



ILKLEY PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING OF ILKLEY PARISH COUNCIL HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER OF ILKLEY TOWN HALL ON MONDAY 7TH AUGUST 2017 AT 7:30PM

Those present:

Chairman: Councillor S Butler

Vice Chairman: Councillor M Gibbons

Councillors: Councillor S Cuthbertson, Councillor S MacPherson, Councillor B Mann, Councillor J Rickard, Councillor M Ridgway, Councillor J Souter, Councillor M Stidworthy, Councillor J Sugden and Councillor A Walbank.

Officers: Mrs Clare Smith & Mrs Louise Close

Also Present: Ms Dyllis Kendall (Churches Together Ilkley), Mrs Susan Gledhill (Ward Officer, Bradford MDC), Inspector Khalid Khan (West Yorkshire Police), PC Sam Hollings (West Yorkshire Police), John Grogan MP, Annette MacIntyre (Ilkley Gazette), Mrs Sylvia Mann

1718/059 **ITEM 1 - Chairman's Remarks and Events Attended**

The Chairman welcomed those present to the meeting and thanked them for attending. Councillor Butler has attended a performance of Starlight Express and the Wharfedale Festival of Performing Arts, both of which were excellent productions and very enjoyable. Cllr Butler also attended the Yorkshire Day celebration at the Town Hall which was a very successful event.

1718/060 **ITEM 2 - Apologies for Absence**

Apologies were received from:-

Councillor K Butler (prior commitment)

Councillor H Murison (prior commitment)

Councillor L Packett (illness)

Councillor J Rickard (holiday)

RESOLVED that the reasons for the absences of the above Councillors be approved.

(Unanimous)

1718/061 **ITEM 3 - Disclosures of Interest**

3.1 Councillor M Gibbons declared an interest in Item 9 as a Member of Bradford MDC and a Member of the Environment and Waste Management Overview and Scrutiny Committee.

1718/062 **ITEM 4 - Dispensations**

There were no dispensation requests from Members received by the Clerk in respect of this meeting.

1718/063 **ITEM 5 – Public Participation**

Proposed by Councillor S Cuthbertson

Seconded by Councillor M Gibbons

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RESOLVED to adjourn the meeting in order to receive reports from invited guests and in order that public be permitted to make representations, answer questions and give evidence in respect of any items of business included in the Agenda or ask questions on any other matter of relevance to the Parish. *(Unanimous)*

John Grogan MP

Cllr Butler thanked John Grogan for attending the meeting. Members' had submitted some questions to the Clerk beforehand which were addressed by Mr Grogan.

Toilets and VIC closure – Mr Grogan stated that he was familiar with both of these local issues. He felt that they were both deeply important and he pledged to do everything he can to help the Parish Council.

Housing/Neighbourhood Plan – Cllr Mann informed those present that Bradford MDC currently plan to build 43,000 new homes in the District under their Local Plan. This would include 1,000 new homes in Ilkley and a total of 2,500 for the Wharfe Valley. Leeds City Council has recently decreased their housing allocation by 20% but Bradford MDC have not followed suit. In response, Mr Grogan stated that he felt the number of houses allocated for the District was too high and that this should be looked at in National Planning Policy with a focus on brownfield development. Bradford MDC would soon be looking at more specific site allocations. Mr Grogan and Mr Phillip Davies MP (Shipley Constituency) would work together to call-in any planning applications they felt needed further review.

Aire Valley Waste to Energy Incinerator – Mr Grogan gave an update on the current position with the Aire Valley Incinerator campaign; the campaign group has now raised enough money for a judicial review and this is now being looked into. The impact of the plume on the environment was a concern to some. Mr Grogan was hopeful that the decision can be reviewed. He sits on the Environment Select Committee and would like to see a review of incinerators in general especially following a report that was published today which suggests that incineration discourages recycling.

Car Parking – It was reported that the Bradford MDC car parking survey has now been completed but the findings have not been published yet. Mr Grogan had met with the Chief Executive of Bradford MDC today and had discussed this matter. It was agreed that the findings must be discussed properly and acted upon appropriately.

EU Nationals – Cllr Stidworthy asked for reassurances that EU Nationals will be able to remain living/working in this constituency following Brexit. Mr Grogan said that he would certainly support this and do all he can to assist EU Nationals locally.

Business Rates – high business rates in Ilkley were a concern for some Councillors as they were forcing many independent businesses from opening and remaining in Ilkley town centre. Mr Grogan hopes to raise this matter in parliament.

Police Report – Inspector K Khan

Inspector Khan introduced PC Sam Hollings who is the new Ward Officer for Ilkley. PC Hollings will attend Council meetings going forward and is looking forward to working in partnership with the Council.

	<u>June</u>	<u>July</u>
Burglary Dwelling	3	7
Robbery	1	0
Burglary Other	1	1
Theft of Vehicle	1	0
Theft from Vehicle	2	4
Cycle Theft	0	0

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Theft from Shop	7	0
Criminal Damage	5	8
Assault	8	0
Anti-Social Behaviour Calls	-	-
Drink Driving	0	0
Fixed Penalties Issued	43	27

Inspector Khan explained that street surgeries would soon be held in conjunction with Bradford Council officers and District Councillors. It is hoped that this initiative will encourage feedback from a wider section of the community.

Many of the Fixed Penalty Notices had been issued due to parking obstructions. In some areas, overgrown hedges were causing a problem as they overhang onto the pavement which narrows the width of the placement. Sue Gledhill informed Members that this could be reported through Bradford MDC's main number (01274 431000) or via the Parish Clerk's office. Usually a BMDC Warden would visit the property and issue an 'Improvement Order'.

It was noted that there has been some evidence of anti-social behaviour at Darwin Gardens. Inspector Khan urged the Council to report any anti-social behaviour or suspicious activity to the Police. They will then be able to patrol the area more and address the problems. There had been a car fire in the car park recently. This was still an ongoing line of enquiry.

Area Co-ordinators Report – Mrs Susan Gledhill

Susan Gledhill has arranged a meeting with the frontline cleansing staff and the Parish Council warden which will take place on 16th August.

Warning Signs at Whirlpool areas in the River have been installed, however it was felt that the signs that have been installed weren't appropriate. It was agreed that this will be looked at by the Community Fund and new signs would be installed when possible. Buoyancy aids would also be looked into for hazardous areas.

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ITEM 6 - Minutes of the Previous Meeting

A silence was held for Mr Gary Waller who sadly died on 21st July 2017. Mr Waller was MP for the Keighley Constituency 1983 – 1997.

Proposed by Councillor S Cuthbertson

Seconded by Councillor K Butler

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Council held on 3rd July 2017 be approved and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

(Unanimous)

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ITEM 7 – Minutes from Committees

7.1 Proposed by Councillor S Cuthbertson

Seconded by Councillor B Mann

RESOLVED that the minutes of the Plans Committee meeting held on 13th June 2017 be accepted.

(Unanimous)

7.2 Proposed by Councillor M Ridgway

Seconded by Councillor J Sugden

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RESOLVED that the minutes of the Awards and Projects Committee meeting held on 22nd May 2017 be accepted. *(Unanimous)*

- 7.3 Proposed by Councillor J Sugden
Seconded by Councillor M Ridgway

RESOLVED that the minutes of the Community Fund Committee meeting held on 22nd May 2017 be accepted. *(Unanimous)*

- 7.4 Proposed by Councillor M Gibbons
Seconded by Councillor M Stidworthy

RESOLVED that the minutes of the Public Toilets Committee meeting held on 7th June 2017 accepted. *(Unanimous)*

- 7.5 Proposed by Councillor M Gibbons
Seconded by Councillor M Stidworthy

RESOLVED that the minutes of the Public Toilets Committee meeting held on 6th July 2017 accepted. *(Unanimous)*

1718/066 **ITEM 8 –Finance**

8.1 **Schedule of Payments and Receipts (July 2017)**

Proposed by Councillor J Sugden
Seconded by Councillor M Gibbons

RESOLVED that the Schedule of Payments (July 2017) totalling £40,335.57. *(Unanimous)*

8.2 **Bank Reconciliations (June 2017 and July 2017)**

Proposed by Councillor M Gibbons
Seconded by Councillor S Cuthbertson

RESOLVED that the Bank Reconciliations for June 2017 and July 2017 be approved, initialled by those Members present and signed by the Chairman. *(Unanimous)*

8.3 **Budget Report (at 31st July 2017)**

To receive and note.

1718/067 **ITEM 9 – Notable Decisions by Bradford MDC**

9.1 [Environment & Waste Management Overview & Scrutiny Committee \(25th July\)](#) – Approval of the new Ilkley Moor Management Plan.

9.2 [Keighley Area Committee \(13th July\)](#) – Approval of the Devolved Budget – Safer Roads Scheme 17/18

9.3 [Keighley Area Committee \(13th July\)](#) – Approval of Traffic Regulation Orders 17/18

9.4 [Full Council \(18th July\)](#) – Implementation of a full ban on A Boards across the District

9.5 [Full Council \(18th July\)](#) – Approval of the Local Plan Core Strategy.

The above decisions were noted.

1718/068 **ITEM 10 – Friends of Riverside Gardens**

It was agreed that the Council would work in conjunction with Susan Gledhill to organise a public meeting. A successful ‘Friends of’ group from one of the District’s parks would be invited along to the meeting to talk about their experiences and successes. Members of the public would then be invited to put forward their objectives and priorities for the future of Riverside Gardens.

1718/069 **ITEM 11 – Potential Closure of Keighley Old Road**

Councillor Stidworthy (Friends of Ilkley Moor representative) reported that there was an increasing encroachment onto the Moor of 4x4 vehicles and motorbikes using Keighley Old Road. The road is in very bad repair and is no longer a suitable public highway. Friends of Ilkley Moor have submitted a request to have the public access status downgraded to a bridleway. This request has been accepted by Highways but it was unlikely that the work would be carried out during this financial year. Richard Perham, Countryside Rights of Way Team, had confirmed with the Clerk that a consultation would be carried out before any final decision was made on this matter. The Parish Council will therefore await consultation before any decision is made.

1718/070 **ITEM 12 - Project Managers: Reports to Council and Councillors Questions**

Proposed by Councillor S Cuthbertson

Seconded by Councillor A Walbank

RESOLUTION to exclude members of the public and press during consideration of business of confidential nature pertaining to staffing and contracts (Public Bodies Admissions to Meeting Act 1960 S1(2)). *(Nem Con)*

Members of the public and press left the Chamber. Cllr Sugden left the meeting at the point (9pm).

12.1 **Councillor Gibbons (Public Toilets)**

An update on the Public Toilet Committee’s work was provided.

12.2 **Councillor Gibbons and Councillor Butler (Visitor Information Centre)**

Proposed by Councillor Gibbons

Seconded by Councillor Stidworthy

RESOLVED that a formal proposal be submitted to Bradford MDC’s Executive to make a contribution of £19,000 per year for a period of two financial years to fund the Ilkley Visitor Information Centre. *(Nem Con)*

1718/071 **ITEM 13 – Councillor Representatives: Reports on meetings Attended**

Nothing to report.

1718/072 **ITEM 14 – Diary Dates**

8th August Plans Committee (7pm)

26th August Concert on The Grove

4th September Full Council

5th September Plans Committee (7pm)

1718/073 **ITEM 15 – Notification of Business for Future Agenda**

In order to assist officers, notice of items for the agenda of the next meeting should be provided seven days before the meeting. However, the absolute statutory minimum is three days’ notice.

The next meeting of Full Council will be held on **Monday 4th September 2017**

The meeting closed at 9:27pm