

**Minutes of the Meeting of the Hunshelf Parish Council,  
Held at 7:45 p.m. on Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> January 2015  
in the Providence Room, Green Moor Church**

**Present:** Councillors, B Tylee, Miss K Battye, Mrs K Austin, R Popplewell and J Kerr. Two members of the public and BMBC Councillors R Barnard and P Hand Davis.

**1 To receive apologies for absence**

There were none

**2 To receive any declarations of interest from Councillors**

There were none

**3 To read and approve the minutes of the previous meeting held on 20<sup>th</sup> November 2014**

The minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> November were approved

**4 To read and approve the minutes of the extraordinary meeting held on Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> December 2014**

The minutes of the extraordinary meeting held on Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> December 2014 were approved

**5 Matters arising from these minutes**

There were none

**6 Precept for 2015/16**

The precept for 2015/16 was agreed to be unchanged from the present year and thus to remain at £3,800

**7 Barnsley Local Plan Consultation Draft 2014**

A copy of the Hunshelf Parish Council's submission to the Barnsley Local Plan consultation was to be attached to the minutes. Mr G Johnston was thanked most sincerely for all his work in preparing this submission.

**8 Parish DVD**

Councillor Popplewell reported that he was still working on the DVD and would report again as soon as possible.

**9 Parish plan**

Councillor Popplewell reported that he had been able to extract some valuable information from this process for use in adding to discussions at the parish council meetings. He further announced that the aim was to produce a full report at the time of the annual meeting of the parish in May 2015

**10 Reports from the Clerk**

Silkstone Parish Council Newsletter	to note
Clerks Direct	to note
Electoral Register update	to note
Clerks and Councils Direct`	to note
Electronic communications to summons councillors to a meeting	

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The Clerk explained that the use of the internet or email is not legal for parish councils but that the government is set to change this law. It was agreed that this should be an item on the next agenda

**11 Planning Matters**

Councillor Popplewell informed the meeting that he had, on behalf of the parish council, reported to the Barnsley MBC Planning Department that a breach of a planning condition had taken place at a dwelling on Chapel Lane. BMBC Councillor Barnard informed the meeting that the compliance section of the Planning Department should now deal with this matter, especially as there was clear written evidence of at least an intention to breach the condition.

**12 Communications from any member of the public on Planning Matters**

There were none

**13 Verges on Well Hill.**

BMBC Councillor R Barnard asked for details of the progress of the scheme to date. It was stated that the parish council had ordered some 200 metres of kerb to be laid by BMBC Highways. Very recently there had been a move to “widen” the road at this point which would have negated the effect of having the kerbs laid. Councillor Barnard referred to a possible difficulty in having the kerbs laid, and agreed to pursue the matter with BMBC Highways.

**14 Internet speeds in Hunshelf**

It was noted with regret and some exasperation that the promised faster internet speeds in Green Moor had not happened. It was reported that BT Openreach, the providers of cables and other infrastructure, had reneged on the original promise and now would not give a definite date for this faster access. It was agreed that the Clerk would write to Trevor Higgins at BT Openreach. Members of the parish could be encouraged to write to Mr Higgins as well.

**15 Archaeological investigations at Tin Mill**

Councillor Tylee reported that the dig had failed to uncover archeological evidence of tin working on the site, but he had undertaken some soil analyses and these had demonstrated a much higher level than normal of tin. This indicated the use of tin on a major scale.

Councillor Tylee stated that it would be possible to undertake some more excavations on a “community basis” which would not involve seeking huge sums in grants. It was noted that a full report would follow.

Councillor Tylee also reported that a grant had been obtained for a feasibility study of the possibilities of a hydro scheme based on the weirs and dams on the River Don and that work would start shortly. The grant was to pay for a survey by a qualified person.

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**16 Parish and community notice board**

Members noted with thanks the provision of a grant from the Area Forum of £1,500 towards the provision of a new notice board for the parish council, the community and the Green Moor Church. It was agreed that Mrs W Horsfall, Councillor Tylee and the Clerk should meet with Mr S Dixon from the Green Moor Church to have the board installed

**17 Isle of Skye Paddock "Open Access Land".**

It was noted that the three metre strip along the edge of the Isle of Skye Paddock had now been registered as "Open Access". Members also noted that this would lessen the insurance risk to the parish council.

**18 Monthly inspection of the playground.**

Members accepted a report on the safety of the playground prepared by Councillor Tylee. He reported that he was still working on one of the faults identified, i.e. that the gate closes in 4.5 seconds instead of the recommended 5 seconds. It was noted that the large gate had been permanently secured and this was agreed as being desirable and was thus not a hazard. The playground report was accepted. The report was to be included in the minutes

**19 Signing of orders for payment**

The following invoices were passed for payment

C S Derrick	Chat printing	£ 138.75
Landmark Trading	Winch, Grant funded	£ 435.48
Melvyn Carr	Hand tools Grant funded	£ 155.04
PTE Doncaster	Strimmer, Grant funded	£ 348.00
Home Cooking	Christmas Tea	£ 253.50
Thurgoland School	Christmas Entertainment	£ 50.00
R. Popplewell	Christmas lights	£ 146.40
W M Horsfall	BMBC Plan doc, Postage, etc.	£ 66.85
Green Moor Church		£ 334.00
K Austin	Christmas Tea	£27.50

**20 Hand tools for conservation purposes**

It was noted that the following tools had been purchased from an Area Forum grant for use by the conservation group in the parish

Stihl Strimmer                      Kept at the Chairman's home

Hand Winch and Cables              Kept at the Chairman's home

2 Loppers, 2 bow saws, two grass hooks, one Irish Slasher, all kept at the Clerk's home

**21 Bank statements for November and December 2014**

Members received copies of the bank statements for November and December 2014

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**22 Receipt of Income**

The following income was noted

Donations towards the cost of the Christmas Tea	£ 10.00
BMBC Grant for noticeboard	£ 1,500.00
VAT Refund	£ 1,337.80

**23 K6 telephone box**

It was reported that a source had been found for the glass for the K6 box. It was agreed that Councillor Tylee would approach a local resident to enquire about re-glazing the box and painting it in the approved colour. Once the information was available, the Clerk would prepare a grant application

**24 Christmas Entertainment and Tea**

It was agreed in principle that the parish council would organise a Christmas Entertainment and Tea on lines similar to the last one. Councillor Austin agreed to make some enquiries and report to the next meeting. BMBC Councillor P Hand-Davis agreed to provide some information about an alternative catering source

**25 Minor items, or items for the next agenda**

**25.1 Neighbourhood Watch Scheme**

It was reported that Mrs Brenda Mangham, had been awarded the "Rose Hogg Award" by the Barnsley Neighbourhood Watch Scheme. It was noted that an article would be prepared for the next issue of the Chat.

**25.2 Dog Fouling**

Members noted that there had been an increase in the amount of dog fouling in the parish. It was agreed that an article would be prepared for the next issue of the Chat.

**26 Dates for meetings n 2015**

The proposed dates for meeting in 2015 were accepted. It was agreed that there would be no meeting in June 2015 unless circumstances required one

**27 Date of the next meeting**

The next meeting was confirmed as 7:45 p.m. on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> February 2015