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Minutes of the meeting of Little Houghton Parish Council held on the Tuesday 13th February 2024, 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

In attendance: Katie Colbeck (clerk) Cllr Kevin Osborne (ward councillor) Cllr Trevor Smith (ward councillor) and five members of the public.

1. 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.

2. No apologies were received

3. Minutes of the parish council meeting held on December 12th 2023 were taken as read copies having been circulated to all members of the parish council previously with the agenda are a true and correct record.

RESOLVE: That the minutes of the 12th December 2023 meeting approved

4. Public questions-

A member of the public asked about a zebra crossing for Rotherham Road as it is becoming difficult to cross the road safely. The council have stated that no serious accident has taken place in Middlecliffe with the Chicanes as crossing points.

RESOLVED- No further action taken.

5. Correspondence from December to February-

The defibrillator from BHF a discussion took place.

RESOLVED: The council will relocate the defibrillator to 4 Lesmond Cresent, Middlecliffe, Barnsley, S720EZ.

The general store will raise the money for a locked cabinet and defibrillator to go on the shop wall.

6. Finance and General purposes:

 The currant bank balance is £4,689.95

7. Approval of accounts for payment from December to February. The council considered the list of payments for the approval as bellow:

 27/12/23-vision ICT £210

 28/12/23-clerk salary £110.49

 02/01/24-YLCA training £33.40.

 27/01/24-BMBC £116.50

 27/01/24-BMBC £180.92

 28/01/24-clerk salary £110.49

RESOLVED: All payments be approved.

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

8.1 Middlecliffe to Great Houghton paths and edgings.

 RESOLVED Clerk to contact BMBC

8.2 Fencing and layby on park springs road alongside.

RESLOVED Clerk to contact Kevin Osborne.

8.3 Arrange tidy team to help on Monday at Little Houghton bus turn around.

RESOLVED Clerk to contact BMBC

9. Borough councillor’s report- Has kindly asked for the foot path to be made wider on Rotherham Road while they are in the area undertaking work. This is to make it safer and easier for a double buggy or mobility scooter to use the path.

RESOLVED: BMBC have agreed to do this as part of the scheme.

Update regarding the chicanes, BMBC have looked at the public’s opinions regarding the traffic and pollution in Middlecliffe. The council have stated that no deaths have happened since they got installed after the death of the members of the public, many years ago. Noise is also looked at and taken into consideration. When the chicanes got installed on Rotherham Road it was not a built-up area and didn’t have a large amount of traffic like it does now. 18 months ago in 2018, the had a survey on 2 occasions at different occasions. The councillor Challenged the council regarding the air pollution in the village, he asked the council to undertake an air quality reading to be looked at for data. In 2018 the air pollution was not deemed poor quality after comparing this to other areas in Barnsley and road safety is the council’s number one priority.

RESOLVED that:

1. The council will carry out this survey again after Fitzwilliam Street has closed, the work has finished on the new roundabout and the development has been completed then the BMBC will give the councillor an update.
2. The Councillor will ask the BMBC for another reading to be taken for it to be compared to the one six years ago, as the amount of traffic had changed.

10. Next **Parish Council Meeting** will be held on **Tuesday 9th April** at the **Houghton Main Miners Welfair Sports and Social club**.

Meeting closed at 7:55 pm