

Minutes of the Meeting held Thursday 30 January 2020

Present Councillors: Nightingale (G.) (Chairman), Andrews (D.), Nightingale (I.), Yates, Harper and Ainsworth

Apologies were received from Councillors: Andrews (P.), Ronksley, Jennison. Alsop, Barrass , Hindle, Scott and Brown.

8936 Minutes

Resolved:- That the minutes of the meeting held Wednesday 21 November 2019 be approved.

8937 Steadfolds Lane Parking and Grass Verge damage

The Clerk reported on progress relating to the above whereby Rotherham MBC had now issued notifications to residents about the implication of parking and verge damage. It was noted that Rotherham MBC were to further consider installation of posts.

Resolved:- That the situation be monitored

8938 Land at Laughton Common – maintenance issues

The Clerk and the Chairman referred to their site visit and contact with Persimmon relating to current ownership

Resolved:- That the request to cut down the trees be denied due to the uncertainty surrounding ownership and responsibility.

8939 RMBC - Provisional Council Tax Base 2020

Resolved:- That the information be utilised within the precept determination process for 2020/21.

8940 VE weekend

Resolved:- That a meeting be held Thursday 13 February 2020 in the Gordon Bennett Memorial Hall with interested community groups to determine the approach to a potential parish wide event on the weekend 8 – 10 May 2020.

8941 Request for signage – hedgehog conservation

Resolved:- That this Council support the request and contact Rotherham MBC.

8942 Accounts for Payment

Resolved:- That the following accounts be approved and paid:-

Paid 12.12.19

Creditor	£	Description
C&D Grounds Maintenance and Landscaping	1,740.00	Environmental work

Gregory Grass Maintenance	1,694.50	Grass maintenance contract,
Ronksleys Sweets	51.23	Xmas lights switch on
G Darbyshire	34.00	GBMH window cleaning 11/10 and 22/11
Rotherham MBC	1,176.84	Annual play inspection charges

Creditor	£	Description
C&D Grounds Maintenance and Landscaping	1,565.00	Environmental work
Rotherham Crematorium and Cemetery	2,598.00	November, December and January burials
Rotherham MBC	337.64	Dog bin emptying
Glendale Countryside Ltd	2,622.90	Cemetery contract and repair of graves
PHS	163.96	Consumables (net of credit note) d/d
Business Stream (Scottish Water)	201.89	GBMH water charges 22.8.19-28.11.19
Imprest Account	5,712.09	

8743 Parish Precept 2020/21

The Clerk referred to correspondence from RMBC and presented proposals for budgetary requirements for 2020/2. Members noted the proposals resulted in a reduction of precept and parish council tax from 2019/20 even though that overall resources had dropped from the 2019/20 level. Consideration was given to financial restraint and the impact on taxpayers.

Resolved:- That a precept of £177,430 be approved.

8744 Potential Library Relocation to the Gordon Bennett Memorial Hall – Meeting held 16 January 2020

Reference was made to previous discussions involving Councillor Allen and Zoe Oxley of Rotherham MBC.

The Chairman and the Clerk and Councillor Allen and Zoe Oxley (Rotherham MBC) were in attendance at this latest meeting where Councillor Allen and Zoe Oxley referred to a survey carried out to ascertain viable option methods to achieve a successful relocation from the current site at Thurcroft Junior School to the Gordon Bennett Memorial Hall.

The survey had shown that the due to space and operating restrictions the only viable option was one which extended the existing building by constructing modular units attached to the side of the Gordon Bennett Memorial Hall.

Reference was made to the financing of the project and a potential contribution from Thurcroft Parish Council

Resolved:- That a scheme be worked up and costed and presented to Thurcroft Parish Council for consideration including financing issues

8945 Any Other Business

Councillor Ainsworth made reference to Brampton Road footpath problems. Councillor Andrews (D.) referred to PAT testing to be undertaken at the

Gordon Bennett Memorial Hall on 27 February 2020 and that Councillor Andrews(P.) was due to undertake the fire risk assessment at the property. The Chairman referred to the terrible condition of properties in John Street, Peter Street and Charles Street and Streetpride involvement. Members were informed of the Thurcroft Troll meeting to be held Wednesday 12 February 2020 at the Neighbourhood Centre at 5.30 pm and an initial community meeting relating to VE Day celebrations to be held Thursday 13 February 2020 at the Gordon Bennett Memorial Hall at 5.30 pm