

**Minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Hunshelf Parish Council,
held at 7:15 p.m. on Monday 19th June 2017
in the Providence Room, Green Moor Church**

Present: Councillor Mrs K Austin (Chairman), councillors Miss K Battye, J Kerr, and B Tylee. Two members of the public in attendance

Prior to the meeting, Mr Jonathan Williams of Penhallow spoke concerning the proposed registration of a bridleway at Blackmoor. He outlined that he had proof of hindering access by equestrians during the last twenty years and argued that there were safety and access issues involved,. He also claimed that a problem with water damage would be exacerbated if the trial was used by more than the present few users. Members noted the comments and advised him first of all to contact Ms S Ford of BMBC over the receipt or non-receipt of his letter and the lack of action by Barnsley MBC

1 Apologies for non-attendance

Apologies for non-attendance were received from Councillor R Popplewell

2 Declarations of interest from Councillors

Councillor Tylee registered an interest in item 6.3

3 The minutes of the previous meeting of the parish council held on 8th May 2017

The minutes of the meeting held on Monday 8th May 2017 were confirmed

4 Matters arising from these minutes

There were none

5 To receive any reports from the Clerk

Merchant Navy Day 3 rd September 2017	Noted
Comments in the Barnsley Chronicle Friday 9 th June 2017	Noted
HMRC Valuation Office change of financial requirements	Noted

6 Planning Applications or planning matters

6.1 2017/0581 Hillcrest Chapel Lane

It was confirmed that the parish council objected to the application on the grounds that the site was very much over-developed and that the foul water discharge system might be affected

6.2 2017/0624 Storage Battery installation, Mucky Lane

It was confirmed that the parish council objected to this application on the grounds that further efforts should be made to “hide” the development and for the screening trees to be native hedgerow species

6.3 2017/0714 Change of Use, Well Hill Farm

The parish council had no comments on this application

7 Communications from any member of the public on Planning Matters

There were none

8 Orders for payment

The following payments were authorised

101309	C Derrick Chat printing	£ 85.00
101310	Zurich Insurance	£ 482.13
101311	Green Moor Church (Derfib training)	£ 20.00
101312	Grass on Ivy Green and Stocks	£ 70.00
101314	D Horsfall computer software`	£ 43.99
101314	CPRE Membership	£ 35.00
101315	Grass in Ivy Green and Stocks	£ 50.00
101316	B Tylee Grounds maint.	£ 13.90

9 Receipt of Income

The following income was reported

Ward Alliance Grant (Delf Field) £ 2,500.00

Councillor Kerr reported that he had been successful in obtaining a grant for £ 1,800 for replacing the seats on the Ivy Millennium Green, but as yet had not received written confirmation.

10 Bank Accounts for May 2017

Members received a copy of the bank statements for May 2017

11 Comments from the Internal Auditor

Members noted that the Internal Auditor had requested that all claims for re-imbursment should be made using an original receipt, and where relevant a VAT receipt should be requested of the supplier. The second point was that some payments had been made where the details of the claimant were insufficient and the third point was that the cash handling system of the parish council should be tightened. This latter was the subject of discussion and the Clerk agreed to continue the present system of a letter as a receipt, but to tighten up on the manner of preparation of the letters.

The final point of the auditor was that cash must be banked intact and that all payments should be made by cheque. The Clerk was to consult with the organisers of the Christmas Entertainment and Tea.

12 Reports or concerns of crime in the parish.

A theft of a cycle on Huthwaitre Lane was reported as was the burglary at Spring Cottage on Well Hill where a vehicle was badly damaged and the roof of a garage broken through

13 Installation of a section of kerbing from the bus stop to the village boundary

The Clerk reported on a meeting with Mr I Wilson the head of Highways in BMBC concerning the proposition to have kerbs installed opposite Castle View. The Clerk

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explained that he had outlined to Mr Wilson the reason the parish council originally had kerbs laid from Rock Cottage to the bus stop. Mr Wilson was most supportive in that he would endeavour to come up with a solution that might be affordable to the parish council. He was to request one of his staff to supply an accurate cost for laying the 150 metres or so of new kerbs (this cost would be in the order of £50 to £55 per metre). Mr Wilson was also to investigate the situation as regards drainage on this stretch of road.

He stated quite categorically that there would need to be a drainage scheme and that the policy of BMBC as regards road repairs is that only roads that are close to failure will be repaired. The road through Green Moor does not qualify for repair, i.e BMBC will not pay for a drainage scheme.

It was hoped that a response would be in time for the next meeting of the parish council

14 To receive a report on the progress towards the “RHS It’s your Neighbourhood” entry for 2017

It was reported that everything was now in motion and that judging would take place on the 7th of July. It was mentioned that the presentations would take place in September

15 Comments and or requests from the Green Moor Sports Club

There were no comments from the Sports Club, but the Clerk was asked to write to the club expressing appreciation that the club had responded to a request for signs urging motorists to take extra care on Chapel Lane on match days.

16 The route of the Green Moor sandstone from the Isle of Skye Quarry to the Imperial Wharf in Southwark, London

It was reported that it should be possible to “spot list” the wagon stones on the Truncheon as a heritage item. Councillor Tylee agreed to arrange this.

He was asked also to try to list the well under the road. The Clerk explained that Barnsley Highways had “highways rights” over all section of a road that might be vulnerable to damage. It was agreed that the well could be in danger if there was a catastrophic landslide and the road collapsed. The listing of the well would not in itself prevent work being done to repair the road but damaging the well, but it would give BMBC pause for thought and then the authority would have to consider saving the well.

17 Maintenance of the Ivy Millennium Green

Councillor Kerr reported that he was about to research seats for the Ivy Millennium Green. It was suggested that a man-made material might prove more lasting and might also be incised with the name of the parish. This latter would deter thieves to some extent. The seats would also not need frequent painting. Councillor Tylee was given authority to purchase two seats for the playground of the same pattern as Councillor Kerr selects for the Ivy Millennium Green.

18 To confirm a letter to Sheffield City Council re Pea Royd Surveyors Quarry

Members confirmed the letter to be sent to the Sheffield City Council as follows

Dear Sir,

In the Hunshelf Inclosure Award of 1874, several small parcels of land were allocated to the "Surveyors of the Parish of Hunshelf". Most of these ex-quarries are already owned by the present Hunshelf Parish Council. I understand that they were passed over free of charge to the parish council by Barnsley Metropolitan Borough Council sometime after the re-organisation of local government in the 1970's

We have identified another very small parcel of ex-surveyor quarry land that was also allocated to the then Parish of Hunshelf. However, this surveyor's quarry is now in Stocksbridge. You may be aware that the parish of Hunshelf was divided roughly in half when Stocksbridge was made into a township. Thus, this surveyors' quarry is within the Sheffield City boundary.

As a parish council we are experiencing difficulties with certain activities taking place on this piece of land. It is being used from time to time by scramble motor bikers. This in itself is not the real problem. As a parish council we would wish to encourage activities of all kinds. However, the motor cyclists are travelling quickly down a steep bank and crossing and re-crossing, at speed, a road. The safety aspects are clear, and this road is used by many of our residents to get to Stocksbridge. The advantage of us owning this land is that the parish council would be able to manage the use, i.e. to insist on safe usage.

I am informed that this land is not registered with the Land Registry. The ownership, therefore, goes back to the original act or acts of parliament relating to Hunshelf in particular and surveyors' quarries in general.

While I feel that ethically the ownership of this land should be vested in my parish council, I also understand that it might be difficult for Sheffield City Council to agree to such a change of ownership.

An acceptable alternative perhaps, would be for Sheffield City Council to lease the land to us on a peppercorn rent.

I look forward to your comments

19 Defibrillator training event of 3rd June 2017

It was reported that the training had been most successful. A report is attached. It was noted that Mr David Rose, Mr Peter Allott and Mrs Veronica Clarke had volunteered to act as Guardians of the installation

20 A request from Oxspring Parish Council under the "Governance of Parishes" consultation to have the parish boundary amended to reflect the ownership of land near Oxspring village.

Members noted the request from Oxspring Parish Council to have the boundary between the two parishes regularised in that a small strip of land, presently in Hunshelf, is owned by the Oxspring Parish. It was agreed that it would not be sensible to oppose

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the suggestion made by Oxspring Parish Council that this strip of land be transferred to Oxspring Parish under the Governance of Parishes review presently under consideration

21 The project to refurbish the Delf

It was reported that funds had been secured to get the Delf Field refurbished. It was noted that a grant of £ 6,600 from the Lottery and a further grant of £ 2,500 from the Area Ward Alliance had been received and a top up grant of £ 500 from the Stocksbridge Community Shop requested. It was noted also that the residents of Delph Mews had been kept in the communication loop. The representative from Chapellow will meet with the parish council and others on site in early July to finalise the work to be done

22 The closure of Well Hill and Don Hill Heights in Green Moor and the efforts by BMBC to ameliorate the problems caused by the lack of a bus service

Members noted the disruption caused to the village by the closure of Well Hill to repair a high retaining wall adjacent to Quarry Cottage. It was reported that traffic lights would be installed shortly now that the foundation work is complete.

It was reported by members that the link service to Oxspring set up by BMBC and operated by Thurgoland Travel had proved both efficient and popular. The Clerk was to write to both bodies expressing the thanks of the parishioners

23 To receive a copy of the Playground Safety Report

Members received a copy of the latest playground safety report

24 Minor items or items for the next agenda

24.1 Developments on Trunce fields

The Clerk was to write to BMBC to ascertain what stage the referral to Planning Enforcement had reached

25 The next meeting

The next meeting was confirmed for 7:00 p.m. on Monday 24th July in the Providence Room