

GILBERDYKE PARISH COUNCIL

Summary Notes of the March (Ordinary) Meeting of the Parish Council

Tuesday 16th March 2021 at 7.00pm

As a point of procedure, it is noted that the December meeting of Gilberdyke Parish Council was held as a remote meeting managed by Zoom, due to ongoing restrictions caused by the Covid-19 pandemic.

In Attendance Cllr N Norris (Chair); Cllr P Bryan (Dep. Chair) Cllr C Newsome; Cllr E Morrison; Cllr D Mansell; Cllr P Buckle; Cllr K Woollass; Cllr J Bates; Cllr K Cooper; Cllr J Arnold; Cllr C Stevens. Clerk: Andrew Crabbe

1. Any Apologies received and Chair to confirm quorate

Clerk noted he had received no apologies – Chair confirmed full attendance and meeting in quorum.

2. Approval of Previous Month's Minutes and Signing by Chair

Chair asked Cllrs to confirm they had received, read, and agreed with the previous month's minutes, Cllrs confirmed this was the case and the Chair duly signed the minutes as official.

3. Any declarations of interests relevant to the meeting's Agenda

None declared of relevance to the Agenda for tonight's meeting. Previous declarations stand as advised.

4. Financial Report and Accounts (subject to receipt of Bank Statement in time)

Clerk presented the financial report which can be found as **Appendix 1**. Cllrs had received a copy of the report prior to the meeting. Cheques for payment in February were submitted to Cllrs for approval.

Forecast balance at the end of March was £65,284.92 after considering all outstanding financial commitments and Clerk reported no financial concerns and the PC finances remained stable and solvent.

Resolved: Cllrs approved the cheques presented at the meeting

5 Public participation (15 mins max, or 3 mins per person/topic)

Clerk noted no requests for public attendance had been made.

6 Any correspondence requiring discussing.

Clerk noted that there was no outstanding correspondence.

7 Planning Applications to be considered.

Clerk noted one application as detailed below – Cllrs had no specific observations to make, and no public comments had been received.

Proposal: Alterations and extensions comprising construction of new roof (regularising ridge height, forming new gable ends and including two dual pitch dormers to rear), construction of an oak canopy to rear and an oak entrance canopy to front, construction of balcony to rear, installation of a log burner flue, alterations to doors and windows and addition of a brick outer leaf throughout (AMENDED DESCRIPTION AND PLANS)

Location: West View Old Trough Lane Sandholme East Riding Of Yorkshire HU15 2XW

8 Matters arising – to consider new and on-going issues and decide further action if necessary:

Ongoing Items

8.1 Update on Youth Project / Green Influencers / Green Projects in Village (*Youth Workers to be invited to Meeting*)

Chair welcomed Gemma and Fiona to the meeting who reported on the progress of Youth Group – with a number of outside, social distanced activities taking place, Gemma and Fiona felt that interest was ramping up amongst young people and they were both hopeful for lots of support as restrictions eased.

Activities included the Pizza Delivery project and also an ongoing project concerning litter picking and green issues in the village, working with the Green Influencers and the school – ideas would be presented to Cllrs over the next few months. Cllr Woolas asked if there were any educational aspects of the working, informing young people of the need for environmental awareness – Gemma / Fiona advised the focus was more for fun as the kids had spent all day at school, however they would look at informal ways of getting the messages across – young people were already very aware of climate change and the need for recycling.

Cllr Arnold advised that a mechanism might be a Gilberdyke Youth tik-tok or You Tube – Cllr Arnold was involved in social media for his school, and these might be useful to set up – Gemma / Fiona thought this was a great idea and would contact Cllr Arnold outside of the meeting.

8.2 Update and discussions on budget for 2021/22 – (*Cllr Stevens proposal for Noticeboard for Pond / Consideration of request from Memorial Hall Committee for funding of floor repair / All*)

Chair opened discussion by suggesting that a separate meeting should be held with regard to the budget, entirely to discuss the budget with no distractions (noting how full the March agenda was) and not having to rush through what was an important matter with especially important decisions to make.

Resolved Cllrs unanimously agreed to this and a Finance Meeting was agreed and subsequently held – the summary notes of which can be found as *Appendix 2*.

Cllrs discussed the request from Jeff Pinkerton of the Memorial Hall Committee for the Parish Council to financially support the replacement of the village hall floor which had been damaged in the recent floods. This was subject to an insurance claim but if the claim was not successful, it was understood that the Committee may have to approach the Parish Council.

Noting that the PC had only received the request from Mr Pinkerton to include this item in the agenda on the Thursday before the meeting and had had to issue an amended agenda, Clerk advised that he felt the Parish Council was not in a position to decide what finances should be provided to the Memorial Hall at this meeting, as the budget had not been decided yet.

Chair agreed and stated that he felt it was inappropriate that pressure was being put on the PC to make decisions in a rush, and that Cllrs needed more information from the Memorial Hall Committee, particularly on its current finances, to enable the PC to make an informed decision in the interests of residents.

Cllr Bryan advised that he received copies of the financial reports for the Memorial Hall on a monthly basis due to his role as Trustee, and although he did not feel it was appropriate to share the specific figures at this time, he noted the Memorial Hall was in a very good financial position.

Ongoing – Cllrs agreed that at this time the Parish Council was not in a position to decide what if any monies should be allocated to the replacement floor and that the Clerk should request details of the financial status of the Memorial Hall Committee and also advise Cllrs felt it would be appropriate to wait until the insurance claim was clarified.

Cllr Cooper noted that he had received a telephone call from the Chair of the Memorial Committee ‘to remind him that the meeting needed to include the question of the replacement floor’. Clerk advised he was aware that other Cllrs had also been approached in the same vein and he felt this was inappropriate and not the way Parish Council procedures should be managed. Cllrs agreed this was inappropriate and felt that this was putting pressure on individual Cllrs in the matter.

Resolved Cllrs instructed the Clerk to advise the Memorial Hall to send future communications through proper channels (the Clerk) to ensure all Cllrs were made aware of any matters and not just individual Cllrs.

8.3 Update and discussion on current projects for the village – (Cllr Mansell to explain proposed project for Bellasize / All)

Cllr Mansell advised that this proposed project related to the plot of land owned by the Parish Council at Bellasize Park and noting recent residents’ comments about the unsightly views – her idea was the plot could be changed into a green area with benches, trees, flower beds etc, and could involve the Youth Project and the Green Influencers as part of this.

Cllr Bryan expressed concern that this area could be a victim of anti-social behavior especially if there was a bench placed there and thought the pond would be more appropriate for this. Cllr Bryan continued that the Parish Council did need a storage facility and the plot of land in Bellasize was ideal for this.

Cllr Woollass agreed and advised he felt the PC should invest in a building which could be used for storage as well as a meeting room and for use by the Youth Group.

Cllr Morrison suggested a smaller building might be more appropriate on the plot of land which would also allow flower beds etc.

Chair noted all the comments but that a new building would cost a considerable amount of money and would likely to impact on the precept in future years – a business plan and costings would be required as a first step. Clerk noted that this was not a project that could be put forward in this financial year as no proposals had been put forward, therefore if Cllrs wished to consider a new building, this would have to be deferred to 2022.

Ongoing Cllrs agreed that the current projects should be discussed at the Finance meeting.

8.4 Update from project team re: road safety B1230 and speeding issues in general in the village (Cllrs Newsome, Woollass, Stevens, Buckle to report on meeting with Safer Road Team)

Cllr Newsome noted that he had not received any further communication from the Safer Roads Team, therefore the meeting scheduled for end of February had not taken place as planned – he was chasing this up and hoped to provide an update at the April Meeting.

Clerk noted that further information from ERYC had been received and forwarded to Cllrs (relating to the Freedom of Information requesting accidents and incidents statistics for the B1230) this is attached as **Appendix 2** however Cllrs remained concerned that this was not complete / inaccurate as several known accidents and incidents were not detailed. Cllr Newsome agreed that the report was not accurate however he had sources which would provide more reliable information – he would do this at the April meeting.

Ongoing Cllrs agreed to wait until such time as the meeting with the Safer Road Team had taken place before proceeding with the matter.

Clerk noted that following numerous complaints about speeding in the village, the Parish Council had looked into the Community Speed Project run by Humberside Police – however the scheme needed volunteers and following a post on Social Media asking for these, there had been no interest, therefore the scheme could not be progressed.

Resolved No further action due to lack of interest.

8.5 Update re: flooding / issues of concern with Jubilee Gardens Development (Cllr Newsome's report)

Cllrs discussed at some length the report by Cllr Newsome with regard to flooding in at the back of Flaxmill and the pond, and the connection with the Orion Homes development – Cllr Newsome's report recommended that the PC should financially contribute to flood alleviation in the area.

Cllr Newsome advised he felt that the PC should ask a specialist consultant to investigate the current situation and the link with the housing development and produce a report which could be then presented to ERYC as evidence. It was noted that ERYC had not adopted the road and were advising there was no identifiable link to the housing development - ERYC further advised that the residents themselves would have to finance any drainage measures in the road.

Cllr Morrison noted that the areas in question had always flooded, but now due to the development there was nowhere for the rainwater to go. Clerk noted Cllr Morrison's comment and referred Cllrs to the recent communication from ERYC Planning that in law 'households had to expect an element of flooding run off from new housing development that were being erected on land which had been built on'.

Cllrs discussed the appropriateness of the PC spending money on private land with differences of opinion between Cllrs - Clerk advised that as Financial Officer he recommended that the PC should not become financially involved in this, as it was not an appropriate spending, benefitting only a limited no. of people – there was also a risk that other private roads would follow with an expectation of PC funding of their amenities – regardless of which there were no firm financial proposals for Cllrs to consider and therefore this had not been budgeted for in the new financial year.

Ongoing Noting this Chair suggested that Cllr Newsome provide a financial proposal for the April meeting.

8.6 Update on playground progress of refurbishment (All)

Clerk confirmed that the repairs for the playground identified on the recent inspection were now booked in with Sutcliffe's and a date for completion was forthcoming. Cllr Morrison advised that he felt the playground needed a general clean up and repaint in time for spring / summer. It was agreed to ask for quotes from Sutcliffe's regarding this. Post meeting it was also agreed to post notices inviting local companies to also submit a quote.

Ongoing To be reviewed at the April meeting

8.7 Update on Jubilee Pond (no. of wildfowl / state of grass / flooding / CCTV) (Cllr Morrison / Buckle to raise charging for fishing permits / All)

Cllr Buckle advised that following a discussion with the fishing Bailiff it was suggested that the Parish Council introduce a charge (£20 per annum) for the fishing at the pond. This was not unusual, and many fishing ponds / lakes operated a payment system. Cllr Buckle suggested that payments could help with the finances of the maintenance of the pond.

Cllr Morrison advised the scheme would not be welcomed by residents – Cllr Bryan felt it would be difficult to manage. Cllrs discussed and agreed that as most of the people who were now signed to the permit scheme lived in the village, it was not considered appropriate at this time to charge for them to fish there.

Resolved No further action but would be reviewed in New Year.

Cllr Buckle advised that Sweetings had attended the site and were looking at the overflow pipe and how this would be linked to amenities on the new housing development – all this required permission from various authorities and Sweetings would co-ordinate this as time was critical.

Ongoing Sweetings to provide estimates to the Clerk in due course.

8.8 Update on new cemetery land and lease situation with associated road (All)

Clerk confirmed he had still not received any confirmation from Newport PC that they wished to enter into a joint lease with regard to the access road, and therefore he was recommending that the Parish Council proceed in its own right.

Resolved Cllrs agreed unanimously to proceed with a lease for the access road in the name of GPC.

New Items

8.9 Letter from Yorkshire Water re: Orion Homes development (Cllr Bryan)

Cllr Bryan referred to a letter from Yorkshire Water he had forwarded to Cllrs – this had been sent to Orion Homes as part of the Planning Application Process, requesting that the issue of ownership / adoption of the drainage on the new housing development needed to be sorted out. Following instruction from Cllrs, the Clerk had written to Yorkshire Water, ERYC and Orion asking for an update on this.

ERYC had advised that this was a matter for Orion Homes and Yorkshire Water
Orion Homes advised that the matter would not be sorted until the development was complete.
To date Yorkshire Water had not replied.

8.10 11 Alpha Bellasize Park (Cllr Bryan Re: storage facility for Cleaners)

Cllr Bryan advised this matter had been dealt with earlier in the meeting and he had no further comments to make at this time.

9. Reports:

9.1 GDLA Cllr Cooper advised there was no update due to the ongoing restrictions.

9.2 War Memorial Hall Cllr Bryan advised there was no update due to the ongoing restrictions.

There being no more business, the Chair closed the meeting at 2115
The next meeting will be held 13th April 2021

Signed as a true record *Nick Norris*

Date *April 2021*