Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held 29 March 2017
Village Hall – 7.00 pm

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

Clerk - Emma Taylor

Six members of the public (including local councillors).

Public Session

The Chair commenced the Public session by confirming the sad news that Andrew Mozley had passed away. Chair expressed condolences on behalf of the PC especially for all the work he had done for the village and the PC. The Chair asked the public if they had any contact details for the family so that we could write on behalf of the village. A member of the public confirmed they would be able to locate something.

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

- The state of the surface on Main Street was raised again. Chair confirmed that it is on RMBC website in the plans of roads to be improved in 2018. Discussion was also held as to whether Turnshaw Road fell within the plan. Chair confirmed that it did not and that it appeared to be classed as a minor road so would be covered by different funding. We need RMBC to clarify and Bob will do so.

- The state of the pavements in the village was raised. Chair confirmed that he had checked and they all comply with the current regulations and requirements so nothing further we can do.

- The problem of the increasing fly tipping was raised again. Chair confirmed that the Police were still struggling to get to grips with it. The area assembly had a camera and it was being trialled. We could ask them if we could be listed to use it and identify the hot spots. Concern was raised that the litter pickers might get into trouble if they are caught on camera leaving their bags of rubbish. Chair confirmed that as long as they were in high vis vests and following the usual procedure it should be ok.

- Main Street needs sweeping and drains clearing again. Chair confirmed that he would report to RMBC.

- Final issues raised by the public was that someone had asked if flyers could be placed in the notice board. All PC members agreed that they could as long as there was space.

Meeting

18/17 Apologies – None

19/17 Minutes of the PC meeting 25th January 2017

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

P.J. Hubbard 31/5/17
20/17 Declarations of Interest – None declared.

21/17 On-going issues

1. Former Clerk, Andy Pashley – Chair confirmed that he has appeared at the Crown Court for sentencing. He has received 12 months imprisonment suspended for 2 years and 175 hours of unpaid work in the community. Police have confirmed he has no money and therefore no money will be returned to the PC.

Resolved: No further action for the PC to take.

2. Dog Bins – Chair confirmed that RMBC had written to the clerk to confirm that there had been some confusion. The 4 bins are controlled by the same team and should be emptied twice weekly. Operative had thought only once per week. Problem should now be resolved. RMBC have also confirmed to councillor Robson that a new round of bins have been ordered and the one on Reservoir road should be replaced soon.

No action to take.

3. Permissive footpath – Chair confirmed that Halifax estates had changed the terms of the agreement. All members had seen the new agreement prior to the meeting. The PC main concern had been liability of the PC. The insurers had confirmed that we had public liability cover. Members were asked to confirm if they agreed to the new terms. All members did.

Resolved:

   i) The draft proposed agreement be accepted;
   ii) Halifax be notified of the agreement to the wording by the Chair;
   iii) Sitwell estates be sent a copy of the wording and asked to confirm their agreement to it by the Chair;
   iv) RMBC footpaths be informed of the agreement in principle and be asked if they can facilitate provision of the path by the Chair;
   v) Further report be prepared at the next PC mtg or extraordinary meeting if necessary, with a project plan to take to completion (including financial proposals).

4. Speed signs – Chair confirmed that Halifax had wanted RMBC approval to the bid. RMBC have written to the chair to confirm they will not permit PC to install any speed signs. Flat no. Bid is therefore dead. Councillor Wing asked whether PC could buy them and install them on private land. Discussion held as to whether it would require planning permission.

Resolved: Chair to contact RMBC and ask if we can buy them and install them on private land.

5. Signage on Water Stations – Chair confirmed that YWA had confirmed that the signs were health and safety, were positioned where they were so workers could see them upon entry and there was no smaller option.

No action the PC can take

6. HS2 – no response has yet been received, will continue to update at PC meetings.

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31/5/17
7. **Water leek on Main Street** – Chair confirmed that this had been repaired and the issue was closed.

**22/17 Communications received by the Chairman**

The Chair had received a letter from Philip Pennington at 22 Main Street about the turning area in front of the houses. He wanted to know if the PC could use some of the grant money available to improve it. Chair confirmed that he had been out to meet with Philip and identify the issues. There were three:

1. The surface of the road itself
2. Could the edges to the verge be raised as they are being damaged by the cars parking on them;
3. If the verge cannot be raised, can the kerbs be moved and raised.

The Chair confirmed that he has discussed this with Philip as the PC have tried to improve this land before and have encountered problems with RMBC. The road and verge belong to Highways and PC have been refused permission in the past. Chair suggested that RMBC could be contacted to see if the surface will be repaired at the same time Main Street is resurfaced. If they are not including it PC should request a site meeting with Highways.

**Resolved**: All PC agreed to the above. Chair will contact RMBC and Clerk will feedback to Philip Pennington.

**23/17 Area Assembly**

The Chair confirmed that the new PCSO was present and he confirmed that they are trying to recruit 600 more officers. PCSO levels should be reinstated soon, they have been pulled off normal duties to do door to door enquiries for the two murders that have taken place in the locality.

There was a presentation in relation to Dementia and how communities can help and what too look out for. Chair confirmed that he has an information pack if anyone wanted to read it.

There was then a presentation by Wayne Munro-Smith about “Love where you live”. He wants to promote looking after where you live. Litter picking schemes are promoted by him and he is well aware of the problems faced by communities because of fly tipping. He has offered to come and do a short presentation for us about what he does. He has small pot of finances which we might be able to look into.

Discussion was also held about why litter pickers in Uley still had to leave bags of rubbish by the side of the road and report as fly tipping. Can we ask Wayne if it can just be picked up instead?

**Resolved**: Chair is to invite Wayne to the next PC meeting so that PC can find our what he does, money that might be available and also if litter can be collected.

**24/17 Ulley in bloom**

The Chair confirmed that Mr and Mrs Rangecroft who made the bid last year and provided the Chair with the measurements of all the beds. This information had been passed to the nursery for estimate. Public asked if the pansies could be replaced with other flowers as they haven’t flowered very well. Chair confirmed that once estimate was back, the flowers could be looked into.

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31/5/17
Vice chair Steel confirmed that the work group of PC and MT had met about Christmas lights and hanging baskets and they were obtaining prices for the brackets that can go on lamp posts for hanging baskets and lights. There are about 14-16 places that can be used.

Discussion only

25/17 Police and Crimes Commissioners meeting

The Chair confirmed that he had attended the meeting and the focus was very much about putting community policing back in place. Not necessarily via small police statements but by making people more present and by using services such as the Fire Brigade for missing people searches etc. Chair confirmed that the rest of the meeting was very much concentrated on smaller local areas and anti social behaviour so not overly relevant to Ulley.

Discussion only

26/17 Electoral review of Rotherham

A letter and information received from RMBC about re-arranging the Wards had been attached to the agenda and the councillors were asked for any comments about the ward that Ulley fell under and whether it should be changed. No one had any comments to make. Local Councillor raised that members might want to consider if Ulley would rather fall into Ward with Thurcroft, Laughton Common and Laughton en le Northem. Rother Valley West will now cover the Waverley estate and will become quite “town” related whereas the other Ward covers more rural places. Chair pointed out that Thurcroft had a bit of a reputation for being quite insular and only seeing Thurscroft’s needs. None of the members had considered changing the Ward. There was objection from one member of the public.

Resolved: Members are to think and if they would like to make any comment they are to notify the Clerk by Wednesday 5th April 2017. If nothing is received, the Clerk will respond and say that we have no comment to make.

26/17 Planning update

PC has had a letter to confirm that planning has been refused for the industrial unit. The Chair provided a verbal report that planning had been applied for, for the bungalow at the bottom of Reservoir Road. They have amended their application for a septic tank to be installed, ground source heat pump, solar panels to the roof and moving the building 3-4 foot away from the neighbouring property. The actual house plan is not changed. PC had no comments to make.

Discussion only.

27/17 Battle’s over, a Nations Tribute

PC noted that the insurers would need an additional premium.

Resolved: Issue to be re-visited closer to the time.

28/17 Footpath to Recreation Ground

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3/5/17
The Chair confirmed that the footpath was in a bad state, however it was not part of the lease the PC were to take over.

Resolved: The Chair would contact RMBC about the footpath and see if it could be improved.

29/17 Telephone Box

The Chair confirmed that a villager wanted to renovate the telephone box and had located where the glass and correct colour paint could be purchased from. He wanted the PC permission to undertake the work.

Resolved: All members voted agreement to the work.

30/17 Internal Audit

The Clerk had provided a report into the internal audit. VAR had quoted £145 (£10 more than last year) to complete the audit. The standing orders, financial regulations, risk assessment and asset register had been reviewed by the Clerk. The Clerk indicated that the financial regulations and risk assessment did not require amendment. The Standing Orders needed to be amended to show that the Clerk now grants dispensations and the asset register needed to be updated to include the lap top, printer and flagpole. These will be uploaded on to the website when approved in readiness for the transparency code.

Resolved: All members agreed the changes and accepted the £145 fee. Tables and chairs are also to be added to the asset register.

31/17 Insurance

There had been several questions raised about the insurance so Clerk had attached the renewal information and booklets to the agenda so that all PC members were aware of the terms. The quote has come back at £616.69.

Resolved: All members confirmed that the quote was accepted.

32/17 Financial report

Financial report was accepted by the PC as attached to the Agenda. Accounts and bank statement had been reconciled and PC has £4225 left at the end of financial year.

Resolved: £3,500 will be transferred to the reserve account upon receipt of the precept. Clerk will complete the VAT return.

It was noted that the reserves should ideally be the same as 1 years precept. Villagers were assured that the money could be accessed if needed.

33/17 Halifax Fund

The financial report was attached to the agenda and confirmed that the fund held a balance of £10,821.99. The only outstanding payment to be made was VAT omitted from a previous invoice of £294.50.

P J. Henderson
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34/17 Halifax Bids – Nothing to report

35/17 Urgent business – None

36/17 Dates for next meeting confirmed as 31.05.2017 at 7.00pm at Ulley Village Hall. Annual Parish meeting will take place on that date at 6.00pm and the Annual Parish Council Meeting will take place at 6.30pm on that date.

Confidential meeting then took place once the public had left.

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