. Permissive footpath – Halifax have confirmed they are committed to it but want to clarify the paperwork.
   Resolved: Chair will keep chasing.

5/17 Communications received by the Chairman

The Chair had received a letter from the Millennium Trust (MT) regarding the issue of a subcommittee if PC did not grant the lease to the MT. More detail follows below but MT have confirmed that no member is willing to.

6/17 Lease to the village hall

A report was attached to the agenda which was prepared by the Clerk confirming that there was little benefit to the PC taking over the running of the village hall and not granting the MT the lease. Councillors raised some questions about how was responsible for maintenance under the lease. Chair confirmed that structural was PC but anything else was MT.

Resolved: The issuing of the Lease was put to a vote. One Councillors was against, the rest were in favour. It was therefore resolved that the lease would be granted and signed with effect from 25th January 2017.

7/17 Christmas Lights

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Vice Chair confirmed that he had chaired a meeting prior to the PC meeting in relation to the lights. They agreed to obtain feedback from the village including whether villagers would consent to brackets being placed on houses for trees to be put in. They will look at how many lamp posts can be used, cost of brackets etc. They will price all options up and have scheduled another meeting to take place before the next MT meeting.

No action for PC at this time.

8/17 HS2

Chair provided a copy of the draft correspondence to be sent to HS2 and to the residents of Ulley as attached to the agenda.

Resolved:
1) PC will respond to the consultation process with the letter.
2) Copy will be placed on the website.
3) Copy of the letter and covering letter will be sent to all residents.

9/17 Ulley in Bloom

A report was attached to the agenda. A way forward needs to be agreed for Ulley in Bloom in 2017. There is no one in the village willing to co-ordinate anymore. Options were considered as to whether PC should fund it, apply to Halifax for funding for all or part, get an organisation in to do it all. Some funding for last years plants came from Rotherfed grant but there has so far not been a grant this year. There was discussion as to whether Christmas lights and hanging baskets could be done on the same brackets.

Resolved: PC agreed that professional company was needed. They will be approached for cost for summer and winter planting. PC will apply to Halifax for funding for the full amount, if that fails PC will apply for part funding and if that fails PC will fund.

10/17 Financial report

Financial report was accepted by the PC. To be noted that we have made a claim for monies back from Andy Pashley via the criminal claim but PC accept it is unlikely.

11/17 Halifax Fund – Nothing to report

12/17 Halifax Bids – Nothing to report

13/17 Precept

Has been submitted and RMBC have acknowledged. Noted by PC.

14/17 Urgent business

Chair confirmed that there had been a leak in the Women’s toilet in the village hall over Christmas. Under urgent business powers, Chari, Vice Chair and Clerk had arranged for a plumber to fix the leak and had paid £40.

Accepted by PC

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15/17 Battle’s over, a Nations Tribute

Report had been attached. PC agreed that the occasion should be marked. Some concerns about safety, where bonfire could be and whether event is made public.

Resolved:
- Raise again at next PC meeting
- Express our interest in response to the email received
- Clerk to check with insurance company if we are insured.

16/17 Planning enforcement plan

Report was attached to agenda. Concern raised that if anonymous referral made it wont be taken as seriously. PC concerned that people may not want to report if their names have to be known for fear of retribution.

Resolved: PC to write to RMBC to ask if this can be more flexible.

17/17 Dates for next meeting confirmed as 29th March 2017 at 7.00pm at Ulley Village Hall.

Meetings in 2017 will be held on the following dates:-
29.03.17
31.05.17
26.07.17
27.09.17
29.11.17

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