

**Minutes of the Meeting of the Hunshelf Parish Council,
held at 7:45 p.m. on Thursday 21st July 2016
in the Providence Room, Green Moor Church**

Present: Councillors, Miss K Battye, Mrs K Austin, J Kerr, and B Tylee, Two members of the public in attendance as was BMBC Councillor Robert Barnard.

1 Apologies for non-attendance

Apologies for non-attendance were accepted from Councillor R Popplewell

2 Declarations of interest from Councillors

There were none

3 Minutes of the previous meeting of the parish council

The minutes of the meeting of the parish council held at 7:45 p.m. on Thursday 9th June 2016 were confirmed

4 Matters arising from these minutes

There were none

5 Reports from the Clerk

Signpost (PNFS) Noted

BMBC Electoral roll update Noted

YUCCA Annual Review Noted

Clerks and Councils Direct Noted

BMBC Planning Agenda Noted

Npower The Clerk reported that he had received a demand from Npower for the now non-existent power supply to the telephone box in Green Moor. As this matter had been sorted some time ago through our solicitor, he had demanded from NPower an apology and had threatened to take the matter to court if the company did not cease to harass him and the parish council. Members approved of his actions

Hunshelf Amble The Clerk reported that he had both congratulated the Penistone Footpath Runners for the excellent manner in which the Amble had been organised at one end of the parish but that some liaison work had been omitted at the other end.

Trunce Race The Clerk reported that he had received a complaint about the organisation of the Trunce Race which runs through the parish. He had contacted the organisers and the Secretary of the race who had promised to sort out the matter as soon as possible

6 Planning Applications

6.1 2016/0494 Conversion of Building Windy Bank Farm

It was agreed that the parish council had no comments on this application

6.2 Sports Club field application

Councillor Austin reported that she had examined the documents concerning the application to level the playing field in Green Moor. It was noted by members that various external bodies had not supported the application, and that some had opposed the application.

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7 Communications from any member of the public on Planning Matters

Councillor Austin undertook to investigate, and report if necessary, a presumed breach of planning regulations in Green Moor.

8 Oxspring Parish Neighbourhood Plan

No further communications had been received

9 Safety of the Playground.

Members received the report of the playground inspection for July 2016. It was noted that the playground was not considered in any way to be dangerous. Members noted that the exchange of emails between the Clerk and a parishioner had not satisfied this person and that there might well be further communications. The Clerk outlined his actions in that he had asked the Parks Officer in BMBC for her opinion of the state of the equipment. The BMBC Officer had stated that she was of the opinion that the equipment was safe. The Clerk had alerted the insurance company, Zurich Town and Parish Council's section and would request via BMBC for an immediate inspection of the playground by the independent company.

10 Parish Council web site

The Clerk announced with relief that he now was able to add or remove items from the web site. Members asked if a "hit count" application was available on the site. The Clerk admitted that he was unaware of one. Councillor Barnard informed the meeting that such a facility was available via "Google". The Clerk promised to consult with Councillor Barnard when the opportunity arose

11 Orders for payment

The following invoices were authorised for payment

PNFS	Subscription	£ 22.50
CPRE	Subscription	£ 36.00
Green Moor Church (YIB Sub Committee)		£ 30.00
David Wadsworth	wall repair	£ 450.00
David Wadsworth	Wall at Stile	£ 150.00

Members noted that the payments to Mr Wadsworth would be made via the Clerk

12 Bank statements for June 2016

Members received copies of the bank statements for June 2016

13 Receipt of Income

The following income was noted

VAT Reclaim		£ 1,600.01
Wordsworth Trust		£ 12.00
Rent	Outlook	£ 76.40
Rents	Psalter Hill	£ 67.80
Stocksbridge Community Shop		£ 100.00
Christmas Entertainment and Tea		

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14 Minutes of the Christmas Entertainment and Tea Sub Committee.

The minutes of the Christmas Entertainment and Tea (PCP) were confirmed

15 Dry-stone wall opposite Castle View

It was agreed that the Clerk should seek to have the dry-stone wall opposite Castle View repaired as soon as possible

16 Response by BMBC to a request for a quotation for the installation of a section of kerbing from the bus stop to the village boundary

Councillor Barnard informed the meeting that he had instigated discussions with the then new head of Highways in BMBC. Regrettably this officer had since left the authority and as yet had not been replaced. He promised to follow up the matter as soon as it became feasible

17 Precis of powers available to parish councils prepared by Councillor Tylee

Members received a precis of the powers available to parish councils. Members agreed that this document was most helpful;

18 “The Good Councillors Guide” from NALC

Members received a copy of a booklet prepared by NALC.

19 Report from the meeting with SYPTE held on 18th July concerning the proposed withdrawal of the 23 and 24 bus services.

This meeting was attended by Councillor Tylee and the Clerk. It was noted that the SYPTE people seemed to be genuine in wishing to tackle the difficult questions of the bus services to outlying villages. Councillor Tylee was to draft a letter to go with the leaflets and be circulated to all dwellings in Green Moor and thus urge every resident in Hunshelf to participate in the survey before the end of July 2016.

It was suggested that the bus services should tie up more closely with the train services in the area. This sensible suggestion was at odds with the views of the representative of Stagecoach (the major provider of buses) in that this suggestion was not in keeping with the bus service providers wish to deny such coordination. The Clerk was to stress this aspect of coordinating services and to make a special request to have the number 29 service from Penistone go through to Sheffield and not stop at the rail station in Chapeltown as envisaged

It was noted that the map showing a putative route from the Fox Valley shopping development, up Pea Royd, along Hill Top Lane and down Chapel Lane was the result of someone “doodling” with some computer software and had no validity

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20 Claimed footpath on the Barnsley/Sheffield boundary and of the disability access to the Isle of Skye

It was noted that although the parish council had received several emails from various parties claiming that this claimed footpath was now part of the footpath network, no official notification had been received from Sheffield City Council. Members agreed that the path would now be on the definitive map and Councillor Kerr was thanked for all his work in achieving this result

21 Wild flower verge and BMBC's grass cutting regime.

It was reported that Miss Sara Kerr, Ms Claire Derrick and Councillor Kerr had been instrumental in halting the grass cutter from destroying the wild flower verge in Green Moor. The Clerk advised the meeting that he had spoken to BMBC to ask them to re-inforce the message that this stretch of grass is our responsibility

The Clerk was to write to Miss Kerr and Ms Derrick appropriately

22 Requests from the Green Moor Sports Club

There were none

23 Update on the project to investigate, document and display the route of the Green Moor sandstone from the Isle of Skye Quarry to the Imperial Wharf in Southwark London

Councillor Tylee reported that he and Mrs Tylee had visited London, had inspected the possible location of a stone marker flag, had received the consent of Southwark Council to install such a stone and had found a book giving much more detail of the Green Moor Imperial Wharf.

Councillor Tylee was thanked for his and his wife's efforts. Councillor Austin reported that her contact with an archaeological architect had suggested that the placing of this stone must await the rest of the project as that one aspect would be felt as very important by the Lottery funders. It was noted that a meeting of the project group would be held shortly

Councillor Tylee raised the question of the protection of the Tin Mill site. This site had been the subject of an archeological dig and a full report on the site had been prepared. In the light of the importance of this site, Councillor Tylee suggested that he approach Wharncliffe Estates (the landowner) to seek the cooperation of the Estate in having the site protected in some way. This was agreed.

24 Parish council's access track to the Isle of Skye.

Councillor Kerr reported that he had driven up the sports field to the Isle of Skye on the 10th of June 2016 to confirm the parish council's right of access to the Isle of Skye up this field. * Photo attached at the end of the minutes

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25 Request from a parishioner to purchase the grassed area of Pickford's Gap

It was agreed that the parish council would not sell this piece of land. The parishioner was informed of the decision

26 Vandalism of a dry stone wall on the Isle of Skye

It was noted with regret that the dry-stone wall on the Isle of Skye had been vandalised, ostensibly by a resident or residents in the parish. It was agreed that Councillor Austin would make enquiries as to the identity of the culprit(s) and undertake any remedial action she thought fit. The Clerk informed the meeting that he was willing to inform the police of the identity of any identified person should that become necessary

27 Replacing the gate to the Isle of Skye

It was reported that the gate onto the Isle of Skye had been replaced if only temporarily. As it would be necessary to remove the gate for work on the "Silt to Southwark" project and the work on the beacon, it was agreed that this would suffice. It was also noted that contrary to previous belief, the dry-stone wall had not been stolen but vandalised, it was not as necessary to make this gate ultra-secure

28 Re-furbishing of the Delf Field

Members received an agreed on an outline of work to be undertaken to make the Delf field fit for purpose. It would mean a gate at the entrance with space for a pedestrian access, some parking arrangements, a wild flower strip along one side, cutting back of vegetation as well as the drainage scheme. The Clerk was to go ahead with arrangements to find funds.

29 Beacon on The Isle of Skye to be lowered in height

Members noted the urgency of having some work done on the beacon as the support is starting to rust noticeably. It was agreed that the beacon should be cut down and then re concreted in at a site next to the original one. Members did ask about the ethics creating a "brown field site" by leaving a large chunk of concrete in the ground, but agreed that the solution offered was the most viable.

Councillor Popplewell had been most involved in the arrangements and all work was to be suspended until his return

30 Sale of a house formerly part of the Green Moor School

Councillor Austin reported that the housing association had registered themselves as owners by a form of adverse possession in that the association claimed that they had registered and interest and then waiting until 2014 for anyone to object. The houses, formerly the school, then became the property of the housing association. It was mentioned that in order to buy much cheaper houses in other parts of the county, the housing association had sold this house to raise funds. The perfidy of housing associations making promises to give preference to local persons in need was mentioned again.

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31 Brashings on the Delf

It was noted that Mr Gordon Hodgson had been asked to finish the clearing of the brashings on the Delf and this he had agreed to do

There would be a heather cutting session on the Delf in October, details to follow

32 Cutting of the grass on the Delf field for hay.

Councillor Tylee reported that he had arranged for Mr G Dransfield to cut the grass for hay on the Delf sometime in late summer. The fee of £150 was agreed

33 Grass cutting schedule for Ivy Millennium Green

The Clerk reported that he had contacted BMBC and the grass on the Ivy Green was scheduled for a monthly cut

34 items for the next agenda

34.1 Local Plan for BMBC

It was agreed that Councillor Tylee would draft a response to the BMBC Local Plan emphasising the need to thoroughly investigate the environmental issues before supporting any licence to extract gas using the “fracking” technique

35 Date of the next meeting

The next meeting was confirmed for 7:45 p.m. on Thursday 8th September 2016

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Councillor Kerr's car on the access track to the Isle of Skye on 10th June 2016