



**ILKLEY PARISH COUNCIL
COMMUNITY FUND COMMITTEE**

**MINUTES OF THE COMMUNITY FUND COMMITTEE HELD AT ILKLEY TOWN HALL ON
MONDAY 24th July 2017 AT 7:30PM**

Those present: Councillor Joanne Sugden (Chairman)
Councillor Mike Ridgway
Councillor Mark Stidworthy
Councillor Mike Gibbons (Ex Officio)
Councillor Kate Butler
Councillor Libby Packett

Officer: Louise Close (Deputy Clerk)

1718/15 **ITEM 1 – CHAIRMANS REMARKS**

The chairman welcomed everybody to the meeting and this key committee.

1718/16 **ITEM 2 – APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies received from Councillor Walbank (holiday), Councillor McPherson (prior engagement)

1718/17 **ITEM 3 – DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST**

None received

1718/18 **ITEM 4 - DISPENSATIONS**

None received.

1718/19 **ITEM 5 – MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING**

Proposed by Councillor Ridgway

Seconded by Councillor Gibbons

RESOLVED: The Minutes of the Community Fund Committee meeting held on Monday 22nd May 2017 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman of the Committee. *(Unanimous)*

1718/20 **ITEM 8 – RESOLUTION TO ADJOURN THE MEETING**

There were no members of the public present at this meeting

1718/21 **ITEM 9 – CLERK'S BUDGET REPORT**

The budget report was received by the Committee and is attached to these minutes.

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There were concerns that half of the budget had been allocated half way through the year already. The clerk was asked to confirm if Ilkley in Bloom and Road Safety Measures were committed to spending the ring-fenced items amounts and if not the funds could be released. This groups would be invited to the next meeting to discuss. The clerk was also asked to confirm why the amount for Darwin Gardens had been allocated from this account.

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ITEM 10 – BENCHES

Since the last meeting, Councillor K Butler and the Town Warden had reviewed the benches in the town and the condition of them. It was advised that in general they were in a good state of repair however a rolling programme of washing and where needed re varnishing them would be beneficial. It was advised that the Town Centre Warden could not cope with this level of work and it would be advisable to appoint a contractor. Councillor Ridgeway would speak to one contractor for a quote and Councillor Sugden would look for a second. The Clerk is to speak with the insurance company regarding the liability of any unsafe benches in the town. Councillor Butler was to place the benches in numerical order of priority of repairs and it was all agreed to ask the Town Centre Warden to fix a small brass number on each individual one to make it clearer to identify.

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ITEM 11 – NEW PROJECTS IDENTIFIED

Each Councillor was asked for projects that may need future support and funding

Councillor Ridgway produced photos of the alleyway next to WH Smith that is in poor condition. He also produced photos of a similar walkway in Otley that was restored to original cobbles. It was decided that the Clerk would contact Bradford to establish ownership of the road and the possibility of restoring it back to its original state.

Councillor Gibbons discussed the 3 units in the memorial gardens. He wishes to have access to them and look at the possibilities of cleaning the units up, maybe installing power and holding future events there, for example the concert on The Grove. Councillor Gibbons is in discussion with Ian Day from Bradford and will investigate this potential project further.

Councillor Butler brought the matter of the recent whirlpool incident to the attention of the meeting. This is a dangerous part of the river where lives have been and could be lost. It was advised that warning signs have now been erected warning of the danger but it would be advisable to purchase a life buoyance aid. The clerk is to investigate the cost and report back at the next meeting.

Councillor Packett discussed the complaints of dog waste. It was advised that there could be a bin purchased at the beginning of the dales way and there was a possibility of Bradford incorporating this into their schedule of emptying. The Clerk is to discuss in more detail with Sue Gledhill and report back to the next meeting.

Councillor Stidworthy discussed the play equipment at Riverside Gardens. It is looking worn out and needs reviewing. The Clerk is to find out who looks after the play equipment and report back.

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Councillor Sugden discussed the current state of the bins in Ilkley which was brought to her attention by some residents who had recently moved here. Councillor Butler advised she was speaking with Sue Gledhill and was hoping to attend a meeting with her soon with this item on the agenda. Councillor Sugden and Councillor Packett expressed an interest in attending this meeting and would liaise with Councillor Butler.

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ITEM 12 – CURRENT PROJECTS

12.1 WEST YORKSHIRE FINGER POSTS

Due to holidays and illness Councillor Sugden advised that a meeting to discuss the logistics of the signs, would be more than likely scheduled towards the end of August.

12.2 ILKLEY GRAMMAR SCHOOL COUNSELLING PROJECT

It was advised that the Deputy Head teacher had expressed his gratitude again towards this project and an update would probably be provided next term.

12.3 RESTORATION OF MEMORIAL GARDENS RAILINGS

Councillor Ridgway confirmed that the work had now been completed. It was advised that the 3 mile posts and gates could be freshened up and cleaned. This could be down for £150 and all Councillors agreed to move forward with this. Councillor Ridgway would instruct the contractor to continue with the work.

12.4 STREET NAME SIGNS REFURBISHMENT

It was decided to place this item on the next main agenda

The date of the next meeting of this Committee is on Monday 11th September 2017 at 6.45pm.

Meeting Closed 7:34pm