

ALWOODLEY PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting
held on
Monday 6th November 2017
at Alwoodley Community Hall



Commenced: 7.30 pm
Concluded: 9.00 pm

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

Clerk: Catriona Hanson

2017/178 Introduction

Cllr Lyn Buckley welcomed everyone to the meeting.

2017/179 Public participation

None.

2017/180 To receive any apologies for absence

Apologies for absence were received and accepted from Cllr Buckley for a late arrival

2017/181 To receive any declarations of disclosable pecuniary and other interests.

None.

2017/182 To grant any requests for dispensation as appropriate

None

2017/183 Minutes of previous meetings

RESOLVED: To approve the minutes of the meeting held on 2nd October 2017 with the following addition - Cllr Greenberg had proposed a vote of thanks to Cllr Khetani following his resignation.

Proposed: Cllr Allen

Seconded: Cllr Acharya

2017/184 Matters arising from the minutes of the last meeting that are not already on the agenda and updating the Decision List

- **2017/124 Land at the junction of King Lane and Lakeland Drive** – the Clerk had received a response from Leeds City Council to say that the plot of land had been sold in two portions to two individuals. It was agreed not to pursue this matter any further.

- **2017/153 Bench on King Lane** – Cllr Lyn Buckley advised the meeting that the bench is now in place.
- **2017/154 King Lane footway** – the Clerk was asked to contact Russell Martin and request a response to the Parish Council's letter by Christmas 2017.
- **2017/173 Annual Meeting of the Parish** – the Clerk had invited Roger Brookes and a representative from the Recycling Centre to the Annual Meeting of the Parish. No response had been received and the Clerk was asked to contact them again.

2017/185 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 2nd October 2017 were received.

Cllr Pearlman gave an update about the Planning Committee meeting. The meeting had considered ten applications – an additional application on the agenda was a certificate of lawful planning and not eligible for comments. The Planning Committee agreed to recommend that an application for an overbearing development on 24 Lakeland Crescent be referred to the Plans Panel.

Cllr Pearlman advised the meeting that David Burgess of making a good recovery and the Clerk was asked to send a card on behalf of the Parish Council.

The Neighbourhood Plan has now been submitted to the Examiner and one comment has been received from a local resident.

2017/186 To receive verbal updates (if any) from the Parish Council's Working Parties:

- **Book festival** – Cllr Acharya advised the meeting that the Book Festival Working Party has now met the owners of a new children's bookshop in Chapel Allerton to discuss next year's event.
- **Verity's Copse** – Cllr Hainsworth advised the meeting that between 8 and 10 local residents had attended the site meeting for Verity's Copse. The group had cleared a large amount of debris from the footpath into a skip which had been provided by Leeds City Council and the whole area is much improved. The next working party will take place in the spring. Cllr Lyn Buckley thanked Cllr Hainsworth for organising the working party.
- **Village greens and common land training course** – Cllrs Greenberg and Pearlman gave some feedback about the village greens and common land training course which they had attended in October. The presenter was not very well-informed and both councillors expressed disappointment about the content and some inaccuracies.
- **Christmas tree lights** – Cllr Allen advised the meeting that the tree lights are now in place and working. Concerns were raised about the lights in the tree at the junction of Harrogate Road and Nursery Lane and Cllr Allen agreed have a look at the lights and to contact Leeds Lights if she found any problems.

2017/187 Ward Member's update

Cllr Neil Buckley advised the meeting that he has been interviewed by Radio Leeds about the recent travellers on the village green as Leeds City Council will shortly be debating the issue of providing traveller sites. Cllr Buckley also advised the meeting that, although the household projections for Leeds have now been reduced, the City Council's administration has refused to revise its housing target from the previous target of 70,000 new homes. Cllr Buckley let the meeting know that the new gate on the village green has now been painted.

2017/188 Schedule of Payments

RESOLVED: To agree the Schedule of Payments

Proposed: Cllr Allen

Seconded: Cllr Lyn Buckley

2017/189 Band concerts 2018

It was agreed that the band concert dates for 2018 would be as follows:

Sunday 17th June 2018 – brass band

Sunday 19th August 2018 – jazz band

Proposed: Cllr Lyn Buckley

The Clerk was asked to forward the dates to Leeds City Council with the recommendation that any bands should have their own amplification systems, if at all possible.

2017/190 CCTV cameras

Cllr Neil Buckley advised the meeting that Safer Leeds has set aside some money to fund 10 new CCTV cameras across the city and ward councillors have been invited to nominate suitable locations. After some discussion it was agreed that Cllr Buckley would nominate Stairfoot Lane as a potential location, with the Park and Ride car park as the Parish Council's second choice.

2017/191 To consider the future of the tea dance

The Clerk advised the meeting that MaeCare have now provided information about the number of people who had attended these events. After some discussion it was agreed to discontinue funding the event, due to the very low numbers.

Proposed: Cllr Williams

Seconded: Cllr Smith

The Clerk was asked to write to MaeCare and advise them of the decision.

2017/192 Parish Council vacancy

The Clerk advised the meeting that there had been no requests for a Parish Council election. A local resident had expressed an interest in joining the Parish Council and so it was agreed to invite him to the meeting on 8th January and to advertise the co-option on the website and notice boards.

2017/193 Alwoodley Neighbourhood Development Plan

It was agreed to request a copy of any representations made to Leeds City Council.

2017/194 Eccup Reservoir notice boards

It was agreed that the Clerk would contact Vicky Nunns to advise her that the Parish Council would like lectern-style notice boards and to ask for the costs of the design work. Cllr Allen advised the meeting that a new notice board near the "Slabbering Baby" had been sponsored by a number of organisations and the Clerk was asked to make some inquiries about the sponsorship.

2017/195 To consider ideas to celebrate the 10th anniversary of the Parish Council in 2018

Cllr Allen suggested commissioning some additional Christmas lights with designs to compliment the Alwoodley Parish Council motif Christmas light.

Cllr Acharya suggested starting a Little Free Library in the parish.

It was agreed that both councillors would investigate their suggestions further.

2017/196 Agenda items for the next meeting

- 2018/19 Parish Council budget.

2017/197 Chairman's remarks and items of correspondence

Cllr Greenberg gave an update on the recent YLCA Leeds branch meeting which he had attended. The local boundary review was discussed and the issue of 14 houses at Adel Mill and an additional two properties which are likely to be lost to the Parish Council was discussed. It was agreed that an objection would be submitted on the grounds that the occupants of these properties would be disadvantaged by being de-parished. A future meeting is going to be addressed by a representative from the Yorkshire Air Ambulance.

Cllr Neil Buckley advised the meeting that the Leeds City Council de-leafing team will be visiting local areas. It was agreed to advise Beverley Kirk of the need for the team to visit: The Valley, the raised footpath on King Lane, The Grove and The Lane (at the King Lane junction)

2017/198 Date of the next Parish Council meeting

The next Parish Council meeting will take place on 8th January 2018 at 7.30pm at the ACA.