

Minutes of the Meeting held Tuesday 1 March 2022

Present Councillors: Andrews, (Chair), Walker, Scott, Fretwell, Tingle, Hall, Ridler, Humphreys, Page, Brookes, Ronksley (N.), Ronksley (J.), Alsop Copeland, McCartan and Belcher

Apologies were received from Councillors:- Clark, Robinson, Humphreys, Hall and Rotherham Metropolitan Borough Councillors Singleton and Collingham

9083 Minutes

Resolved:- That the minutes of the meeting held Tuesday 1 February 2022 be approved

9084 Michael Belcher

The Chair welcomed Parish Councillor Michael Belcher to his first meeting.

Resolved:- That the above be noted.

9085 Councillor Sarah Allen Deputy Leader of Rotherham MBC and Martin Hughes Head of Neighbourhoods

The meeting welcomed Councillor Allen and Martin Hughes to the meeting. Councillor Allen updated members of her role with regard to parish and town council liaison and her continued attempt to visit all parish and town councils within 2022 to receive feedback and comment in relation to the Joint Working Agreement. Councillor Allen and Martin offered to attend future meetings of this council if required.

Members requested that Rotherham MBC update Thurcroft Parish Council member details on its website. They acknowledged the excellent working relationships with Rotherham via Martin's Neighbourhood team and noted Councillors Allen's personal offer of accessibility.

Reference was made to the exemplary example of Rotherham MBC member involvement afforded to this Council by Councillors Singleton and Collingham since their election in May 2021.

Resolved:- That Councillor Allen and Martin be thanked for their attendance, presentation and update and congratulated on their continued liaison initiative.

9086 Future Thurcroft Parish Council meetings venue

Members discussed the possibility of a return to the council chamber of the Gordon Bennett Memorial Hall instead of the continued use of the main hall. Reference was made to the ability to have socially distanced arrangements in place for members, press and public whilst using the main hall which could not be achieved by use of the council chamber. Certain members indicated a potential lack of comfort if there was to be a return to the council chamber whilst current Covid conditions prevailed.

Resolved:- That the main hall be continued to be used for full Thurcroft Parish Council meetings and members appetite for a return to the council chamber be monitored.

9087 Thurcroft New Library Project update

Members were informed of a potential meeting with RMBC to attempt to resolve issues relating to the Collaboration Agreement and Heads of Terms.

Resolved:- That the above be noted.

9088 Queens Platinum Jubilee Events

Members were given an update of latest arrangements by Dean Nightingale for the Thurcroft Veteran's association and Thurcroft FC and an update on wider community events and plans from Councillor McCartan.

Reference was made to the earlier request to fund the performance fee of three hundred pounds for Thurcroft Welfare Band from St Simons and St Judes Church (min 9073 refers). Councillor Fretwell reported that he had unsuccessfully approached the band to request a fee reduction as a community gesture.

Resolved:- That requests for funding from the Church, Thurcroft Veteran's and Thurcroft FC and the wider community be determined as firmer information arises

9089 Recreation Grounds Required Work update

Councillor Copeland and the chair reported on meetings and inspections on each of the council's three recreation grounds with Tim Archer of Rotherham MBC and Phil Borrington of Lightmain to identify necessitous work.

Councillor Brookes referred to a request for consideration of potential improvements required at Brampton en le Morthen Recreation ground.

Councillor Alsop referred to design work having taken place to identify a tree planting and environmental improvement scheme for the Hangman lane Recreation Ground

Resolved:- (i) That the necessitous Health and Safety work be undertaken.
(ii) That discussions continue about work to Brampton en le Morthen Recreation Ground.

9090 Penny Hill Wind Farm Liaison Committee Representation

Resolved:- That Councillor Andrews be nominated as this Councils representative on the above.

9091 Media Reporting Issues and Media Lead Member considerations.

Members debated the above in the light of reporting inaccuracies relating to Thurcroft Parish Council meetings placed within the local media with members considering future arrangement improvements.

It was noted that inaccurate information had been supplied to the press from a member of Thurcroft Parish Council.

Resolved:- That Councillor Fretwell be appointed media lead for this Council and supply relevant media information to the press in conjunction with the Clerk.

9092 Flytipping at Steadfolds Lane

The chair reported on the above and the immediate remedial action effected by Dean Nightingale to remove and dispose of the material

Resolved:- That the above be noted and this councils appreciation be recorded relating to Dean Nightingale's action.

9093 Disturbances at Gordon Bennett Memorial Hall

Members were appraised of issues relating to young people accessing the hall and causing criminal damage

Resolved:- That the action of South Yorkshire Police be noted and the position be monitored..

9094 Term Dates 2023/24 consultation

Resolved:- That this council's objection to the potential change to the creation of a floating Easter holiday date be confirmed.

9095 Rodent Infestation Steadfolds Lane Allotments site

Resolved:- That this council reinstate previous rodent control arrangements with Rotherham MBC.

9096 Brampton en le Morthen Rising Deer Plaque

Resolved:- That this council fund the cost of three hundred and fifty five pounds relating to above on the basis of its contribution to local history information.

9097 Accounts for Payment

Creditor	£	Description
C&D Grounds Maintenance & Landscaping	590.00	February environmental work
Rotherham Crematorium and Cemetery	3,382.00	Burial charges December and January
Steve Carter Electrics	520.00	Electrical work GBMH
M Gosling	375.00	Wall rebuild Garden of Remembrance
Yorkshire Local Councils Associations	60.00	Chairmanship Skills Webinars Parts 1 and 2
HMRC	3,503.09	Tax and NIC payments months 5 - 11
PHS	1,499.56	Hygiene contract GBMH
British Gas	490.06	December GBMH d/d
British Gas	531.30	January GBMH d/d
Imprest Account	2,654.77	February Imprest Transfer

Resolved:- That the above accounts be approved for payment.

9098 Review of the Effectiveness of Internal Control 2021/22

Members considered the report of the Clerk relating to the above including a review of the Council's major risks and a review of the effectiveness of Internal Audit.

Resolved:- That following the review this Council considers its internal control arrangements to be satisfactory and proportionately fit for purpose

9099 Any other business

Reference was made to the requirement for gate repairs at the Garden of Remembrance