

**Minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Hunshelf Parish Council,
held at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday 20th September 2017
in Green Moor Church**

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

1 Apologies for non-attendance

Councillor Miss K Battye apologised for late arrival

2 Declarations of interest from Councillors

There were none

3 The minutes of the previous meeting

The minutes of the meeting held on 24th July were confirmed

4 Matters arising from these minutes

There were none

5 Reports from the Clerk

CPRE Field Work Noted

CPRE Countryside Voice Noted

Clerks and Councils Direct Noted

Nextdoor Social Network Members noted the introduction of the Nextdoor Social Network for Hunshelf and agreed that it would complement the present reporting system used in the parish i.e. the parish council web site and email links

6 Planning Applications or planning matters

6.1 2017/1048 Kon Tiki

It was confirmed that the parish council had no comments on this applications

6.2 2017/0859 Barn Conversion Blackmore

It was confirmed that the parish council had no comments on this applications

6.3 2017/1033 Maple Corner

It was confirmed that the parish council had no comments on this applications

6.4 Mucky Lane Battery Installation:

It was noted that permission had been granted for this application to install a storage battery facility at Mucky Lane. It was noted that the units had been lowered and the shelter belt amended to use native trees such as Hawthorne. Both of amendments had been requested by the parish council

6.5 “Industrial Type “Fencing in Green Moor

It was reported that Barnsley MBC Planning had decided not to take any action on this matter as the fence concerned is lower than 2 metres high. It was noted that the installation of chicken coops on the same area of land should be subject to planning permission, and that a BMBC councillor had contacted BMBC Planning with an objection

6.6 Overhanging vegetation

It was agreed that the Clerk would report to BMBC Highways an obstruction to the pavement in Green Moor

7 Communications from any member of the public on Planning Matters

There were none

8 Bank statements for July and August 2017

Members received copies of the bank statements for July and August 2017

9 Orders for payment

The following orders were authorised for payment

101532	Cutback Services	£ 50.00
101522	D Horsfall Wreaths for Service	£ 35.50
101523	Cutback Services	£ 40.00
101524	S C Derrick Chat printing	£ 85.00
	IYN	£ 34.31
101325	Peak and Northern	£ 22.50
101525	BDO External Audit	£ 120.00 inc VAT £20.00
101526	B Tylee Delf Signs	£ 3.56

10 Receipt of Income

The following income was noted

Wordsworth Trust	£14.00
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11 Budgetary items to be considered at the November meeting

The Clerk asked for details of any items for the budget meeting in November to be advised to him at the next meeting. The Clerk produced a draft costing of work to be undertaken on grounds maintenance and a suggestion of costs. Members were to consider this paper in advance of the next meeting. It was noted that the maintenance of the area round Peck Pond had been omitted from the paper.

Councillor Kerr asked about the missing gate at Peck Pond. It was reported that the item was not covered by the insurance and was therefore not replaced

12 Pea Royd Quarry

It was agreed that the Clerk would approach Mr A Heseltine, the parish council solicitor, to ascertain if a proposed lease to the motor cycle club in Stocksbridge was lawful and effective

13 Christmas Entertainment and Community Party on Saturday 2nd December 2017

Members received and approved the draft budget (attached to the minutes) for the above event. It was noted that the grant from Tesco was more likely to be of £ 1,000 rather than £ 1,200. Mr Allot, a member of the public, reported that he had not sought further financial contributions from well-wishers in the parish as the funding seemed secure for this year.

The Clerk mentioned that the grant received from the Area Forum for the hire of the hall and purchase of a tree, would run out at the end of this year as there was only £ 83.00 unspent. This should pay for the tree and room hire for 2017.

14 Remembrance Service on Sunday 12th November

The Clerk reported that the wreaths had been purchased, that the preacher would be Christine Cheetham of the Salvation Army and that the orders of service would be printed as usual. Members agreed to undertake the various duties at the service including the laying of a wreath and speaking the traditional words.

15 Hunshelf Chat

Members noted the latest issue of the Chat, and as the editor, Ms Claire Derrick was in attendance, she was complimented by the members on another very professionally produced edition

16 Reports or concerns of crime in the parish.

Councillor Tylee reported on the progress, or lack of it, concerning the destruction of a buzzard nest in the parish. The police investigation was still ongoing, but little evidence had been forthcoming as yet.

17 Kerb from the bus stop to the village boundary

The Clerk reported that he had received an oral quotation for the work concerned. The total cost would be in the order of £ 22,000. This was made up of about £ 8,000 for 150 metres of kerb at £ 50 per linear metre and £ 14,000 for four drainage gullies across the road to the existing drainage system. It was noted that if the work was undertaken, the road through Green Moor would be closed again for a period of time.

The Clerk was thanked for his efforts but members agreed that the project was not financially feasible for such a small parish.

Members then argued that pooling of water on this stretch of road was still a problem and the Clerk was to approach BMBC Highways asking if some solution could be found that would drain the carriageway but not permit vehicles to trespass on the verge.

18 Yorkshire in Bloom competition in 2018

Members of the Yorkshire in Bloom Group present at the meeting reported that the group was in discussion with various persons as to the implications of entering the competition in 2018. The group undertook to try to dovetail the work that the group could undertake with the parish council's planned maintenance and agreed to amend and refine the paper presented by the Clerk on grounds maintenance (Item 11 above)

The parish council re-iterated its commitment to assist with funding at the appropriate level and time.

19 “It's Your Neighbourhood” presentation event at York Race Course

Councillor Tylee reported on the presentation ceremony for Yorkshire in Bloom and It's Your Neighbourhood at the York Race Course. He displayed the certificate that the parish had been awarded to all members and the members of the public present

It was agreed that a copy be placed in the notice board and on the parish council web site

20 Comments and or requests from the Green Moor Sports Club

There were none, but members remarked that the club was now placing “A” boards on the roadside requesting visitors and members to drive with care through the village of Green Moor.

21 Communications from BMBC concerning the “Parish Governance Review”

There were none

22 Comments of the External Auditor

It was noted that the External Auditor had made a comment that the defibrillator had not been placed on the asset register. The Clerk undertook to deal with this

23 Delf Project

It was reported that a meeting had been held with the residents of Delph Mews concerning the access track to the Delf. Members noted that it was intended to place large stones at the side of the track and to purchase one bespoke bollard from Ridgeway Forge to be placed in the centre. Members agreed with these two measures.

The work on the field wasn't yet complete. The Clerk was to arrange for interested parties to travel to a source of grass cutting machines to purchase a suitable machine to be used by volunteers for the first year. This was also agreed by members

24 Playground Safety Report

Members received a copy of the playground safety report for August 2017

25 Minor items or items for the next agenda

25.1 Benches for Ivy Green and The Playground

Councillor Kerr reported that the benches for Ivy Green and The Playground had now been ordered. They would require fixing in place on arrival

25.2 Ivy Green Benches and Tables

It was agreed that the old tables and benches should be sold and that any funds received would be credited to the parish council YIB Account

25.3 Peck Pond Gates

Councillor Kerr asked why the gate at Peck Pond had not been replaced after the theft. The meeting was informed that the gate was not covered by the parish council insurance and it had been decided at the time not to replace it.

25.4 Drainage at Blackmoor

The Clerk was to contact BMBC Highways to request action to prevent water draining off the highway down to Blackmoor

26 Date of the next meeting

The next meeting was confirmed for Monday 23rd October at 7:00 p.m. in the Providence Room, Green Moor Methodist Church