



Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Monday 3 February 2025

Commenced: 07.35pm

Ended: 08.30pm

Present:

CLlr White (Chair)
CLlr Black
CLlr Dickinson
CLlr Hainsworth
CLlr Illingworth
CLlr Jennings
CLlr Jordan
CLlr Pritchard
CLlr Towns
CLlr Wright

2324/149 Introduction from the Chair

CLlr White welcomed all to the meeting.

2324/150 Public Participation

Several members of the public were present. There was also a presentation by Sophie Brandon from the University of Leeds in relation to Gair Wood. She advised that 66,000 trees had been [planted to help with bio diversity and climate change. Once the trees have matured there is a proposal for a permissive right of way and public access. At this stage the survival rate for the trees stands at 85%. Members thanked her for the presentation.

Separately it was agreed to ensure minutes from previous meeting were placed on the Council's website.

2324/151 To receive any apologies and approve reasons for absence

Apologies were received from Cllrs Buckland and Khurshid and reasons approved.

2324/152 Declaration of Interests

a) To receive any declarations of interest not already declared under the council's code of conduct or members Register of Disclosable Pecuniary Interests

b) To receive, consider and decide upon any applications for dispensation

None noted after Councillor Dickinson had received clarification on some aspects of what was required to be declared.

2324/153 To confirm and ratify the minutes of the council meeting held on Monday 6th January as a true and accurate record.

Resolved to approve the full council minutes held on Monday 6 January.

2324/154 Financial matters

a) To approve the schedule of payments (Appendix 1)

Resolved to approve the schedule of payments



- 2324/155** **To receive information on the following ongoing issues and decide further action where necessary:**
- a) To discuss 8 step process for Alwoodley to become a Parish of Sanctuary. Update on working group.
It was agreed this would be discussed by a small working group.
 - b) To receive an update on the Lighting project.
Councillor Illingworth presented a report after meeting with Mark Atkinson from Leeds City Council. He had conducted a straw poll with local residents using the path resulting in 52 in favour of the lights and 2 against. He advised each light would cost £11k thus totaling £77k although this would ensure a lifetime investment as Leeds City Council would continue to maintain them after installation. After some discussion it was agreed that further consideration should be given to the project and Councillor Wright would continue the process with Councillor Illingworth.
- 2324/156** **To receive updates from the Parish Council's working parties and agree any necessary action including the following:**
- a) To receive financial update
Given the issues with updating banking arrangements this would be provided at a future meeting.
 - b) To update on (part) funding for Bridleway 18&19 improvements by LCC.
It was agreed to part fund the footpath with a £10k contribution.
 - c) Update on Newsletter and email addresses
The email addresses and Newsletter would be available by the end of March.
- 2324/157** **To receive updates from the Parish Council's working parties and agree any necessary action including the following:**
- a) To receive an update from Environmental and Bio-diversity Working Party
None
 - b) Any other working party
None
- 2324/158** **To receive an update from the Ward member**
Councillor L Buckley advised that Dan Cohen would be the next Lord Mayor of Leeds.
- 2324/159** **To receive an update from members representing external bodies.**
None reported
- 2324/160** **To receive an update from the Planning Committee**
Cllr Towns reported there was one planning application requiring action – 19 Far Moss – which was a clarification matter rather than a referral to the Plans Panel.
- 2324/146** **To notify the clerk of matters for inclusion on the agenda of the next meeting**
It was agreed a presentation on Gair Wood would be given as well as an update on the lighting project and additional equipment for the playground.
- 2324/161** **Chair's remarks and correspondence**
The Chair had nothing to report.
- 2324/162** **To confirm the date of the next meeting on 3rd March 2025 at 7.00pm**
Resolved that the next meeting will be held on 3 March 2025 at 7.00pm.