

ALWOODLEY PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting
held on
Monday 10th October 2016
at Alwoodley Community Hall



Commenced: 7.30 pm

Concluded: 9.05 pm

Present: Cllr Lyn Buckley (Chairman)
Cllr Trupti Acharya
Cllr Carol Allen
Cllr Neil Buckley
Cllr Ian Greenberg
Cllr Ramesh Khetani
Cllr Roderic Parker
Cllr Jerry Pearlman
Cllr Sue Smith
Cllr Judith Williams

Clerk: Catriona Hanson

2016/211 Introduction

Cllr Lyn Buckley welcomed everyone to the Parish Council meeting.

2016/212 Public participation

One member of the public was present at the meeting. He requested Parish Council support for grant funding for CCTV cameras and suggested that the Parish Council might like to consider funding a bandstand or other shelter for future band concerts. Cllr Lyn Buckley thanked him for his comments, but regretted that the Parish Council was unable to help.

2016/213 To receive any apologies for absence

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr Richard Hainsworth

2016/214 To receive any declarations of disclosable pecuniary and other interests.

None.

2016/215 To grant any requests for dispensation as appropriate

None

2016/216 Minutes of previous meetings

RESOLVED: To approve the minutes of the meeting held on 5th September 2016

Proposed: Cllr Allen

Seconded: Cllr Acharya

2016/216 Matters arising from the minutes of the last meeting that are not already on the agenda and updating the Decision List

- **2016/166 No parking on grass verge signs** – it was agreed to contact Jessica Deighton and ask her to provide details of her colleague who is now dealing with this matter.

- **2016/201 Dog waste bag dispenser** – it was agreed to ask Jessica Deighton to provide contact details.
- **2016/200 Neighbourhood Plan responses** – it was agreed that the whole of Appendix C should be forwarded to Leeds City Council's Highways for comments.
- **2016/205 Band concerts** – The Lengthsman has agreed that he is free to help with both band concerts.
- **King Lane footway** – Cllr Pearlman asked for this issue to be added to the decision list. He had contacted Cllr Cohen and is waiting for a response. Cllr Neil Buckley agreed to remind Cllr Cohen at the next Ward Councillors' meeting.
- **Issues to raise with Yorkshire Water** – Cllr Pearlman suggested asking a representative from Yorkshire Water to attend the next meeting and discuss outstanding issues with the Parish Council. He agreed to provide a list of issues to the Clerk.
- **20mph zone** – it was resolved to table this at the next meeting with a paper in order that the Parish Council can make a policy decision.
Proposed: Cllr Pearlman
Seconded: Cllr Greenberg

2016/217 To receive the minutes from the Planning Committee and to receive an update about the most recent meeting

The minutes from the Planning Committee meeting held on 5th September 2016 were received.

Cllr Pearlman gave a summary of the discussions which took place at the earlier Planning Committee meeting.

The meeting had discussed 14 planning applications and made an objection to one application.

2016/218 To receive verbal updates (if any) from the Parish Council's Working Parties:

- **Queen's 90th Birthday flowerbed** – Cllr Allen advised the meeting that some larger logs have now been added to the bed.
- **MaeCare Liaison** – Cllr Williams advised the meeting that she and Cllr Smith had met with a representative from MaeCare. Information about the proposed schemes will be publicised in the November ACA newsletter and the January MAECare newsletter.

2016/219 To receive an update from the Ward member

Cllr Neil Buckley advised the meeting that there were no matters of concern for the Parish Council.

Cllr Smith raised the matter of the increasing number of bicycle thefts in the parish. It was agreed to invite a representative from the police to the next meeting to talk about crime.

2016/220 Schedule of Payments

The Clerk drew the Parish Council's attention to the high level of expenditure on the legal fees for allotments.

Cllr Pearlman asked the Clerk to include a summary of expenditure spent on legal fees for the allotments in the minutes. Since 2014 the Parish Council has paid a total of £10,922 to the appointed solicitor. This total includes £6,372 which were the legal expenses incurred by Leeds City Council and £1,638 VAT which can be claimed back from HMRC. The Parish Council has also paid nearly £400 for planning permission and other expenses.

RESOLVED: To agree the Schedule of Payments

Proposed: Cllr Allen

Seconded: Cllr Lyn Buckley

2016/221 RFO's Report

RESOLVED: To accept the RFO's Report

Proposed Cllr Lyn Buckley

Seconded: Cllr Allen

2016/222 Fitness equipment sign

After some discussion it was agreed that it was not appropriate to install a sign near the fitness equipment. The Clerk was asked to write to the local resident who had made the original complaint and advise her of this decision.

2016/223 Band concerts 2017

Cllr Lyn Buckley agreed to liaise with the Lengthsman about the two band concert dates. The Clerk agreed to inform Leeds City Council.

RESOLVED: to hold two concerts in 2017, one by a brass band and one by a jazz band on Sunday 18th June and Sunday 20th August and to spend up to £1,800 on bands, chair hire, printing and distributing leaflets and any other contingencies.

Proposed Cllr Lyn Buckley

Seconded: Cllr Smith

2016/224 Litter pickers

RESOLVED: to purchase two litter pickers at a cost of £32

Proposed Cllr Allen

Seconded: Cllr Smith

2016/225 Replacement tree

RESOLVED: to replace the tree that was knocked down on King Lane at a cost of £180

Proposed Cllr Lyn Buckley

Seconded: Cllr Smith

2016/226 Insurance renewal

RESOLVED: to accept the five year rate quoted by Zurich Municipal. Once this has expired the Parish Council will seek competitive quotes.

Proposed Cllr Lyn Buckley

Seconded: Cllr Allen

2016/227 To consider an offer to organise some community involvement in decorating the playground

The person who made the suggestion had been invited to the Parish Council meeting to talk about this suggestion, but hadn't responded to the invitation or attended the meeting. It was agreed to delete this item from the next agenda.

2016/228 Additional feedback from the Neighbourhood Development Plan process

- **3500 Eccup Reservoir** – it was agreed to forward these comments to Yorkshire Water
- **41W Parking on Primley Park Road and punctuality of the buses** – it was agreed that the response should state that the Parish Council is aware of the situation with regards to the parking, but is unable to anything to address the situation. The Parish Council is also unable to do anything about the punctuality of the buses.
- **48E Street trees** – it was agreed to contact the resident concerned to say that a tree could be planted outside his dwelling, subject to the agreement of his neighbours and the suitability of the grass verge. Cllr Lyn Buckley advised the meeting that not all residents are keen on trees and there is also a difficulty with utility services under some of the grass verges.

2016/229 Agenda items for the next Parish Council meeting

- Proposed 20mph zone (JJP)
- An Alwoodley Show (JJP)

2016/230 Chairman's remarks and items of correspondence

The Parish Council agreed to Cllr Pearlman contacting Leeds City Council to ask who owns the grass verges and who owns the strip of land between the parking area and the pavement outside the shops at the junction of King Lane and The Avenue.

2016/231 Date of the next Parish Council meeting

The next Parish Council meeting will take place on 7th November at 7.30pm at the ACA.