

The 1135th Meeting of the Ripponden Parish Council held in the Ripponden Parish Council Office on Thursday 7th September 2017 at 7.15pm.

Councillors Present: Cllr Naylor chaired the meeting.

Cllr Carter, Cllr Hunt, Cllr Johnson, Cllr McCarley, Cllr Moran, Cllr Potts, Cllr Russell

1. To accept apologies for absence and lateness

Absence – Cllr Robins, Cllr J Smith, Cllr M Smith, Cllr Watson

2. To accept the Minutes of the 1134th Meeting held on Thursday 24th August 2017

16851 Resolved in a motion by Cllr Moran and seconded by Cllr Potts that the Minutes be accepted as a true and correct record of the Meeting held on Thursday 24th August 2017.

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

The Clerk reported that:

An e-mail acknowledgment had been received from Calderdale Council's Highway Services regarding new signs for Oldham Road. The Clerk confirmed that she had submitted an application form under the Minor Traffic & Parking Improvement Schemes Policy.

An e-mail response had also been received from Highway Services concerning the gritting routes. The officer advised that the routes were currently being reviewed and as such unable to provide a copy to the Parish Council. Cllr Carter had also advised the Clerk that grit bins had been removed for refurbishment but would be reinstated with potentially additional bins.

The Clerk informed the Meeting that a response had been received from Mr Vardy, the Events & Licensing Officer concerning Counter Terrorism in Crowded Place. He advised that hostile vehicle mitigation was not statutory but should be considered as part of an event Risk Assessment. Cllr Carter suggested that the use of red and white block barriers used on the motorway may be a useful tool.

The Clerk advised that Briggs Priestley's had provided artwork for a plaque for Mill Fold Children's play area. The cost of the plaque was £75 plus VAT.

16852 Resolved in a motion by Cllr Russell and seconded by Cllr McCarley that the Parish Council purchased a plaque for Mill Fold play area at a cost of £75 plus VAT.

Cllr Hunt asked if consideration of the Parish Council employing an 'Odd Job' man or Lengthsman be an Agenda item at a future meeting.

Cllr Moran provided details of a grant that might be of use for the purchase of CCTV. Cllr Johnson agreed to look at the criteria and conditions.

4. To receive Parish Councillors declarations of Interest

None

5. Public Participation

None present

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

6.1. To approve the Parish Council Press Release for Remembrance Sunday

16853 Resolved in a motion by Cllr Potts and seconded by Cllr Carter that after a couple of minor amendments the Press release for Remembrance Sunday be approved for circulation.

6.2. To approve the recommendations from the Environment Committee

Cllr Hunt reported that in view of the Assistant Clerk leaving the Environment Committee recommended that Mrs Sheard be asked to assist the Clerk with the Michaelmas Show at a cost of <£70.

16854 Resolved in a motion by Cllr Carter and seconded by Cllr Johnson that Mrs Sheard be asked to assist the Clerk with the Michaelmas Show at a cost of <£70.

Cllr Hunt also asked that consideration be given to the purchase of a Christmas tree and lights for Soyland subject to finding a suitable location.

16855 Resolved in a motion by Cllr Hunt and seconded by Cllr Potts that the Parish Council agrees in principle to explore a suitable site and purchase a Christmas tree and lights for Soyland.

The Clerk reported that:

A Land Registry notice of application for registration of a person in adverse possession had been received in respect of land on the north-west side of School Grove, Rishworth New Road, Rishworth. The Clerk advised that any objection needed to be with the land registry by 21st September 2017.

16856 Resolved in a motion by Cllr Johnson and seconded by Cllr Carter that the Parish Council objects to the application on the grounds that the land should remain as common land.

The Clerk informed the Meeting that she had contacted St Bartholomew's Church regarding the borrowing of tables for the Michaelmas Show. The Clerk confirmed that the church was happy for the Parish Council to use the tables. Cllr Naylor agreed to pick up the tables from the church on the morning of the Michaelmas Show.

The Clerk requested payment in lieu for her additional hours worked due to the resignation of the Assistant Clerk.

16857 Resolved in a motion by Cllr Johnson and seconded by Cllr Russell that the Parish Council makes payment in lieu of the additional hours worked by the Clerk.

The Clerk asked if meeting dates could be arranged for the Standards and Employment Committees. It was agreed that the Standards Committee would meet on 11th October at 8.00pm. The Clerk was asked to e-mail members of the Employment Committee to agree a date.

Cllr Hunt asked that the Minutes from the Environment Committee meetings held on 25th April and 27th June 2017 be included in the Minutes of this meeting.

16858 Resolved in a motion by Cllr Naylor and seconded by Cllr Johnson that the Minutes of the Environment Committee meeting held on 25th April 2017 be included in the Minutes of this meeting. (See appendix 1).

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

16859 Resolved in a motion by Cllr Moran and seconded by Cllr Carter that the Minutes of the Environment Committee meeting held on 27th June 2017 be included in the Minutes of this meeting. (See appendix 2).

Cllr Hunt reviewed the Environment Committee meeting held on 30th August 2017, the main points being the Michaelmas Show, Yorkshire in Bloom Awards, Winter Hanging Baskets, Notice Boards, Mill Fold play area, Whiteley Park and the refurbishment of benches.

Cllr Moran informed the Meeting of a possible source of funding for the refurbishment of Whiteley Park from Aviva Community Fund.

Cllr Johnson updated the meeting on the progress of CCTV for Ripponden. He advised that Calderdale Council had still not provided confirmation of sharing the monthly monitoring fee. He also advised that the application for Safer Communities funding had been started.

Cllr Johnson asked for confirmation that the Parish Council wanted him to continue liaising with the police and Calderdale Council for a road closure for Remembrance Sunday. The Chairman confirmed that this was the case. Cllr Johnson updated the Meeting on Hostile Vehicle Mitigation and the need for its inclusion in the Risk Assessment. He also advised that he had contacted Guy Collins from the RAF to see if he could once again attend the Remembrance Sunday services.

Cllr Johnson informed the Meeting of Craig Whittaker MP's public meeting on Calderdale Council's Local Plan at Sowerby Bridge on Friday 8th September. He felt that it was important that a Councillor should attend to report back at the next meeting. Cllr Naylor advised that he would try to get to the meeting and Cllr Carter confirmed that she would be attending as Ward Councillor.

The Chairman thanked Cllr Johnson for the work that Cllr Johnson had done so far on Remembrance Sunday arrangements.

Cllr Russell reported that a new superfast broadband box had been installed at Ringstone reservoir, but unfortunately sited next to the 'sharp deviation' sign on the apex bend. The Clerk was asked to report this to Calderdale Council due to the high possibility of being hit by a vehicle.

Cllr Russell reviewed part of the Communications Committee meeting held on 6th September 2017 and asked if the Parish Council had any objections to the ideas for a window display for the Michaelmas Show and Good Citizens Award. The Meeting had no objections.

Cllr Moran informed the Meeting of a recent article in the Courier providing a crime update showing that the Ryburn valley had more burglaries than the majority of areas in Calderdale. She provided a copy of the article for the Parish Council's records.

Cllr Potts reported that he had hosted a stall at the Rushbearing event on behalf of the Riverside Café and raised > £80 for the café.

Cllr Naylor reported that he had attended the Rushbearing event and started the Duck Race together with Rev Ball before meeting the Mayor & Mayoress at the boundary of the Parish for the procession. Cllr Naylor also confirmed that he had raised the Red Ensign Flag for Merchant Navy Day.

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

Cllr Carter advised of her Meeting with the Chief Superintendent concerning the crime figures published in the summer and police funding. He had agreed that the figures were not acceptable

7. To receive reports from Calderdale Councillors who represent Ryburn Ward (continued)

and would be happy to attend a future Parish Council meeting to speak with Councillors about funding issues and the possibility of more police officers. The Meeting asked Cllr Carter to pass on contact details to the Clerk.

Cllr Carter provided information about Sport England Community Asset Fund grants that may be of use for funding the refurbishment of Whiteley Park. There was also a grant scheme for electric charge points that may be of interest to the Parish Council as a future project.

Cllr Carter advised that she had no information as to when the Traffic Regulation Order would be implemented.

8. To agree accounts for payment

16860 Resolved in a motion by Cllr McCarley and seconded by Cllr Russell that the accounts listed on the schedule with a total value of £3,405.43 be passed for payment.

9. To receive correspondence**Correspondence**

Calderdale Council Brownies	Introduction of 20mph speed limits Thank you for Chairman's Charity Cheque
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Information

Calderdale Council	TTRO Hollin Lane Ripponden
Calderdale Council	Invitation to Calderland 30 th September
North Bank Forum	Sector Support Update 1 st September
Ryburn Valley Greenway	Public Consultation notice re Local Plan
War Memorial Trust	Bulletin Magazine August issue
YLCA	Training Programme September to November

Agendas

07/09/2017	Cabinet Markets Working Party
11/09/2017	Governance & Business Committee

Matters arising from correspondence

Cllr Carter provided details of the proposals for Rishworth and Barkisland and advised that Ripponden was not included in any order as yet. The Clerk was asked to put details of Calderdale Council's notice on the Parish Council Facebook page.

The Clerk was asked to forward the details of the Invitation to Calderland to all Councillors via e-mail.

Cllr Moran advised that the Ryburn Valley Greenway the public consultation event for Ripponden would be at HT Fitness, Oldham Road on 18th September 2017.

10. To discuss the Christmas Lights Switch On event for 2017

16861 Resolved in a motion by Cllr Carter and seconded by Cllr Russell that the Parish Council organises a Christmas Lights Switch On event for 2017 for Saturday 25th November.

10. To discuss the Christmas Lights Switch On event for 2017 (continued)

The Clerk was asked to liaise with Bradford Council and St Bartholomew's Church to check that the date would be okay for them.

It was agreed that a Committee should be set up to look at the provision of lights and organise the Christmas Lights switch on event.

16862 Resolved in a motion by Cllr Russell and seconded by Cllr Hunt that Cllr Carter, Cllr McCarley, Cllr Moran, Cllr Naylor and Cllr Potts be appointed to the Christmas Lights and Light Switch On event Committee.

It was agreed that the first meeting should be on Friday 15th September 2017 at 11.00am.

11. To discuss Planning Applications, to receive Planning Decisions and to discuss Planning and Enforcement Issues**11.1. Planning Applications & Decisions****New Plans for this meeting****Application No: 17/01037/HSE**

Case Officer: Sara Johnson

Site: Hill View Lower Park Royd Drive Triangle

Proposal: Two-storey rear extension and single storey side extension with internal alterations

Applicant: Mr & Mrs Fisher

History: 99/00538/FUL - Rear extension to form enlarged kitchen and additional bedroom and rationalisation of roofline - permit

Main Issues: Smoke control area, Bat alert, Building stone material safeguarding area

RPC Comments:

16863 Resolved in a motion by Cllr Johnson and seconded by Cllr Hunt that the Parish Council has no objections to this application subject to the Planning Officer being satisfied that it meets policy.

Application No: 17/00960/HSE

Case Officer: Sara Johnson

Site: Kitt Hill Farm Pike End Road Rishworth

Proposal: Single storey front extension

Applicant: Mr & Mrs Crossland

Allocation: Green Belt, Wildlife Corridor, SLA

History: 91/02017/CON Conversion of barn to form extension to dwelling, alteration of flat roof to pitched roof and installation of gas tank – permit; 92/00121/CON Conversion of barn to form extension to dwelling (Revised details) Alteration of flat roof to pitched roof and installation of gas tank - permit; 98/00678/FUL Conversion of garage to living room and building bedroom over – permit; 05/20212/TPO Fell one tree (Tree Preservation Order) – refuse; 06/00194/HSE Proposed first floor bedroom and ensuite extension and single storey rear breakfast room extension – permit; 10/01537/FUL Agricultural storage shed – permit

Main Issues: Green Belt policies BE1 & BE2 NPPF 9, NE12 Development in SLA, NE15 development in Wildlife Corridor, EP12 Protection of water sources, N6 Privacy & Daylighting, non-mains sewage, Building stone mineral safeguarding area.

RPC Comments:

16864 Resolved in a motion by Cllr Potts and seconded by Cllr Moran that the Planning Application be held over to the next meeting to obtain further details from the Planning Officer.

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

The Clerk was asked to contact the officer for the representation date to be extended pending the relevant documentation.

Planning Decisions:

17/00734/HSE 14 Old Bank Ripponden	External flue for multi fuel fire	Granted
17/00839/FUL 21 Sandyfoot Barkisland	Replacement timber shed, log store and covered potting area.	Granted
17/00412/FUL Clarehill Coach Road Ripponden	Alterations to roof of existing dwelling to improve first floor accommodation and new dwelling in garden curtilage.	Granted

11.2. Planning Enforcement

None

The meeting closed at 9.10pm

**Environment Committee Meeting
held on Tuesday 25th April 2017 at 7.00pm**

Cllr Naylor chaired the meeting

Present: - Cllr Johnson, Mr Hart (RIB), Mr Fisher (REG)

1. To accept apologies for absence and lateness

Absence – Cllr Carter, Cllr Potts, Mr Sofield (BIB), Mr Winrow, (SIB), Mrs Mitchell (CMBC), Mr Lister (PH2K)

2. To approve the minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 31st January 2017

ENV2016-25 Resolved in a motion by Cllr Johnson and seconded by Cllr Naylor that the Minutes are accepted as a true and correct record of the meeting held on 31st January 2017.

3. Matters arising from previous meetings

The Clerk reported that she had downloaded a copy of the House of Commons briefing paper on unsafe memorials in cemeteries. Cllr Naylor requested that a copy be sent to him by e-mail to ensure that the Parish Council is compliant as regards Ebenezer Graveyard.

Further to the previous meeting Mrs Mitchell had sent an e-mail confirming that she had organised the cutting back of overhanging vegetation on Rishworth New Road. Cllr Naylor confirmed that this had now been done.

The Clerk advised that she had received costings from Calderdale Council for 'welcome to Ripponden' signs. The cost being £75 for the initial survey and £141 for the making and installation of up to 3 signs. The Meeting agreed that the Clerk should liaise with Calderdale Council to see if three signs could be purchased for Rishworth/Ripponden (Slitheroe Bridge) Barkisland/Ripponden (at the 30mph sign Elland Road) and Sowerby Bridge to Ripponden (Denton Bridge). It was thought there might already be a sign at Denton Bridge so she said she would make enquiries as to whether all three signs needed to be 'welcome to Ripponden'.

The Clerk reported that an e-mail had been received regarding the installation of a water tap at Ripponden library to assist Ripponden in Bloom with their watering of planters. The Meeting agreed that the second option suggested by Calderdale Council should be pursued at a cost of £200. It was also agreed that the Clerk should check with Calderdale Council as to whether they could provide the security box. Cllr Johnson also agreed to make enquiries about a box.

The Clerk informed the Meeting of Calderdale Council's response concerning the missing Milestone at Soyland and the request for refurbishment of the Milestone on Elland Road. The officer advised that there were no plans to refurbish and no trace of the missing Milestone. The Meeting agreed that the refurbishment of the Milestone should be an Agenda item at the next meeting and in the meantime the Clerk should make enquiries as to obtaining permission.

The Clerk reported that the Parish Council office self-watering barrel had been stolen over the weekend of 8th and 9th April. The theft had been reported to the police and a crime number obtained. The Clerk advised that she had spoken with Mr Tooby about a possible replacement and he was to provide costings and alternative planters. It was agreed that replacement should be held over to the next meeting pending Mr Tooby's recommendations.

The Clerk provided details of the final budget/actual expenditure for the Committee to review.

4. Members Reports

The Clerk read out a written report from Mrs Mitchell on behalf of Calderdale Council. She reported that she had looked at the siting of a new litter bin at the top of Elland Road but felt that this was unsuitable due to the issue of parking to empty. Mrs Mitchell asked if Ripponden in Bloom could suggest an alternative site. It was agreed that this would be held over to the next meeting for a discussion to take place with Mrs Mitchell.

Mr Fisher advised that the small bin at Shaw Lane/Rishworth New Road over the Easter period had been full to overflowing. The Clerk was asked to contact Mrs Mitchell to see if this could be replaced with a bigger bin. In addition Mr Hart reported that the bin by the seat next to Blue Clam Fisheries was missing.

In her e-mail, Mrs Mitchell confirmed that she would look into the issue of dog fouling at Baitings Bridge. The Clerk was asked to write to Yorkshire Water to see if permission could be given to erect a dog waste bag dispenser and make enquiries as to the cost of dispensers.

The Clerk read out a report from Mr Winrow on behalf of Soyland in Bloom. The group had raked up all the debris in Ebenezer Graveyard which was now stockpiled ready to dispose of prior to grass cutting. All low level branches from trees and shrubs at Redan crossroads had been trimmed and removed. The garden area at Hob Lane had been weeded and mulched prior to additional planting. The group was now working on refurbishment of planters and benches around the village.

Mr Fisher on behalf of Rishworth Environmental Group reported that the group had been out working 2 days a month. They had planted the tubs and cleaned up most of the Jubilee Garden. The new tubs had been purchased ready to be planted and sited. Mr Fisher asked if the Clerk could liaise with Mrs Mitchell regarding the grass verge cutting at the bottom of Heathfield Rise to enable the group to site the barrels.

Mr Hart on behalf of Ripponden in Bloom reported that the group had been busy planting more snowdrops up past the Conservative Club and had also trimmed back the woodland area by the car park. One of the railing planters at the bus layby had been knocked slightly over the seats, this had now been corrected, but had highlighted that the clamp fitting needed replacing on all the planters on the railings. The group will be looking into fundraising to enable fixing or replacement. They are hoping to have a stall at the forthcoming gala.

Cllr Naylor reported that he had visited Ebenezer and that the gates were in need of refurbishment. Cllr Johnson agreed to look into finding an odd job man that could do the work. Cllr Naylor also reported that some of the shrubs that had been taken out last year showed signs of growing back. It was agreed to wait a couple of months to see how much growth there was and then ask Mr Winrow to organise the tree expert to revisit. Cllr Naylor confirmed that he had checked the safety of the memorials in the graveyard and all appeared to be in good order.

5. Yorkshire in Bloom

The Clerk informed the meeting that the provisional date for judging was 13th July 2017.

6. Garden Competition

The Clerk asked if the Committee wanted to invite Mr Tooby to do the judging once again this year. It was agreed that the Clerk should contact him to see if he would be available. The Clerk provided samples for the application form. The Meeting agreed that the motif should if possible be Bill and Ben characters, if not then the watering can motif.

7. Michaelmas Show 2017

The Clerk reported that the Michaelmas Show had been booked with the Conservative Club. The Schedule was discussed and the categories decided for this year's events. The Clerk suggested that perhaps a 'live' competition may be of interest may be judged by the Children uniform groups. The possibility of a cake decorating competition involving the uniform group leaders, Councillors, in bloom groups was discussed. It was agreed that Cllr Naylor should put this to Full Council when this meeting was being reviewed.

8. Update on the Refurbishment of Mill Fold Play area

The Clerk reported that the equipment had been refurbished and was just waiting the springer tops being fitted. The impact play carpet was now being installed and the self-closing gate.

The Clerk advised that she had obtained a quote for a stainless steel plaque with 3 logos at a cost of £75. The Clerk was asked to seek permission for an 8" x 6" plaque to be erected from Calderdale Council and Tesco's Bags of Help.

9. Refurbishment of Parish Council owned benches

No further progress had been made, although Soyland in Bloom are in the process of refurbishment of the Soyland benches.

10. To approve spending from the Environment Committee

ENV2016-26 Resolved in a motion by Cllr Johnson and seconded by Cllr Naylor that the Committee approves the expenditure for:

The installation of a Water Tap and security box at Ripponden library <£300.00

ENV2016-27 Resolved in a motion by Cllr Johnson and seconded by Cllr Naylor that the Committee approves the expenditure for:

Purchase of a plaque for Mill Fold play area <£100.00

ENV2016-28 Resolved in a motion by Cllr Johnson and seconded by Cllr Naylor that the Committee approves the expenditure for:

Purchase of 'Welcome to Ripponden' signs <£220.00

ENV2016-29 Resolved in a motion by Cllr Johnson and seconded by Cllr Naylor that the Committee approves the expenditure for:

Purchase of Dog waste bags <£400.00

ENV2016-30 Resolved in a motion by Cllr Johnson and seconded by Cllr Naylor that the Committee approves the expenditure for:

Refurbishment of the Ebenezer Gates <£300.00

11. To arrange the date of the next meeting

To be arranged at a later date

The meeting closed at 8.55pm

**Environment Committee Meeting
held on Tuesday 27th June 2017 at 7.00pm**

The Clerk welcomed Committee members to the meeting.

Present: - Cllr Carter, Cllr Hunt, Cllr Moran, Cllr Naylor, Mr Hart (RIB), Mrs Mitchell (CMBC)

1. To elect a Chairman for 2017/2018

ENV2017-01 Resolved in a motion by Cllr Naylor and seconded by Cllr Hunt that Cllr Moran be elected Chairman of the Environment Committee for 2017/18.

Cllr Moran took the chair

2. To appoint co-opted members for 2017/2018

ENV2017-02 Resolved in a motion by Cllr Naylor and seconded by Cllr Hunt 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 2017/2018, and that Mr Lister (Together Housing) and Ms Mitchell (CMBC) be partners of the Committee.

3. To accept apologies for absence and lateness

Absence – Cllr Potts, Mr Sofield (BIB), Mr Fisher (REG), Mr Winrow (SIB)

4. To discuss Terms of Reference of the Environment Committee

The Clerk read out the current Terms of Reference and Cllr Moran realised that she was unable to act as Chairman of the Committee due to her being a member of Soyland in Bloom. As such she immediately stepped down.

ENV2017-03 Resolved in a motion by Cllr Naylor and seconded by Cllr Moran that Cllr Hunt be elected Chairman of the Environment Committee for 2017/18.

Cllr Hunt took the chair

ENV2017-04 Resolved in a motion by Cllr Naylor and seconded by Cllr Moran 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, Shop Window Competition 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 25th April 2017

Unfortunately there was only one Councillors present who had attended the previous meeting.

ENV2017-05 Resolved in a motion by Cllr Naylor 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 25th April 2017.

6. Matters arising from previous meetings

The Clerk informed the Meeting that she had sent two reminder e-mails since the last meeting concerning the installation of a water tap at Ripponden library but still had not received a reply. Cllr Carter agreed to try and resolve the matter and asked that the Clerk forward a copy of the correspondence for her references.

The Clerk updated the Meeting on the 'Welcome to Ripponden' sign and confirmed that the Parish Council had requested just one new sign near Slitheroe Bridge.

The Clerk also provided an update on the re-painting of the Milestone at the bottom of Bank Hey Bottom Lane on Elland Road. She advised that she had sent several e-mails to Calderdale Council- Planning Services querying as to whether planning permission would be needed with it being listed and as yet had received no reply. Cllr Carter agreed to chase the matter up.

A reply had been received from Yorkshire Water concerning the request by the Parish Council to purchase and have installed a dog waste bag dispenser at Baitings. The officer advised that this would not be possible. Mrs Mitchell was asked to make enquiries at Calderdale Council to see if a letter could be sent to pursue this and the Clerk was asked to forward a copy of the correspondence with Yorkshire Water to her for references.

ENV2017-06 Resolved in a motion by Cllr Naylor and seconded by Cllr Moran that a letter be sent to Yorkshire Water to enquire as to its work schedule for cleaning the area.

The Clerk reported that the notice board outside Central Hall was in need of replacement since the lock no longer worked. The Clerk was asked to check with Mr & Mrs Wilson at Central Hall to see if they had no objections to replacing the Notice Board and also to source a fibre glass case, to be circulated to Councillors for consideration. In the meantime Mr Hart volunteered to purchase a new lock on the Parish Councils behalf and fit it.

The Clerk advised the Meeting that the stolen barrel from outside the Parish Council office had now been returned.

7. Members Reports

Cllr Moran on behalf of Soyland in Bloom reported that the group had been working hard clearing up the borders at Hob Lane and all the barrels had been planted up. The Clerk also read out a letter from Mr Winrow that provided additional details of the groups work at Ebenezer Graveyard and the repainting of the 6 Soyland benches.

Mr Hart on behalf of Ripponden in Bloom reported that the group had been busy replanting and thanked Calderdale Council for its assistance with the work at the back of the Conservative Club. There had been yet more vandalism with the planters at the bus layby and the telephone box window had been knocked out. The Clerk was asked to report this to BT. Mr Hart advised that the group would very much like to see this area covered with CCTV, he also thanked the Parish Council for its grant last year which had been used to purchase more snowdrops for the trail in the village.

Cllr Naylor reported that the railings at the Memorial Garden still had not been repaired. The Clerk confirmed that she had sent a reminder to Calderdale Council regarding this matter

and Mr Mitchell advised that she had seen a copy of this. Mr Hart informed the meeting that the second planter at the garden was leaking and Mrs Mitchell agreed to get her team to check it.

Cllr Hunt reported on the dilapidated wall at Rishworth New Road and that he is to provide the Clerk with photographs to pass onto Calderdale Council.

Mrs Mitchell on behalf of Calderdale Council reported that her team had been working with PCSO Serban at Triangle. There had been a lot of work undertaken on the Bowling Green at Mill Fold and there had been good feedback from the club. The land at Spring Street had been planted up and should start blooming in the next couple of weeks. There will also be more seeds planted to enable an early flowering next year. The team will have a general tidy up prior to Yorkshire in Bloom judging and a couple of team members will be available to meet the judges. Mrs Mitchell will also check the signage at the top of Mill Fold to see if any is on Council owned land.

8. To consider grants to Ripponden Brownies and Community group refurbishing the Rochdale Road Telephone Box

It was agreed that a grant of £221 be awarded to the Brownies to arrange a work session with Calderdale Council's Countryside Officer to build bird boxes.

The Meeting also agreed a grant of £336.80 plus vat to the Community Group refurbishing the telephone box. The Clerk was asked to liaise with the group to have the Parish Council invoiced direct for the Perspex signs and outer door. Also ask the group if they would be prepared to repaint the bench as part of their project. Cllr Moran asked that the Clerk request photographs from the group to be used as part of the council's newsletter/annual report.

9. Replacement bin for the top of Elland Road

Mr Hart reported that he had spoken with members of Ripponden in Bloom and the suggestion was to have the replacement bin relocated to the side of the Blue Clam since it was not feasible to have a bin at the top of Elland Road. Mrs Mitchell confirmed that she would look at the suggested site for suitability.

Cllr Naylor reminded the Meeting that the bin at the side of the bus stop by the Malthouse had been missing for quite a considerable time although it had been reported to Metro. Cllr Naylor agreed to take a photograph and forward it to the Clerk for the matter to be chased up.

10. Yorkshire in Bloom

The Clerk confirmed that the date for judging was 13th July and that the judges will visit at 2.30pm. The Meeting agreed that Cllr Carter should host the visit on behalf of the entry and Mrs Mitchell would have members of her team at Mill Fold for 2.30pm.

It was agreed that two tickets should be purchased for the awards ceremony at a cost of £27.50 per person. Cllr Carter and another guest/Councillor would attend.

11. Refurbishment of Mill Fold Play area

The Clerk advised the Meeting that the refurbishment was now complete and that she was awaiting the Tesco's plaque before ordering a plaque to incorporate the Parish Council and Calderdale Council logo. Mrs Mitchell reported that the graffiti had been cleaned off the wooden panels of the multi play unit.

12. Ebenezer Graveyard

The Clerk reported that since Cllr Johnson had stepped down from the Environment Committee no action had been taken to organise the repainting of the gate. Cllr Naylor agreed to make enquiries and report back to the Clerk.

13. Michaelmas Show

The Clerk provided copies of the draft schedule to Committee members

It was agreed that the Clerk should ask the judges from last year if they were willing to judge this year's show. In addition the Clerk was asked to see if the recipient of the Good Citizens Award would like to help judge one of the categories.

Cllr Moran felt that the categories and venue for the Michaelmas Show should be reviewed for next year's event to give it a more modern feel.

It was agreed that the schedule should be put to Full Council for approval.

After the positive feedback from last year's event, the Clerk was asked to purchase some more small rosettes for the Children's category.

14. Refurbishment of Parish Council owned benches

Due to the size of this project it was agreed that refurbishment of the benches within the village centre should be prioritised, starting with the Memorial Garden. Cllr Naylor agreed to make enquiries to find an odd job man.

15. To approve spending from the Environment Committee

ENV2017-07 Resolved in a motion by Cllr Naylor and seconded by Cllr Moran that the Committee approves the expenditure for:

A grant to 1st Ripponden Brownies £221

ENV2017-08 Resolved in a motion by Cllr Moran and seconded by Cllr Carter that the Committee approves the expenditure for:

A grant for the refurbishment of Rochdale Road Telephone box <£366.80 plus vat

ENV2017-09 Resolved in a motion by Cllr Naylor and seconded by Cllr Moran that the Committee approves the expenditure for:

2 x Yorkshire in Bloom Awards Ceremony tickets £55

ENV2017-10 Resolved in a motion by Cllr Naylor and seconded by Cllr Moran that the Committee approves the expenditure for:

Mini Rosettes £30

ENV2017-11 Resolved in a motion by Cllr Naylor and seconded by Cllr Moran that the Committee approves the expenditure for:

The purchase of a replacement Notice Board for the village <£250

ENV2017-12 Resolved in a motion by Cllr Naylor and seconded by Cllr Moran that the Committee approves the expenditure for:

The purchase of a small lock and keys for the Notice Board <£20

16. To arrange the date of the next meeting

It was agreed as Wednesday 30th August 2017 at 7.00pm

The meeting closed at 9.10pm