

Little Houghton Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held at 7 pm on Monday, September 21st, 2020. This meeting was held virtually.

Present:

Mrs Diana Young
Mr Gary Oldfield
Mrs Lisa Oldfield
Mr Kevin Osborne
Mrs V Wistow

In Attendance:

Ms Caroline Donovan Clerk to the Council

Mrs Diana Young chaired the meeting

1. Questions from Parishioners

An email has been received from a Miss Sharnie Hoggart about the possibility of using the wildflower meadow as grazing land. It was agreed to defer this until further discussions had been held about the use of this land.

2. Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Mr Vince Keating.

3.. Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on August 26th, 2020

The minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on August 26th, 2020 were agreed as a correct record.

4. Matters arising

It was noted that an e mail had been received from the Hoyland Neighbourhood Police Team and PCSO Thorpe had been tasked with looking into the speeding traffic problems through the village. He will be linking in with Councillor Osborne, and any results will be shared with the Parish Council once they are available. Councillor Osborne feedback that PCSO Thorpe had been in touch with him via telephone and a handheld speeding device operation would be carried out outside Houghton Main Cricket Club entrance. Anyone caught speeding will be sent a letter and it is hoped that this will act as a deterrent. It was noted that the problems with speeding traffic on the Parks Springs road comes under the Cudworth Police and PCSO Thorpe will forward the Parish Councillors concerns on to them.

Councillor Wistow asked if any progress had been made regarding the fly tipping problem and Councillor Osborne replied unfortunately not.

5. Correspondence

A parishioner had raised concerns that some of the scaffolding poles in the fencing at the Park had been removed and the children were riding through the gaps. She

was concerned that they may come into conflict on the road. Councillor Osborne said that he would take this forward and look for a solution.

The Planning Permission from ASOS for the formation of a new pedestrian access at Asos Park Springs, Little Houghton number 2020 / 1154 was noted, and there were no objections.

6. Finance

6.1 Bank Reconciliation

The Parish Councillors noted that the bank reconciliation on September 1st, 2020 was as follows:

Current Account	£11,746.12
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Paid Out

Clerk Qu 4	180.00
BHIB ins	168.18
Ciswo	89.07
Web site	300.00
YLCA	295.00
Clerk Qu 1	270.17
HMRC	67.40
Barnsley MBC	137.32
Total	£1,507.14

Total Cash in Hand	£10,238.98
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Minus any unrepresented cheques

HMRC	45.00
Mr Laughton	80.00
Totty's signs	82.80
BCVS Audit	225.00
Total	£432.80

Total Cash in Hand	£9,806.18
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6.2 Accounts due for Payment

Mr Laughton	£140.00
Clerk Quarter Two	£269.97
HMRC	£67.60

The Parish Councillors agreed payment of the accounts listed.

6.3 Projected Budget

Councillor Lisa Oldfield had circulated a budget to the Parish Councillors prior to the meeting based on the 2019 - 2020 accounts. The budget projected a balance of

£534 to take forward at the end of the financial year. A discussion followed and it was considered that a possible source of future income would be to sell the field which had been turned into a wildflower meadow. If the Parish Council were to sell this land with outline planning permission, it would realise a significant amount of money and help to address some of the fly tipping issues in the area. It would be possible to put a reserve price on the land and the income raised could then be invested back into the village. It was agreed that this should be put on to the agenda at the next meeting for discussion

7. Policies for Approval

The Transparency Code had been circulated to the Parish Councillors prior to the meeting and all present agreed it should be adopted and posted on the Parish Council web site.

8. Any Other Business

Concerns were raised about off-road vehicles riding along near the river.

Councillor Osborne said he had contacted Amanda Parks who was a new resident in the village and who was interested in volunteering in the local area. Councillor Wistow said she had also meet Amanda who was interested in work of the Parish Council.

9. Date and time of next meeting

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held on Monday, January 11th, 2021. The meeting will be held virtually.

To:

Mr V Keating
Mrs D Young
Mr G Oldfield
Mrs L Oldfield
Mrs V Wistow
Mr K Osborne

c.c.

Councillor Trevor Smith, Pauline Markham, Caroline Saunders
Peter Clark, Barnsley MBC, Governor Services