

ALWOODLEY PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting
held on
Monday 6th March 2017
at Alwoodley Community Hall



Commenced: 7.30 pm
Concluded: 8.50 pm

Present: Cllr Lyn Buckley (Chairman)
Cllr Carol Allen
Cllr Neil Buckley
Cllr Ian Greenberg
Cllr Richard Hainsworth
Cllr Ramesh Khetani
Cllr Roderic Parker
Cllr Jerry Pearlman
Cllr Sue Smith
Cllr Judith Williams

Clerk: Catriona Hanson

2017/040 Introduction

Cllr Lyn Buckley welcomed everyone to the Parish Council meeting.

2017/041 Public consultation

Five members of the public were present at the meeting, four of them had come to the meeting to talk about the proposed speed bumps. Cllr Lyn Buckley explained that Bobby Viridi from Traffic would be attending the Annual Meeting of the Parish on 25th April to talk about the speed bumps.

Cllr Neil Buckley explained that the introduction of speed bumps as part of the 20mph speed limit is the city council's policy. In an attempt to ameliorate the problem caused by the speed bumps, the ward councillors have agreed to fund rising cushions.

The Clerk was asked to write to Leeds City Council's Legal Department to comment that the consultation for the proposed 20mph speed limit has been inadequate as many parishioners seem to be unaware of the proposals and the Parish Council has written to request that any proposed work is put on hold until Mr Bobby Viridi has attended the Annual Meeting of the Parish on 25th April.

2017/042 To receive any apologies for absence

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr Trupti Acharya

2017/043 To receive any declarations of disclosable pecuniary and other interests.

None.

2017/044 To grant any requests for dispensation as appropriate

None

2017/045 Variation to the agenda

RESOLVED: to move the presentation by Mr Russell Martin up the agenda

Proposed: Cllr Lyn Buckley

Mr Martin is the Highway Maintenance Manager for Leeds City Council and had attended the meeting to talk about improvements to the King Lane footway. He has walked this section of King Lane and discussed the problem with the Chief Officer and has come to the Parish Council meeting to ask for any suggestions as to how the footway could be financed. Is there a preferred section that the Parish Council would wish to tackle initially?

After some discussion it was:

RESOLVED: that a few members of the Parish Council be delegated to make this decision on behalf of the rest of the Parish Council.

Proposed: Cllr Pearlman

Seconded: Cllr Lyn Buckley

It was agreed that Cllrs Hainsworth, Parker and Pearlman would form the working party and would make their recommendation through the Parish Council.

Concerns were expressed about traffic speeds and Mr Martin said that he could arrange a traffic count and speed check. He would also ask Bobby Virdi whether it would be possible to bring the speeds down to 30mph. Cllr Neil Buckley asked for an assurance that this will not be the only section of footway to be completed and Mr Martin gave this assurance. A copy of the A1 map of King Lane was handed to the Clerk to copy for the working party and it was agreed that a site meeting would take place on 17th March.

Cllr Pearlman thanked Mr Martin for attending the meeting and suggesting a way forward.

2017/046 Minutes of previous meetings

RESOLVED: To approve the minutes of the meeting held on 6th February 2017

Proposed: Cllr Smith

Seconded: Cllr Allen

2017/047 Matters arising from the minutes of the last meeting that are not already on the agenda and updating the Decision List

- **2016/180 Community right to nominate** – it was agreed to remove this item.
- **2016/216 Eccup Reservoir sign** – it was agreed to meet at the first house on the road from the Harrogate Road entrance.
- **2016/216 Dog waste bag dispenser** – a site meeting has been arranged on 8 March 2017
- **2016/216 No parking on grass verges sign** – it was agreed that the Parish Council would like to order some A3 signs. It was agreed to contact Leeds City Council to ask for a price for 20 A3 signs, provided that they are portrait and that the Parish Council has control of the signs.

2017/048 To receive the minutes from the Planning Committee and to receive an update about the most recent meeting

The minutes from the Planning Committee meeting held on 6th February 2017 were received.

Cllr Pearlman explained that the earlier Planning Committee meeting had been very animated. Three members of the public had attended the meeting to raise their objections to the plans for 165 and 171 Alwoodley Lane. The Planning Committee agreed to object to these plans and also to ask that they be referred to the Plans Panel. An application for 33 Sandmoor Drive was also discussed and the Planning Committee agreed to lodge an objection and to ask that this is also referred to the Plans Panel. The Planning Committee also discussed an application to convert the ground floor of The Allerton on Nursery Lane to a co-op convenience store.

2017/049 To receive verbal updates (if any) from the Parish Council's Working Parties:

- **Newsletter** – Cllrs Smith and Williams reported that the newsletter is nearly complete. It will be submitted to the printers later in the week ready for delivery later in March. Cllr Lyn Buckley advised the meeting that she would be organising the deliveries and would provide each member of the Parish Council with a set of leaflets and a map.
- **Book Festival** – Cllr Williams reported that she and Cllr Acharya had met with Sue Gaunt from the ACA to discuss using the hall as a venue for the Book Festival. The ACA will not charge for room hire and it now looks as though October will be the most popular date. Cllrs Acharya and Williams will shortly be meeting a representative from Leeds Libraries.
- **Festival lights** – Cllr Allen reported that the tree lights are still lit. The lights will be removed by Leeds Lights. Once the lights have been removed Cllr Allen will write and thank Leeds Lights for their work. Festival lights will be an agenda item for agreement at a Parish Council in late spring/early summer.
- **Alwoodley in Bloom** – Cllr Allen had attended a recent meeting of Alwoodley in Bloom. One of their members has suggested that they might like to enter a competition called "It's your neighbourhood" which judges community spaces – like the village green. Cllr Allen agreed to report back at a future meeting. Cllr Allen also reported that the flower tubs outside the shops on The Avenue have recently been vandalised. Cllr Neil Buckley suggested contacting Stephen Lane from the Neighbourhood Policing team.
- **Best kept front garden competition** – Cllr Parker reported that the working party has now received the name of a prospective judge.
- **Website** – the Clerk reported that the website developer had sent draft copies of the pages for consultation and these had been circulated to members of the working party for comment. It was agreed that the draft pages look very crisp and clear. The Clerk agreed to check each page for factual errors and liaise with the developers.

2017/050 To receive an update from the Ward member

Cllr Neil Buckley had met with representatives from Yorkshire Water to discuss the status of the copse of trees both on The Valley and the Buckstone estate.

Yorkshire Water do own the land on The Valley. They have sold about three-quarters of the land to a developer who has now cleared the woodland floor. Yorkshire Water are unable to

comment about this work as they did not carry out a habitat study before the land was sold, although they did comment that all the trees have Tree Preservation Orders. No planning applications have been submitted as yet and Cllr Neil Buckley advised the meeting that he would contact the occupants of neighbouring properties if any applications are submitted.

Cllr Neil Buckley advised the meeting that no one owns the land on the Buck Stone estate.

Following this discussion, Cllr Pearlman suggested that the Parish Council should contact Yorkshire Water to ask if they would make a gift of the land at the junction of Alwoodley Lane and Lakeland Drive. It was agreed that this suggestion would be brought back to the next meeting for discussion.

2017/051 Schedule of Payments

RESOLVED: To agree the Schedule of Payments

Proposed: Cllr Allen

Seconded: Cllr Williams

2017/052 Replacement tree on The Crescent

RESOLVED: To agree to the planting of a replacement tree on The Crescent up to a cost of £150

Proposed: Cllr Lyn Buckley

Seconded: Cllr Allen

2017/053 Adult fitness equipment – annual inspection

RESOLVED: To agree to instruct Streetscape to carry out the annual inspection of the Adult Fitness equipment at a cost of £230 (plus VAT)

Proposed: Cllr Smith

Seconded: Cllr Allen

2017/054 Alwoodley Parish Council Neighbourhood Development Plan

There was no update and it was agreed to defer this item to the next meeting.

2017/055 A report from the recent YLCA branch meeting

Cllr Lyn Buckley thanked Cllr Greenberg for circulating the papers from the recent YLCA branch meeting which he attended. Cllr Greenberg advised the meeting that he would be attending the next branch meeting in June.

2017/056 Agenda items for the next Parish Council meeting

- Land at the junction of Alwoodley Lane and Lakeland Drive
- Alwoodley NDP update

2017/057 Chairman's remarks and items of correspondence

- Cllr Lyn Buckley has received a response from Leeds Recycling and Energy Recovery Facility. Unfortunately the dates suggested by the Parish Council are not convenient. Cllr Buckley agreed to suggest some alternative dates.

2017/058 Date of the next Parish Council meeting

The next Parish Council meeting will take place on 3rd April 2017 at 7.30pm at the ACA.