

**ALWOODLEY PARISH COUNCIL**  
**Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting**  
**held on**  
**Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> July 2017**  
**at Alwoodley Community Hall**



Commenced: 7.30 pm  
Concluded: 9.00 pm

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

Clerk: Catriona Hanson

**2017/116 Introduction**

Cllr Lyn Buckley welcomed everyone to the meeting.

**2017/117 Public participation**

Five member of the public was present at the meeting and had come to speak to the Parish Council about the Travellers on the village green.

**2017/118 To receive any apologies for absence**

Apologies for absence were received and accepted from Cllrs Jerry Pearlman and Ramesh Khetani

**2017/119 To receive any declarations of disclosable pecuniary and other interests.**

None.

**2017/120 To grant any requests for dispensation as appropriate**

None

**2017/121 Variation to the agenda**

**RESOLVED:** To move the Ward Member's update to the next item.

**Proposed:** Cllr Lyn Buckley

**2017/122 Ward Member's Update**

Cllr Neil Buckley gave an update about the recent occupation of the village green by a group of Travellers. A number of Parish Councillors, the three Ward Councillors, 5 PCSOs and another member of the police force all attended on site. Leeds City Council's Gypsy Liaison Manager also provided advice. Following Cllr Buckley's visit to neighbouring shops and businesses the police agreed to escalate the legal procedure for evicting the Travellers from the site under Section 61 of the Public Order Act. Once the eviction has taken place, Cllr Buckley has arranged for the Leeds City Council's Localities Team to move onto the site and carry out an extensive clean-up operation. Cllr Buckley also advised the meeting that he

intended to ask for this issue to be added to the order paper for the next meeting of Leeds City Council next week and would take this opportunity to request some financial help with the clean-up costs and to ask what could be done to protect the village green and to prevent a re-occurrence in the future.

The local residents thanked Cllr Neil Buckley and the Parish Council for their swift intervention in this matter.

#### **2017/123 Minutes of previous meetings**

**RESOLVED:** To approve the minutes of the meeting held on 5<sup>th</sup> June 2017.

**Proposed:** Cllr Hainsworth

**Seconded:** Cllr Smith

#### **2017/124 Matters arising from the minutes of the last meeting that are not already on the agenda and updating the Decision List**

- **2017/087 Land at the junction of King Lane and Lakeland Drive** – Yorkshire Water had responded to say that they had sold the land to a third party. It was agreed to contact the Land Registry to identify the owner.
- **2017/110 No parking on grass verge signs** – the A3 signs have now arrived and Cllr Lyn Buckley encouraged the rest of the Parish Council to identify some potential locations. Cllr Parker offered to install some signs in the Primley Park area.
- **2017/111 Notice boards at Eccup Reservoir** – Cllr Parker agreed to review the response from Vicky Nunns and to present a proposal at the next Parish Council meeting.

#### **2017/125 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 8<sup>th</sup> May 2017 were received.

Cllr Lyn Buckley gave an update about the Planning Committee meeting. The meeting had considered five applications, none of which was contentious.

#### **2017/126 To receive verbal updates (if any) from the Parish Council's Working Parties:**

- **Tree lights and festive lights** – Cllr Allen advised the meeting that she has now been in touch with Leeds Lights to place a formal order for the tree and festive lights for 2017.
- **Front garden competition** – Cllr Allen advised the meeting that the judging had taken place on 27<sup>th</sup> June and there was one winner and two runners-up. A formal ceremony will take place on 10<sup>th</sup> July at the ACA. The Working Party now need to forward a list of names and addresses to the judge and to notify the entrants. Cllr Parker gave a summary about the competition – of the 21 original entrants, three had withdrawn before the judging took place leaving 18 in the competition. Richard Gill from Leeds City Council had been extremely helpful and it was agreed that the Clerk would formally write to thank him for his help and advice. The Clerk was also asked to write and thank the competition judge.
- **Band concert** – Cllr Lyn Buckley gave an update about the recent band concert. This was extremely well-received. Unfortunately the After Hours quintet are unable to

play at the concert on 20<sup>th</sup> August and their place has been taken by a group called Kibitz who play both klezma and jazz music.

- **Book festival** – Cllr Acharya advised the meeting that she is intending to promote the Book Festival and possibly to sell tickets at the ACA summer gala on 16<sup>th</sup> July.

**2017/127 Schedule of Payments**

**RESOLVED:** To agree the Schedule of Payments

**Proposed:** Cllr Allen

**Seconded:** Cllr Parker

**2017/128 RFO's Report**

**RESOLVED:** To accept the RFO's Report

**Proposed:** Cllr Allen

**Seconded:** Cllr Lyn Buckley

**2017/129 Parish Council bunting**

**RESOLVED:** To agree to spend up to £50 purchasing some new bunting for the Parish Council to use at community events.

**Proposed:** Cllr Lyn Buckley

**Seconded:** Cllr Allen

**2017/130 Wildflower bed planting**

**RESOLVED:** To agree to the continuation of the wildflower bed planting for 2018 at a cost of £1,596

**Proposed:** Cllr Allen

**Seconded:** Cllr Smith

**2017/131 Parish Council website**

**RESOLVED:** to approve the final payment of £2,538 (including VAT) for the new website

**Proposed:** Cllr Lyn Buckley

**Seconded:** Cllr Allen

**2017/132 The RHS report 'It's your neighbourhood'**

Cllr Allen gave a summary of the initiative and the Parish Council agreed to note the report.

**2017/133 Parish Council working parties**

It was agreed to make the following amendments to the list of working parties:

Add – Band concert working party – Cllrs Lyn Buckley, Smith and Williams

Remove – Boundary stones, Queen's 90<sup>th</sup> birthday flowerbed, Village green working parties

Amend the membership of existing working parties:

King Lane footway and Parking on King Lane – Cllr Parker

MaeCare Liaison – delete Cllr Allen and add Cllr Williams

Parish Paths partnership – add Cllr Parker

**2017/134 To consider ideas to celebrate the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Parish Council in 2018**

It was agreed that all ideas would be considered at the September Parish Council meeting.

**2017/135 King Lane footway**

The working party presented a report to the meeting and the Parish Council agreed to authorise Cllr Parker to forward the suggestions raised in the report to Leeds City Council's Highways Department.

**2017/136 YLCA annual meeting**

Cllr Greenberg agreed to represent the Parish Council at the YLCA annual meeting and the Clerk was asked to advise the YLCA that he would be attending the meeting.

**2017/137 Agenda items for the next Parish Council meeting**

- Parish Council 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary

**2017/138 Chairman's remarks and items of correspondence**

- **2018/19 budget suggestions** - Cllr Lyn Buckley reminded members of the Parish Council to forward all budget suggestions (including any bids for tentative projects) to the Clerk by the end of August.
- **Preventative measures on Alwoodley Village Green** – the Parish Council discussed potential measures which could be taken to prevent the occupation of the Village Green again. Cllr Neil Buckley agreed to speak to Parks and Countryside about the land and to obtain practical advice and costings which can be circulated to the Parish Council by email.

**2017/139 Date of the next Parish Council meetings**

The next Parish Council meeting will take place on 4<sup>th</sup> September 2017 at 7.30pm at the ACA.