

**Minutes of the Meeting of the Hunshelf Parish Council,
Held at 7:45 p.m. on Thursday 20th November 2014
in the Providence Room, Green Moor Church**

Present: Councillors, B Tylee, Miss K Battye, Mrs K Austin and J Kerr. Two members of the public and BMBC Councillor R Barnard.

1 Apologies for absence

Apologies for non-attendance were received from Councillor R Popplewell

2 Declarations of interest from Councillors

There were none

3 Minutes of the previous meeting

The minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 16th October 2014 were confirmed

4 Matters arising from these minutes

There were none

5 Barnsley Local Plan Consultation Draft 2014

Members received a paper from Barnsley MBC Planning Department concerning the present consultation period for the preparation of the new Barnsley Local Plan. It was agreed that Mr G Johnston would purchase the relevant section of the consultative document and that all members would examine the plans and policies being proposed for adoption. It was further agreed that there would be an extraordinary parish council meeting at 7:45 p.m. on Thursday 11th December to prepare the submission to BMBC.

6 Parish DVD

Councillor Popplewell had left a message to ask that this item be delayed to the next meeting

7 Parish plan

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8 Reports from the Clerk

CPRE Magazine to circulate

Signpost (PNFS) to the noticeboard in the telephone box

9 Planning Applications

It was noted that the application for changes to the planning requirement for the development at Hillcrest Chapel Lane would be considered by the BMBC Planning Board in early December. It was agreed to ask Councillor Popplewell to attend and make the case for the parish council. Councillor Austin agreed to contact Councillor Popplewell to arrange this.

10 Communications from any member of the public on Planning Matters

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11 Kerbs on Well Hill.

Councillor R Barnard offered to try to ascertain a starting time for this work.

12 Archaeological investigations at Tin Mill

Councillor Tylee gave a short résumé of the work and findings at the dig. It was stated that a full report would follow when the scientific work was complete. Members expressed their appreciation of the work undertaken by Councillor Tylee and his team of volunteers.

13 Parish and community notice board

The Clerk circulated a photograph of a sign in the parish of Wroot (Lincolnshire) which is similar to ones being looked at for Hunshelf. The Clerk reported that the parish council had been promised a grant of £500 from the Friends of the Isle of Skye and that the Area Forum had been asked for a contribution.

14 79th Edition of the Hunshelf Chat.

Members noted that the next edition of The Chat was due shortly

15 Registering community assets.

The Clerk reported that he had discussed this with the Area Forum Officer Mr J Openshaw and they had agreed that the most important action would be to have a “charge” put on the Land Charges Register at Barnsley MBC. Further progress was awaited.

16 Annual playground report

Members noted that four items had been highlighted in the annual playground safety report. One was the speed of the closure on the gate was too quick, but Councillors Tylee and Kerr would remedy this. The second was the state of the wall at the back of the playground. As it was a safety issue, the Clerk had instructed a competent dry-stone waller to examine this wall. In the opinion of this person, the wall is safe and should continue to be so for a number of years. He advised two things, one to examine the wall regularly and the other was to leave the brambles presently growing at the base of the wall to act as a deterrent to children wishing to climb the bank.

It was agreed that the Clerk would have a permanent item on the agenda for a playground safety report, and that this would remind councillors to examine the wall on a regular basis. It would also record the findings of the councillors in case of further problems.

The third item on the playground safety report was that of preventing children from running out into the road. It was agreed that the Clerk should approach BMBC to request signs indicating a playground and that at the same time he should request advice from the BMBC officer as to some form of fence or gate across the entrance. The parish council was firmly in favour of a barrier on the footpath, but this might not be permitted by BMBC.

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Councillor Tylee and Mr Johnston agreed to “tighten up” the topper stones on the playground wall. At the same time they would investigate and replace, if necessary, the missing topper on the Ivy Millennium Green wall.

17 Safety check of the dry stone walls belonging to the parish council

It was agreed that the Clerk should arrange for a dry-stone waller to examine all the walls and fences belonging to the parish council on safety grounds. It was anticipated that this would take place in the next financial year.

18 Signing of orders for payment

The following orders were authorised for payment

Barnsley MBC Playground Inspection	£ 56.00	Inc VAT £ 7.33
Payment made by direct transfer.		
W M Horsfall Wreaths for Rem Sunday	£ 36.00	
York Archeological Trust	£ 6.816.00	Inc VAT £ 1,130.00

19 Bank statements for October 2014

Members receive copies of the bank statements for October 2014

20 Receipt of Income

The following income was noted

Rent Psalter Hill	£ 67.80
Rent The Outlook	£ 76.40

21 KI telephone box

The Clerk was asked to try to find a company that could repair the KI telephone box in Green Moor.

22 Christmas Entertainment and Tea

The invitations to the Christmas Entertainment and Tea were distributed to councillors with the request that they be delivered soon as the event is now only two weeks away. Councillor Austin asked for volunteers to help on the day.

23 Minor items, or items for the next agenda

The Clerk was asked to reply to Mr J Hallows with the addresses of residents in the parish to whom Neighbourhood Watch marker pens had been handed out. The Clerk explained that he was unable to give details of names as the information he has was given by the Electoral Services Office and as such can only be used for purposes of managing elections.

24 Date of the next meeting

The next meeting was confirmed for Thursday 15th January 2015 at 7:45 p.m.