

CULLINGWORTH VILLAGE COUNCIL



MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE VILLAGE COUNCIL HELD ON ON WEDNESDAY 6 NOVEMBER 2019 AT 7.00PM IN THE METHODIST CHURCH CULLINGWORTH

PRESENT: Cllrs. H Martin, M Galvin, M Ahir, L Ackroyd, B Craig, M Thomson, A Bostan, M Welthy, the clerk Angela Holmes and District Councillor Paul Sullivan

FIFTEEN MINUTE RULE: comments from the general public: Three members of the Village Hall Committee attended the meeting following a report submitted to the council earlier by email on the year's progress. They reported that there have been problems with the acoustics in the main hall and sound leakage from the building causing complaints from neighbours who were very upset at the level of noise. In the light of this it has been decided not to take further bookings of children's parties/adult events until the issue had been addressed. The final bill had not yet been received from the contractors and until that was known they could not progress further. The committee had had to make difficult decisions regarding cost savings during the build and sound proofing had suffered in consequence. They had taken advice on ways to eliminate noise by installing sound panels suspended from the roof to deflect the noise and air conditioning to detract from the opening of doors and windows to eliminate sound leakage, as and when funds allowed. They reported that the café was doing well and business was building, and they were fully supportive of the idea of a youth café for the village.

3805 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE: District Councillor Naveed Riaz

3806 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS: Cllr. Welthy declared an interest in the Youth Café request for funding as he is the treasurer.

3807 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING: The minutes of the Council meeting held on 2 October 2019 were approved and signed.

MATTERS ARISING: Chicken Factory: Nothing to report.

Bingley Stone: Nothing to report

Guard Railing at Coop crossing: Despite concerns from the Village Council about youths congregating at the entrance to the Coop directly on the pavement by the crossing, Highways had not agreed to reinstate

the railings. Motorists were unsure if they were about to use the crossing or just spilling out onto the road and it was feared it was an accident waiting to happen. The clerk had invited the District Councillors to attend the meeting to see if they could help with the situation. District Councillor Paul Sullivan offered to find out if he could approach the legal department directly for clarification of the policy quoted by Craig Williams from Bradford Council's Policy document largely based on the Department of Transport's *Local Transport Note 2/09 "Pedestrian Guardrailing"* and the *"Manual for Street 2"* document. Chairman Howard Martin reported that he had received a phone call from a resident who had nearly been involved in an accident when the car in front of him had to brake fiercely to avoid youths stepping into the road.

3808 CORRESPONDENCE: noted

- 1) White Rose – October
- 2) 20 Climate Actions for Parish/Town Councils
- 3) Request from Denholme Town Council for display of poster asking for volunteers at Denholme Library.- This will be advertised in the notice box and on the Council's website
- 4) Request for next newsletter – information from Scarborough Court about Thursday entertainment and social activity. A poster will be displayed in the notice box and information included in the next issue of the newsletter.
- 5) Power for People email request for Village Council to sign a motion in support

of the Local Electricity Bill. – This was discussed and **it was resolved** to reply that it was not advantageous to sign at the present time but the council would be happy to revisit in the future.

- 6) Historic England email re War Memorial consultation. **It was resolved** to send information relevant to the consultation report on whether the above structure had special architectural or historic interest. The clerk was also asked to follow up the situation regarding repairs necessary to the War Memorial with Bradford Council.

3809 CLERK'S REPORT

The clerk read the financial report to 6 November 2019.

It was resolved to pay:

- 1) Clerk's salary for October and payment to HMRC
- 2) Respond Marketing – Newsletter £1,065.00
- 3) Respond Marketing – Christmas Publicity Flyer £336.00
- 4) CPRE membership – £36.00
- 5) TSL webservices: addition of audit requirements - £120.00
- 6) Steve Thorpe & Son Ltd – The invoice had not been received prior to the meeting. This would be considered at the December meeting when the amount was known.

3810 PORTFOLIO REPORTS:

a) PLANNING:

Applications to discuss:

Application: 19/04204/HOU Highfield House Farm, Bingley Road – Two storey front extension.

The design and appearance of the fronts of houses are important elements in defining the character of the street scene. There is strict control in place on size, position and design of all front extensions. As this property is in Green Belt there are further considerations given to any adverse effects on character, the Green Belt and any adjacent buildings.

This extension is set back from the highway and this extension appears to compliment the original building. The Village Council had no objection to this application.

Recommend Approval

Ratification of Applications submitted to Shipley:

Granted: 19/03311/FUL 27 Highfield Terrace – Alterations to existing end terrace dwelling and construction of new dwelling attached to number 27.

Enforcement acknowledgement – 25 Westhill Ave – Flagpole

Secretary of State Appeal: 18/00094/APPFL2 - 19 Hunters Green: Demolish and replace existing gable end porch

b) ENVIRONMENTAL: to discuss

- 1) **Christmas planning: To report on further progress regarding lighting and arrangements.** The new street lighting poles had been installed and were now working. Cllr Martin would check if all the timers had been fitted and also check with Festival Lights the date for the Installation of the light displays. Five stalls had been arranged for the "switch on" event including a tombola and arrangements were in place for the donkeys with insurance and liability included in the hire charges. The Christmas tree would arrive a week before and children would be invited to decorate the tree again this year. Small trees would be placed in the brackets on Halifax Road again. The clerk would undertake a risk assessment with regard to the event.
- 2) **To approve quotation for additional string lights, installing and taking down displays from Tom Sumner:** After consideration **it was resolved** to amend the lighting originally quoted for and ask for a new figure based on the revised requirements.
- 3) **To consider request from Youth Café for a donation of £1,400 towards the set up costs.** After consideration of the proposals and budget **it was resolved** to approve the request for £1,400 to enable the setting up of the Youth Café. The Village Council were fully supportive of the move to provide facilities for young people in the village.
- 4) **To discuss the report from the Village Hall Committee and request for a further £5,000 of funding in its second year.** The latter will be considered at the council's budget meeting for 2020-21 in December.

- 5) **To look at speed cushion humps as an alternative to SID devices to reduce speeding In the village.** At the recent Civic Reception in Bradford Town Hall the clerk had spoken to Wilsden Parish Councillor John Turton who had investigated the pros and cons of the SID Devices and spoke of an alternative of speed cushions that were less expensive to install, more effective and reduced damage to cars caused by solid bituminous macadam humps. **It was resolved** to invite Mr. Turton to the December meeting to further discuss the issues.
- 6) **To discuss arrangements for the Remembrance Service.** The clerk had arranged for a road closure order in Halifax Road and appointed stewards to supervise on the day. **It was resolved** that the chairman would lay the wreath at the Cenotaph on behalf of the Village Council. It was noted that the flagpole needed attention and Councillor Welthy offered to arrange for repairs to be made before the weekend.
- 7) **To discuss arrangements for the Presentation evening on 22 November.** Discussion took place regarding timing and running order of the event. The First School Choir, the Community Choir and Vienna Welthy would sing between the presentations and the evening will commence at 6.30pm with refreshments served at the end.

c) **SOCIAL: Nothing to report.**

3811 REPORTS FROM OTHER BODIES: Nothing to report.

3812 REPORTS OF EXTERNAL MEETINGS AND COMMITTEE: None

3813 DATE OF NEXT MEETING: Wednesday 4 December 2019 at 7pm

Signed

Dated