Little Houghton Parish Council 23/24 10

Minutes of the meeting of Little Houghton Parish Council held on the Tuesday 12th December 2023, at 6.00pm in the Houghton Main miners welfare sports and social club.

Present: Councillor: Jeff Greasley (chairperson)

 Councillors: Amanda McGrath, Colin Ward, Hilary Cook and Cheryl Hanson

 Public: Two members of the public.

In attendance: Katie Colbeck (clerk)

 The Chair opened the meeting and provided a reminder to all in attendance on the Council’s expectations about audio or visual recordings of the meeting.

1. Apologies were received from Colin Ward for being late

 The reason for absence given by Cllr Colin Ward was considered

RESOLVED that Cllr Ward’s reasons for absence be approved for this meeting.

2. Precept 2024/2025 final budget decision: The precept has remained the same for many years at £5000. We have decided to increase this for 2024/2025 to £15,000 as agreed. The council discussed this in detail with everyone who attended.

 The council considered the draft budget proposal, it agreed to support events in 2024/2025 such as OAP coffee morning, baby group, bingo, quiz night, easter activities, summer club and Christmas tree light switch on. Funding is needed to be included for legal advice from a solicitor.

RESOLVED: That the budget be approved and the precept demand for 2024/2025 of £15,000 into the council.

3. Public questions:

A member of the public raised concerns about the lack of streetlights on at the backs of Rotherham road, Charles street and Mary street.

RESOLVED: Highways offered to install a solar lantern to help with lighting

The access road on Charles Street is sometimes blocked or restricted for delivery drives and emergency workings at access. The end of Charles Street is becoming impossible to see the traffic coming up and down Rotherham Road clearly with cars parked on both sides close to the junction.

RESOLVED: That member of the public was notified that these vehicles are not parked illegally.

People visiting the shop who park outside are blocking the footpaths and visibility is compromised when coming in and out of the junction on Middlecliffe lane.

RESOLVED: That member of the public was notified that vehicles are not parked illegally at the corner of Charles Street and Middlecliffe Lane, and they can park there.

A member of the public raised concerns regarding bus times and frequency.

RESOLVED: The council informed the member of public that stagecoach have said they will not be adding any more busses to this rout or more frequently.

4.

Minutes of the parish council meeting held on October 10th 2023 were taken as read copies having been circulated to all members of the parish council previously and with the agenda.

RESOLVED: Be approved by the councilas true and correct.

5. Correspondence:

Regarding the housing development on Lesmond Crescent residents have no objections to the development Barnsley No 2023/1033.

RESOLVED: Clerk email response from residents. The council considered the responses from residents and provided a response of no objection from the council.

6. Finance and General purposes: Bank balance £5,567.55

7. Approval of accounts for payment from October to December 2023

RESOLVED: All account payments were approved

8. To notify the clerk of matters for inclusion on the agenda of the next meeting

A member of the public asked about making a memorial place with plaque in the village to remember residents who have sadly lost their lives.

RESOLVED: The cost of the plaque and resources would need to be included in the following year’s budget as there were insufficient reserves for the current financial year as they had not been budgeted for in the year.

9. Borough Councillor’s Report

RESOLVER: no report was given.

10. Highways

11. Next **Parish Council Meeting** will be held on **Tuesday 13th February** at the **Houghton Main Miners Welfair Sports and Social club** at 6pm.

Meeting closed at 7.30pm