

The 1161<sup>st</sup> Meeting of the Ripponden Parish Council held in the Ripponden Parish Council Office on Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> September 2018 at 7.15pm.

**Councillors Present:** Cllr Johnson chaired the meeting  
Cllr Hunt, Cllr Moran, Cllr Naylor, Cllr Russell, Cllr J Smith

### 1. To accept apologies for absence and lateness

Absence with apologies – Cllr Carter, Cllr McCarley, Cllr Potts, Cllr Robins, Cllr M Smith, Cllr Thornber

### 2. To accept the Minutes of the 1160<sup>th</sup> Meeting held on Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> August 2018

Page 6321, Agenda item 3, 4<sup>th</sup> Parag. Add after 'fence' 'at Hill Crest, the officer advised that it...'  
Page 6323, Agenda item 9, Planning application 18/00939 remove 'de'

**17234 Resolved in a motion** by Cllr Russell and seconded by Cllr Naylor that after the above amendments that the Minutes be accepted as a true and correct record of the Meeting held on Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> August 2018.

### 3. To receive information on any on-going items identified in these and previous Minutes and decide further action where necessary

3.1. To discuss a possible Parish Council response to the Green Paper Consultation on Adult Social Care & Well Being

The Meeting agreed that the Parish Council should make no formal response to the Consultation paper.

3.2. To approve a budget for the Commemoration Booklet design and printing

The Clerk provided estimate costings for artwork, printing and delivery. An initial draft copy of the booklet was circulated for Councillors references. Cllr Johnson advised that the sub Committee was to meet the following week to discuss any amendments to the book and that the version 2 draft would be an Agenda item at the next meeting for Full Council approval. It was agreed that 4000 copies should be printed with the outside cover being 250gms and inside pages 100gms.

**17235 Resolved in a motion** by Cllr Naylor and seconded by Cllr Russell that the Parish Council approves a budget of £2250 for the design, printing and delivery of the Commemoration Booklet.

#### **The Clerk reported that:**

Cllr Carter had provided a copy of her e-mail response sent to the Planning Inspectorate on behalf of the Parish Council in respect of the Calder Valley Skip Hire planning appeal.

An e-mail had been received from Mrs Brundell confirming that the Rishworth Defibrillator had now been installed outside St Johns School and that the training date was scheduled for 18<sup>th</sup> September at 9am. Unfortunately, Cllr Russell could no longer attend and no other Councillor was available to take her place. The Clerk was asked to let Mrs Brundell know and give apologies.

**Cllr Naylor** reported that Wedbarn had yet again hosted a wedding at the weekend that had caused considerable distress to neighbouring residents. Cllr J Smith re-iterated what had already been advised at previous meetings, that there was little Calderdale Council could do as to enforcement until the end of September.

**3. To receive information on any on-going items identified in these and previous Minutes and decide further action where necessary (continued)**

**17236 Resolved in a motion** by Cllr Naylor and seconded by Cllr Russell that the Parish Council writes to the Chief Executive of Calderdale Council to make him aware of the unnecessary distress the issue has caused residents.

**Cllr Hunt** reported that he had liaised with the Clerk regarding the response from Together Housing about the dilapidated fence at Hill Crest. He had provided additional detail to enable Together Housing to locate the fence. The Clerk confirmed that this had been forwarded to Together Housing.

**Cllr Johnson** reported that there had been more fly tipping on Rochdale Road. Photographs had been forwarded to Calderdale Council and Cllr Carter. He also advised that Cllr Carter was liaising with officers for further action to be taken to trace the culprit.

**4. To receive Parish Councillors declarations of Interest**

None

**5. Public Participation**

None

**6. To receive reports from the Clerk, Chairman, Committees, Councillors and Outside Bodies by Council Representatives**

6.1. To approve the Communications Committee Press Release for Remembrance Sunday

**17237 Resolved in a motion** by Cllr J Smith and seconded by Cllr Naylor that with one minor amendment that Parish Council approves the press release for Remembrance Sunday.

**The Clerk reported that:**

An e-mail had been received from Calderdale Council regarding the purchase of 'The silent soldier' in commemoration of the centenary of the end of WW1. The officer also requested that Parish Councils consider purchasing one for their area. The Clerk also advised that at the request of the Chairman she had sourced street lamppost poppies, samples of the poppies can be seen at Todmorden.

**17238 Resolved in a motion** by Cllr Moran and seconded by Cllr Hunt that the Parish Council agrees in principle to the purchase of 60 - 70 large lamppost poppies. Approval of the expenditure should be an Agenda item at the next meeting.

The vote was 3 in favour: 3 abstentions.

The Clerk asked if the Parish Council had any objections to her to organising the purchase of wreaths for the Sowerby Bridge Rotary Club, Sowerby Bridge British Legion and St Bartholomew's church as in previous years. The Meeting had no objections to this request and the Chairman was also asked to contact the RAF officer who had laid wreaths in previous years to invite him to attend. The Meeting agreed that 3 additional wreaths should be purchased.

The Clerk advised that Barkisland Active Leisure had notified the Parish Council of a residents forthcoming 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday. The Chairman noted the date and confirmed that he would be available to visit the resident.

The Clerk reported that an e-mail had been received from a resident concerning a faulty street light and a missing one on Rishworth Road. The Clerk confirmed that she had forwarded this

**6. To receive reports from the Clerk, Chairman, Committees, Councillors and Outside Bodies by Council Representatives (continued)**

onto Calderdale Council with the residents permission and a response had been received advising that street light number 16 would be assessed as part of the LED replacement project. Number 1 Kings Mount was to be replaced under the scheme but due to the length of time it had been out, a replacement column had now been ordered.

The Clerk asked for a meeting date for the Standards Committee. It was agreed that the Clerk should e-mail the members to arrange due to the limited number being present at this meeting.

**Cllr J Smith** reported on the red bin recently sited outside Central Hall, which obstructed the access gate to the flats. The Clerk advised that she had been given a photograph montage by a resident, which she had been asked to forward to Cllr Carter for her to liaise with Calderdale Council officers to resolve the situation.

**Cllr Moran** reported the following:

- A concerned resident had contacted her regarding the new development at Robins Nest. Cllr Naylor reminded that the situation had now been logged with the Environment Agency and Planning Enforcement by the Parish Council.
- Another concerned resident had contacted her regarding the development opposite the farm at Eccles Parlour. Cllr Naylor agreed to take photographs and pass them to the Clerk to report to Calderdale Council.
- The trees in the vicarage are now overhanging into Elland Road obscuring the site lines at the junction with Halifax Road. The Clerk was asked to contact the churchwardens to advise.
- Two street lights were still out that had been reported last year. Number 12, 5<sup>th</sup> lamp down on Royd Land and 2<sup>nd</sup> passed the Beehive on Hob Lane. The Clerk was asked to report them again to Calderdale Council.
- Concerns about the bollards in the centre of the village being fit for purpose following the recent incident when a van drove through the bollards into a shop window on Halifax Road. It was agreed that the Clerk should write to Calderdale Council to request that a review of the bollards take place on Health & Safety grounds.

**Cllr Naylor** reported that he had raised the flag for Merchant Navy Day on 3<sup>rd</sup> September. He also raised concerns about the safety of the flagpole, which has a permanent lean to it since it had been knocked when the Christmas tree was installed in 2017. The Clerk was asked to speak with Cllr Carter to request that she liaise with officers at Calderdale Council on behalf of the Parish Council, to see if the pole could be fixed.

**Cllr Hunt** asked for the Minutes from the Environment Committee meeting held on 19<sup>th</sup> June 2018 to be included in the Minutes of this meeting.

**17239 Resolved in a motion** by Cllr Moran and seconded by Cllr Johnson that the Minutes of the Environment Committee meeting held on 19<sup>th</sup> June 2018 be included in the Minutes of this Meeting (see appendix 1).

**Cllr Hunt** reviewed the Environment Committee meeting held on 31<sup>st</sup> July 2018, the main points being the percussion tap at the library, fly tipping on Rochdale Road, Ebenezer Graveyard, Benches, Michaelmas Show and Yorkshire in Bloom.

**Cllr Johnson** reported that together with his consort he had attended Rushbearing and the church service. He had also started the duck race.

**7. To receive reports from Calderdale Councillors who represent Ryburn Ward**

None present

**8. To agree accounts for payment**

**17240 Resolved in a motion** by Cllr Hunt and seconded by Cllr Moran that the accounts listed on the schedule with a total value of £1,828.68 be passed for payment.

**9. To receive correspondence****Correspondence**

Yorkshire in Bloom

Confirmation letter for tickets for Awards Ceremony

**Information**

NALC

Newsletters 29<sup>th</sup> August & 5<sup>th</sup> September

J Parkers

Bulb catalogue – Autumn 2018

VSI Alliance

Delivery Plan Survey Questionnaire

VSI Alliance

Newsletter 30<sup>th</sup> August

War Memorial Trust

Bulletin magazine August 2018

WY Police & Crime Commissioner

September Newsletter

**Agendas**

06/09/2018

Place Scrutiny Board

06/09/2018

Adults, Health & Social Care Scrutiny Board

07/09/2018

Calderdale & Kirklees Joint Health Scrutiny Committee

**10. To discuss Planning Applications, to receive Planning Decisions and to discuss Planning and Enforcement Issues****10.1 Planning Applications & Decisions****Application No: 17/00977/FUL (amended plans)**

Site: Victoria Mills Meadowcroft Lane Ripponden

Proposal: Residential Development of 18 family homes and 11 two bed apartments including 50 space car park for adjacent employment site (JLA).

**RPC Comments:**

**16910 Resolved in a motion** by Cllr J Smith and seconded by Cllr Johnson that the Parish Council has no objections to this application subject to the planning officer being satisfied that it complies to policies.

**17240 Resolved in a motion** by Cllr J Smith and seconded by Cllr Russell that the Parish Council has no objections to this application subject to the planning officer being satisfied that it complies to policies.

**Planning Decisions:**

**18/00772/HSE**

Ryburn Cottage

Oldham Road

Ripponden

Single storey side extension

**Granted**

**10. To discuss Planning Applications, to receive Planning Decisions and to discuss Planning and Enforcement Issues (continued)**

<b>18/00756/192</b> Bank Hall Farm Elland Road Ripponden	Creation of ancillary residential building (Class E) within curtilage of existing dwelling, including hardstanding. (Lawful Dev. Certificate Proposed Use)	<b>Refused</b>
<b>18/00837/HSE</b> 7 Birch Avenue Rishworth	Demolition of existing conservatory to facilitate single storey rear extension	<b>Granted</b>
<b>18/00810/HSE</b> 127 Oldham Road Ripponden	Lean-to extension to rear of property to create open plan kitchen	<b>Granted</b>

**10.2. Planning Enforcement**

None

**The meeting closed at 8.45pm**

## Appendix 1

### Environment Committee Meeting held on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> June 2018 at 8.00pm

The Clerk welcomed Committee members to the meeting.

**Present:** - Cllr Carter, Cllr Hunt, Cllr Johnson, Cllr McCarley, Cllr Moran, Mr Fisher (REG),  
Mr Sofield (BIB)

#### 1. To elect a Chairman for 2018/2019

**ENV2018-01 Resolved in a motion** by Cllr Moran and seconded by Cllr McCarley that Cllr Hunt be elected Chairman of the Environment Committee for 2018/19.

Cllr Hunt took the chair

#### 2. To appoint co-opted members for 2018/2019

**ENV2018-02 Resolved in a motion** by Cllr Johnson and seconded by Cllr Moran that a representative from Rishworth Environmental Group, Barkisland in Bloom, Soyland in Bloom and Ripponden in Bloom be co-opted members of the Environment Committee for 2018/2019, and that Mr Lister (Together Housing) and Ms Mitchell (CMBC) be partners of the Committee.

#### 3. To accept apologies for absence and lateness

Absence – Ms Mitchell (CMBC), Mr Winrow (SIB), Mr Hart (RIB)

#### 4. To discuss Terms of Reference of the Environment Committee

**ENV2018-03 Resolved in a motion** by Cllr Johnson and seconded by Cllr McCarley that the Terms of Reference for the Environment Committee should be as previous:

- 1) To handle items passed from the main Council associated with horticulture, the environment and any lands that the Parish Council owns, rents or manages
- 2) To manage the annual Michaelmas Show and Garden Competition
- 3) To enter the Yorkshire In Bloom competition for Ripponden
- 4) To work in partnership with Calderdale Council, Together Housing and local community groups over horticulture and environmental issues
- 5) To manage and maintain the Councils burial grounds and consult with local residents in particular regarding the Ebenezer Graveyard
- 6) The Committee is made up of elected Councillors, co-opted members of the community and representatives from Calderdale Council and Together Housing. No Councillor, who is a member of the co-opted community groups, can hold the chairmanship of the Committee. They can be members of the committee but must declare a prejudicial interest.
- 7) To examine the provision of allotments
- 8) To manage environment issues

#### 5. To approve the minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> February 2018

**ENV2018-04 Resolved in a motion** by Cllr Carter and seconded by Cllr Moran that as far as the Meeting was aware the Minutes be accepted as a true and correct record of the meeting held on Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> February 2018.

#### 6. Matters arising from previous meetings

The Clerk also provided an update on the percussion tap for outside the library. Calderdale Council advised that the tap was scheduled to be installed on Monday 25<sup>th</sup> June. There was still confusion over the security box, but the officer was to check this and get back to the Clerk. The Clerk was asked to monitor the situation.

The Clerk reported on several issues referred to the Environment Committee from Full Council. A Councillor had raised concerns about the litter at the top end of Shaw Lane. Cllr Hunt advised that he walked regularly on the lane and didn't think there was a problem and Mr Fisher agreed. Cllr Hunt agreed to monitor the situation and report back if there was an issue.

Secondly the shortage of bins near the Alma Inn, this was a particular issue for walkers with dogs since there is nowhere to put dog waste bags in the vicinity. The Clerk was asked to refer this to Ms Mitchell at Calderdale Council to see if this could be looked into.

The Clerk reported on a resident complaint concerning the dog waste bag dispenser at Barkisland. It appeared that dog owners were using this to deposit their used bags in. Mr Sofield advised that the dispenser was in a bad state of repair and hadn't been filled for quite some time. Mr Fisher advised that the Rishworth dispenser was in quite good condition. The Clerk was asked to obtain photographs of the Barkisland and Mill Fold dispensers and look into costings for replacements.

The Clerk advised the Meeting of a resident complaint regarding the condition of the Victorian lampposts at Sandyfoot, Barkisland. The Clerk was asked to speak with Ms Mitchell to see if her team could re-paint the lampposts. The Clerk was also asked to make enquiries with Highway Services regarding replacement LED lighting. Would this affect the Victorian lampposts at Sandyfoot and by the pack horse bridge in Ripponden?

The Clerk informed the meeting of concerns raised by a family who had a family plot in Ebenezer Graveyard. The lady had been recently and the graveyard had been quite overgrown. Cllr Naylor had been up and taken photographs, which showed that the main walking areas had been cut, but around the graves the grass was very overgrown. The gates were also in need of a repaint. Cllr Moran volunteered to speak with Mr Winrow of Soyland in Bloom to see how many grass cuts would be done this year and ask what work could be done to make the graveyard more presentable. Options discussed were earlier grass cutting maybe starting May rather than June, strimming between the graves and the use of weed killer. She will report back at the next meeting. Cllr Moran also said that she would ask Mr Winrow if he knew of anyone who could rub down and re-varnish the gates and if so obtain a quote.

Cllr Carter reported on the leak in the steps at the Memorial Garden. It had been repaired 12 months ago but had started leaking badly. The Clerk was asked to contact Mr Clay at Calderdale Council to see if he could arrange its repair. Cllr Carter also asked if the Clerk could contact Mr Lister at Together Housing to see if he could look at the land at Brig Royd facing the school. The sustainable planting had died off and the area is in need of a tidy up. The Clerk was also asked to speak with Ms Mitchell about weed spraying of the footpaths around Ripponden and Barkisland.

Cllr Moran provided an update on the refurbishment of the Soyland Telephone box; residents are to work with Soyland in Bloom and are currently speaking with the Rochdale Road group about their experiences. It is hoped that the telephone box will become a local museum and information box.

## **7. Members Reports**

Cllr Moran on behalf of Soyland in Bloom reported that the group had planted up the two new tubs purchased from a grant from the Parish Council. The others are to be replanted soon, due to the bad winter many of the plants had perished. The group have placed large stones on the grass verges at Lane Head to prevent large vehicles driving over the grass and Hob Lane is to be cut and cleared in the next couple of weeks. Cllr Moran asked if it would be possible to use the £107 already awarded to the group for the Telephone box on

plants. The Meeting advised that this wasn't possible since the grant had been provided for a specific purpose, but the group could apply for a further grant.

Cllr McCarley asked if refurbishing the numerous Milestones around the Parish could be a new project for the Committee. The Clerk advised that a list would need to be compiled of the Milestone with points of reference to enable her to check if any had listed building status before any work could be done. Cllr McCarley volunteered to compile the list and liaise with the Clerk to progress.

Mr Sofield on behalf of Barkisland in Bloom reported that he still had two of the tubs to be refurbished and this would be done before winter. All the beds and tubs in Barkisland had been replanted for the summer primarily with geraniums. The benches are to be rubbed down and repainted during the summer. Mr Sofield raised the issue of the Gateway at the crossroads with Norland which he had not been able to cut back for a considerable time. The house owner on the left hand side had volunteered to maintain the grass there but the right hand side was in need of strimming. Mr Sofield had been unable to find a gardener prepared to do the work even though the group had resources to pay. Cllr Johnson advised that he knew of a potential gardener and would make enquiries. Cllr Carter also mentioned that her son in law may be able to assist if Cllr Johnsons contact was unable to do the work.

Mr Fisher on behalf of Rishworth Environmental Group reported that the group had tidied up and replanted the Jubilee Garden. The tubs at Heathfield Rise have been planted up but the church and Slitheroe Bridge still needed to be done. Cllr Carter suggested that the Cinnamon Lounge may well sponsor the tubs at Slitheroe Bridge and Mr Fisher said that he would look at approaching the management. The group are looking to refurbish the stone path at Jubilee Garden this year and may need to ask for a grant from the Environment Committee towards the project. Mr Fisher reported that the area around the notice board at Rishworth New Road was overgrown and needed to be cut back to gain access.

Cllr Johnson reminded the Committee that the purchase of generic small sponsorship plaques was to be investigated. The Clerk said that she would speak with Briggs Priestley to see if this as something that they could help with.

Cllr Hunt advised that he has agreed to repair the small plaque on the St Johns estate bench, but didn't feel confident of doing the rubbing down. Mr Fisher agreed to take a look and see if he could repair the plaque. Cllr Hunt also reported that the metal bars steps on the bank of grass at Hill Croft were an obstruction to people with prams and wondered why they had been erected. The Clerk was asked to speak with Ms Mitchell to see if her team could take a look and see if they could be removed.

## **8. Yorkshire in Bloom**

The Clerk reported that the white planting had been done around the village and the hanging baskets were now in place. She had also e-mail Community groups and Ms Mitchell to see if they could provide a report for the portfolio. Cllr Carter advised that she had been speaking with a representative of Ripponden in Bloom and the group will endeavour to have some of their workers available to speak with the judges on the day. The Clerk said that she would e-mail the judges for an approximate time for their visit.

Cllr Hunt advised that he would try and be available to meet the judges and the Clerk was asked to speak with Ms Mitchell to see if she too could attend.

The Clerk was asked to see if there was a template for a poster to welcome the judges to Ripponden that could be displayed in shop windows.

The Meeting agreed that two tickets should be purchased for the awards ceremony at a cost of £35 per ticket.

## 9. Michaelmas Show

Discussion took place as to whether the Show should continue since it had not been well attended over the past few years. It was agreed that this year's should go ahead with the current format but that the Committee should look into a total revamp for 2019. The Clerk was asked to circulate last year's schedule to Committee members for suggestions for the categories. It was agreed that this should also be sent to Mrs Bell, Mrs Marns and Mrs Holden for their input.

Cllr Johnson also agreed to visit the school with Mrs Marns if possible to encourage pupils to enter.

**ENV2018-05 Resolved in a motion** by Cllr McCarley and seconded by Cllr Carter that the Committee looks into a revamp of the Michaelmas Show for 2019 and that this should be an agenda item October/November 2018 to allow plenty of time.

## 10. Refurbishment of benches

The Clerk suggested that due to the lateness of the meeting, the Committee may wish to hold this Agenda item and the next item over to the next meeting. She also felt that both should be combined into a review of street furniture project.

**ENV2018-06 Resolved in a motion** by Cllr Moran and seconded by Cllr McCarley that the refurbishment of benches and notice boards be combined into a review of street furniture project for 2018/19.

## 11. Replacement Notice Boards

As above.

## 12. To approve spending from the Environment Committee

**ENV2018-07 Resolved in a motion** by Cllr McCarley and seconded by Cllr Moran that the Committee approves the expenditure for:

2 x Yorkshire in Bloom Awards Ceremony tickets	£70.00
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## 13. To arrange the date of the next meeting

It was agreed as Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> July 2018 at 7.00pm

**The meeting closed at 9.35pm**

## Receipts & Payments – 6<sup>th</sup> September 2018

### Payments:

Invoice Reference	Method		VAT	Total
19-055	Cheque	Yorkshire Water		87.40
19-056	Cheque	Post Office Ltd		116.00
19-057	Cheque	Petty Cash		100.00
19-058	Bank Transfer	LD Abols		64.00
19-060	Direct Debit	British Telecom	23.58	141.48
<b>Total</b>				<b>508.88</b>

### Receipts:

None