

**Minutes of the Meeting of the Hunshelf Parish Council,
held at 7:45 p.m. on Thursday 17th March 2016
in the Providence Room, Green Moor Church**

Present: Councillors, J Kerr (Chairman), Miss K Battye, Mrs K Austin, R Popplewell and B Tylee, seven members of the public and BMBC Councillor J Wilson in attendance

Prior to the meeting, the Chairman and members noted with deep sadness the passing of Catherine (Kath) Godley Downs. Mrs Godley Downs had been a councillor for the parish of Hunshelf in previous years.

Mr J C Wade of Oxspring had asked to be able to address the meeting and he was welcomed by the Chairman. Mr Wade was for many years a BMBC councillor for the Penistone East Ward. He outlined the ways and means by which assets to improve the community could be provided, but only with money from developments within the area. He espoused the cause of the proposed developments on "Oxspring Fields" by Mr S Green. He was personally convinced that such a development would be in the interests of the parish of Oxspring and would result in the parish being able to achieve low cost housing or houses to let and a new community centre. Members of the council and others present made comments and asked relevant questions. Mr Wade was thanked for his contribution and he left the meeting.

1 Apologies for non-attendance

There were none

2 Declarations of interest from Councillors

Councillor R Popplewell declared a personal interest in item 6.

3 Minutes of the previous meeting

The minutes of the meeting held at 7:45 p.m. on Thursday 18th February 2016 were confirmed

4 Matters arising from these minutes

There were none

5 Reports from the Clerk

Clerks and Councils Direct	noted
Bus timetable changes	noted
Electoral Roll update	noted
BMBC Archives	
<i>Receipt for community archaeological dig in Tin Mill</i>	Recorded
Planning Regulatory Board agenda	noted
Heseltine Bray and Walsh registration of land on Delph Mews	

Resolved that the land registry details be added to the list of assets owned by the parish council and that the value of these assets be raised by the sum of £1 being a notional value on land given to the parish council

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6 Planning Applications

2015/1274 Amended Sports' Club Field

It was confirmed that the parish council objected to the above application on the grounds that the posts would be a detrimental intrusion in the rural area and the noise from the hoisting wires would be intrusive in such a quiet area. It was also commented that the erection of 10 masts would cause vibration issues in neighbouring properties.

7 Members of the public on Planning Matters

A member of the Green Moor Sports Club present raised concerns over the relationships between the Sports Club and the Parish Council. The Sports Club commented that the parish council obviously regarded the Sports Club in some regard as the field and building had been listed as assets of Community Value by the Parish Council. The Sports Club then complained that the club had not been aware of this move until a letter arrived from BMBC. The Clerk informed the meeting that he had written to the Sports Club alerting them to the move and explaining that the impact on the club would be only if and when the club ceased to exist. Hopefully this would not come about.

The Sports Club member then asked why there was so much ill feeling between the club and the parish council. He was informed of a number of issues that had been raised over the past years.

It was agreed that the Sports Club should be invited to attend the parish council meetings, perhaps once every three months to facilitate discussion on any difficulties that emerge.

8 Parish Council Community Event held on 5th December

It was affirmed again that this had been a most successful event. Mr D Rose asked for clarification of the status and finances of any future event.

It was confirmed that the group organising this event was a sub-group of the parish council. This allowed the group to operate under the aegis of the parish council and its insurance, child protection and other policies. Mr Rose then asked about the financial status of the event. It was confirmed again that the parish council had set a budget of £500 in the financial year 2016/17 for the community event. There was also the sum of £181.00 which had been collected for "next year" at the event in December 2015. This is a concrete sum and is available immediately. Mr Rose advised the parish council that he had applied for a grant from the Stocksbridge Community Shop. The supplication had been made in 2015 but had been mislaid by the Community Shop. He stated that the application would be considered shortly and might be retrospective. The total cost of the December 2015 event was circa £ 932, towards which the sub-committee had received funds to £800. In view of the excellent work undertaken by the sub-committee and because of the unknown nature of the demand, the parish council agreed to write off the overspend. Mr Rose disagreed with the figures. It was noted and confirmed by BMBC Councillor J Wilson, that the Ward Alliance grant must not be used for a party,

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which is why the grant had been used to supply the Christmas tree and the hall hire. Any funds left over from the grant would be used in December 2016 and hopefully as far as 2017.

Mr Rose pointed out that the present parish council policy of inviting only those resident in the parish and those who were resident in the parish when they reached retirement age and then left had led to difficulties. He mentioned several groups and individuals that were closely linked to Hunshelf, but who could not attend because of the present policy. He went on to say that the number of persons attending the event had now reached the maximum that could be fitted into the facilities if the present format was to continue. It was pointed out that it was the parishioners of Hunshelf who paid the precept and no decision was taken concerning any change to the present policy.

A member queried if it would be possible to allocate a sum for this event for future years. It was noted that parish councils may only budget for a year at a time, so trying to allocate and thus bind future councils was not legal. It was confirmed that the parish council had set a budget for 2016/17 which included the sum of £500 for the community event.

Mr Rose asked if any funds left over from 2016/17 would be rolled over to 2017/18. This question was based on the assumption that the sub-committee would receive a grant from the Stocksbridge Community Shop. Mr Rose was told that it would be so. At this point, Mr Rose stated that he would have to consider the points raised and left the meeting.

9 Oxspring Parish Neighbourhood Plan

Members received a copy of a letter from Mrs L Green concerning the proposed development at Oxspring Fields. It was agreed that members would consider this at length and then a response would be formulated

10 Safety of the Playground.

Members received a copy of the monthly playground safety report. It was noted that the Clerk had not yet been able to arrange for the repair of the surface. The report was accepted.

11 Orders for payment

The following invoices were authorised for payment

C S Derrick	Chat printing	£ 142.50
K Goddard	YIB stationery	£ 6.50
W M Horsfall	Chat delivery	£ 10.00
YUCCA	Subscriptions 2016/17	£ 122.22

To be paid in April in the 2016/17 financial year

12 Bank statements for February 2016

Members received copies of the bank statements for February 2016

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13 Receipt of Income

There was none

14 Lighting of the Hunshelf Beacon on the occasion of The Queen's 90th Birthday

Councillor Popplewell reported that he had made arrangements for the beacon to be lit at 7:30 p.m. on Thursday 21st April 2016 to celebrate the Queen's Birthday. The Clerk reported that as yet he had not been able to source some "flambeaus" for the young people to carry up the field. It was anticipated that some form of light refreshment would be supplied after the beacon was lit

15 Yorkshire in Bloom social events

It was noted that the YIB sub-committee had arranged a "Call my Bluff" evening, the first of a series of community events on 23rd April in the Providence Room

16 Work day organised by BMBC in the Delf on March 23rd.

Members noted that BMBC and volunteers were to undertake work in the Delf on Wednesday 23rd March 2016. B Tylee, G Hodgson, G Johnson, J Kerr and D Horsfall would be part of this group.

17 Dry-stone wall opposite Castle View

Members recalled that the parish council had tried repeatedly to get this section of dry-stone wall repaired. With the forthcoming entry to the Yorkshire in Bloom competition the repair was even more urgent. BMBC Councillor J Wilson agreed to try to get the wall repaired at least to road height. The Clerk was to write to Councillor Wilson giving him all the information.

18 Parish council computer

The Clerk reported that the parish council computer was now running extremely slowly and requested guidance as to where he might get assistance. A number of suggestions were made and the Clerk was to follow them up

19 Kerbing from the bus stop to the village boundary

Members received a copy of a paper form the Clerk outlining the process he had undertaken to get a quotation for this work. He explained that when the first section of kerb was being surveyed, the officer suggested that the kerbs be extended to the end of the village. A series of requests for some information as to the cost were made, The Parish Council requested the Clerk to include in the finance statement at the end of the year a sum of £1,000 as a reserve to be spent on this project in due course.

Eventually a response from BMBC suggesting a "ball park" figure of £41,000 was received. This preposterous response was reported with some indignation and BMBC Councillor Wilson agreed to try to mediate on the matter. The Clerk was to write to Councillor Wilson with all the details required

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20 “Silt to Southwark”

Members received a verbal report on the project to illustrate the story of the Green Moor Sandstone from its origins, via the Wagon Way to Southwark, London from where it was shipped across the world. It was explained that discussions were in hand to suggest the correct method of securing the Wagon Way for posterity and then grant funding would be sought.

It was agreed that the Chairman would sign a letter to Southwark Council requesting permission to erect a small plaque on the site of the Green Moor Imperial Wharf.

21 Well Hill speed reduction

Members received a report outlining the Clerk’s attempts to inform all users of Well Hill of the dangers posed by errant cyclists. He was thanked for his efforts.

It was noted with appreciation that one cycling club had offered to contact STRAVA to have Well Hill de-listed as it is a dangerous area.

Members noted that the request to BMBC to have the speed limits looked at on Well Hill had fallen on deaf ears. A most courteous response from BMBC pointed out the legal framework of speed limits. It was noted that other authorities do not seem to have the same stringent criteria as BMBC.

22 Parish web site

The Clerk reported that the web site was still in progress. He requested photographs to adorn the site and Councillor Kerr promised to send some of the Community Party in December 2015

23 Date and Time of the next meeting

The next meeting was confirmed for 7:45 p.m. on Thursday 14th April 2016