

ALWOODLEY PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting
held on
Monday 14th January 2019
at Alwoodley Community Hall



Commenced: 7.30 pm
Concluded: 9.10 pm

Present: Cllr Lyn Buckley (Chairman)
Cllr Trupti Acharya
Cllr Carol Allen
Cllr Neil Buckley
Cllr Paul Fryer
Cllr Ian Greenberg
Cllr Richard Hainsworth
Cllr Roderic Parker
Cllr Sue Smith
Cllr David Towns
Cllr Judith Williams

Clerk: Catriona Hanson
Rebecca Crabtree

2019/001 Introduction

Cllr Lyn Buckley welcomed everyone to the first meeting of 2019.

2019/002 Public participation

One member of the public was present at the meeting and requested the support of the Parish Council in establishing an anti cold-calling zone in the Parish. It was agreed that the estimated costs of £700 would be added to the February agenda for discussion.

2019/003 To receive any apologies for absence

None.

2019/004 To receive any declarations of disclosable pecuniary and other interests.

None.

2019/005 To grant any requests for dispensation as appropriate

None

2019/006 Minutes of the previous meeting

RESOLVED: To approve the minutes of the meetings held on 5th November 2018

Proposed: Cllr Towns

Seconded: Cllr Hainsworth

2019/007 Matters arising from the minutes of the last meeting that are not already on the agenda and updating the Decision List

- **2018/285 Band concerts** – it was noted that the sum agreed at the November 2018 meeting only covered the Parish Council's contribution towards the band

costs and did not include any administrative costs.

- **2019/255 Telephone box on The Avenue** – there was no update, but Cllr Neil Buckley advised the meeting that the traders from the shops on The Avenue have expressed a preference for some planters to be installed. After a discussion about the state of the telephone box it was agreed that the Clerk would write to the community organisation (communityheartbeat.org.uk) which now owns the telephone box and ask for information about the paint code reference number so that the Parish Council can arrange for it to be re-decorated.
- **2019/280 Bus trips to the Emmerdale location** – Cllr Hainsworth queried the status of this planning application. Cllr Neil Buckley advised the meeting that there is no update at present.
- **2018/279 Faulty tree lights** – Cllr Lyn Buckley advised the meeting that the faulty electrical supply to the tree lights at the junction of King Lane and The Avenue is due to be repaired soon. Cllr Allen agreed to forward Harry Rhodes' contact details.

2019/008 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 November 2019 were received.

Cllr Parker gave an update about the January Planning Committee meeting. There were four planning applications on the agenda and one application generated discussion with some local residents. The Parish Council has been advised that Leeds City Council will be holding a Town and Parish Council forum in February and it was agreed that the Clerk would circulate details of the event and ask for nominations. The Planning Committee noted that an application to which they objected on The Valley has now been refused.

2019/009 To receive verbal updates (if any) from the Parish Council's Working Parties:

- **Playground** – Cllr Allen advised the meeting that the new equipment has now been selected: a rope swing, an overhead spinner and a Sid the Snake bench. These will be installed in February in conjunction with the Ward Councillors who will provide match funding. The Parish Council costs will be around £5,000
- **WW1 Centenary bed refurbishment** – Cllr Williams advised the meeting that an on-site meeting revealed that the existing problems with this flower bed can only be resolved with raised beds. It was agreed that this should be carried out with stone and in a similar design. The costs will be available for the February Parish Council meeting.
- **Best kept front garden competition** – Cllr Smith advised the meeting that the number of entries to the competition in 2018 was disappointingly low. It was agreed to budget £360 as a contingency in case the Parish Council wish to fund the competition in summer 2019.

- **Keep it green signs** – Cllr Lyn Buckley advised the meeting that the replacement signs will be available soon. A resident in Primley Park Avenue has requested a sign and Cllr Buckley advised the meeting that a sign is needed in The View.
- **Replacement trees on King Lane** – Cllr Lyn Buckley advised the meeting that the trees will be planted next week.
- **Band concerts in 2019** – Cllr Lyn Buckley advised the meeting that the working party had agreed that the concerts would take place on 16th June (brass band) and 18th August (jazz band). It was agreed to add the additional costs to the February meeting for approval.
- **Footpaths** – Cllr Parker raised the matter of some recent remedial work carried out by the Leeds Volunteer Footpath Rangers to footpaths close to the New Inn at Eccup and asked whether the Parish Council had requested that this work be carried out. Cllr Lyn Buckley advised the meeting that the Parish Council had not requested this work.

2019/010 Ward member's update

Cllr Neil Buckley advised the meeting that the proposal for bus lanes has now been withdrawn. No comments have been received about the proposed Park and Ride scheme on Harrogate Road and asked the Parish Councillors if they could discuss the proposal with any local residents and forward any comments to him. A proposal for a proposed 280 houses and a school on Alwoodley Lane has been changed to 305, Cllr Buckley has asked for clarification from Leeds City Council's Planning Department. He noted that any building work carried out within the Parish Council boundary would attract CiL money which could be spent on footpaths.

2019/011 Schedule of Payments

RESOLVED: To agree the Schedule of Payments

Proposed: Cllr Williams

Seconded: Cllr Lyn Buckley

2019/012 RFO's report

The RFO's report and bank reconciliation was noted.

Cllr Allen advised the meeting that the draft budget for 2019-20 showed an underestimate for Christmas lights – this figure should read £7,000 (+VAT). It was also agreed to include a budget of £4,500 for specialist lights and £500 to fund a flyer publicising the Parish Council elections in May 2019. It was agreed not to hold a book festival in 2019.

2019/013 King Lane footway proposals

It was agreed to remove this item from the agenda until a response is received from Russell Martin.

2019/014 Proposed adoption of common land near Moortown Rugby Club by Alwoodley Scouts

It was agreed to contact the Scout Leader and ask for further clarification.

2019/015 Neighbourhood Development Plan

Cllr Towns and Fryer agreed to look into the matter of whether to add an additional condition about the development of flats (and the ensuing repeat Referendum) to the Neighbourhood Plan. Cllr Lyn Buckley agreed to forward the details of an independent planning consultant and Cllrs Towns and Fryer will liaise with him and report back to a future meeting.

2019/016 BT Open Reach telegraph poles

Cllr Neil Buckley advised the meeting that, following earlier concerns, this matter has now quietened down and it was agreed to let the matter lie.

2019/017 Cold Calling Zone

It was agreed to add the sum of £700 to the February meeting for discussion and to contact West Yorkshire Trading Standards and ask if they would be willing to attend the meeting.

2019/018 Annual Meeting of the Parish

The date of the Annual Meeting of the Parish was agreed as 16th April and the Clerk was asked to book the Council Room.

It was agreed to invite the following speakers:

- West Yorkshire Trading Standards
- A representative from the neighbourhood police team – Cllr Neil Buckley agreed to forward some contact details
- Leeds City Council's Planning Department
- Leeds City Council's Estates Department

2019/019 Outer North East Neighbourhood Watch

No one was interested in acting as a representative, but it was agreed to add a notice to the notice boards and website.

2019/020 Budget items for the next meeting

Band concert costs

Election flyer costs

WW1 garden refurbishment costs

2019/021 Chairman's remarks and items of correspondence

Cllr Greenberg agreed to represent the Parish Council at the YLCA Leeds branch meeting on 19th January.

Cllr Lyn Buckley agreed to forward details of the May election to the Parish Councillors.

2019/022 Date of the next Parish Council meetings

The next Parish Council meeting will take place on 4th February 2019 at 7.30pm at the ACA.