

MINUTES OF THE MONTHLY MEETING OF HEPTONSTALL PARISH COUNCIL

HELD AT HEPTONSTALL SOCIAL & BOWLING CLUB, 1 MARCH 2022

Present : Councillors Dr J R Dunford (Chairman) A Baldwin B Cutts
M V Edwards M Hughes S Slater & B Stott

189/21 APOLOGIES (AND REASONS) OF ABSENCE

Apologies and reason for absence were received from Councillors Crowther and James.
Approvals for the absences were neither sought nor granted.

190/21 DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

No Declarations were made.

191/21 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There was no Public Participation.

192/21 Minutes of previous meeting of Heptonstall Parish Council were approved as a correct record in respect of the following :

- Monthly Council meeting held 1 February 2022

193/21 Arising from the minutes : It was resolved to send a letter of thanks to the retiring postmaster (Tony Spink) and provide an annual Grant of £100 to Calder Valley Search & Rescue to the 'Tony Spink Grant'.

194/21 TRAINING/WEBINAR/CONFERENCE OPPORTUNITIES

The Clerk provides regular details of the availability of training and conferences and invites members to request bookings via himself as already authorised.

195/21 APPROVAL OF ACCOUNTS TO PAY

The following accounts were approved for payment :

R M Greenwood	¼ Salary (net)	£1,417.60
	Postage to 03/2022	£ 240.40
	¼ Broadband	£ 117.00
(Amazon)	Microsoft 365	£ 67.99
H M Customs & Excise	PAYE 120/PM00288658	£ 354.40

Received : Northern Electric Wayleave £2.30

196/21 PLANNING

- (A) Planning Decisions :** Details of Planning decisions made by Calderdale Metropolitan Borough Council were provided to members.
- (B) New Applications :** The following Planning Application was considered by members, and it was resolved the resultant comments be passed to Calderdale MB Council :

PA 21/01052/LBC : Installation of air source heat pump and central heating system and installation of internal wall and roof insulation, addition of a rooflight and updating private water supply (Listed Building Consent) – 3 Lower Lumb Cottages, Lumb Road, Heptonstall

No objections arose.

197/21 CORRESPONDENCE

- (A)** Request to reinstate 906 bus service to Widdop : The Chairman provided a history of this defunct service which was rarely used. It was agreed the Chairman's report be copied to the correspondent and invite any reinstatement request be made to the Combined Authority.
- (B)** Funding of Jubilee Celebrations : to be considered more fully at the next meeting of this Council but, in the meantime, proceed with a request to the Head of Heptonstall J I & N School to order 2 trees and provide the resultant invoice.
- (C)** Disappointment was expressed at Calderdale MBC's scant response to the request to withdraw the proposal to remove the Grants from 2023/24 which would result in a 12 % impact on this (and other) Councils' precepts. It was resolved to advise Calderdale MBC of the false statement made and advise the services which this and other Local Councils provide.

198/21 RETIREMENT OF INDEPENDENT INTERNAL AUDITOR

It was resolved to formally thank Miss Morgan for her diligent work and invite her to attend the Annual Assembly of the Parish Meeting on 10 May 2022.

It was agreed The Clerk should trawl for a replacement Independent Internal Auditor.

199/21 PRESENTATION BY JOHN BULLIVENT OF WEST YORKSHIRE SUPERFAST PROGRAMME

It was agreed that this presentation should be a 30 minute timed item at the commencement of the April meeting, commencing 7.00 pm.

200/21 PLANNING IN AN EMERGENCY

Councillor Edwards reported early considerations had already taken place and he would report progress in future.

201/21 REPORTS FROM REPRESENTATIVES

Reports were invited from members in their representational capacities.

Councillor Dunford reported on the recent meeting of the South Pennine Branch of Yorkshire Local Councils Associations. This was chaired by Roger Greenwood and Councillor Dunford asked that thanks be recorded to him for his work in the wording of the issue relating to Sections 6 & 8 of the 1894 Local Government Act. Both Cllr Dunford & Mr Greenwood would compile a suitable resolution to be put before the Annual Meeting of YLCA.

Councillor Cutts reported the developing issues relating to the format of the Cycling Group. A report was given in respect of the unanimous decision of the Project Team looking at the Heptonstall Road impact in respect of the A646 Corridor Improvement scheme. It was agreed this be reported back in the current range of correspondence. All contributors were thanked for their reports.

202/21 PROVISION OF BENCH AT WHINS LANE

Councillor Hughes reported progress in respect of this issue. Members had agreed to remove the extraneous vegetation to improve the view at the proposed site and this was conveyed to Mr Singh and had now been dealt with.

The preferred choice of seat (a robust and maintenance free bench has been identified at an estimated cost of £650 + VAT. A plaque and gravel filling would also be needed.

Councillor Hughes was thanked for his work on the matter.

203/21 JOINT NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

Councillor Slater informed members that she had recently attended a Technical Support meeting in respect of this topic.

204/21 BUSINESS CONTINUITY

It was resolved to appoint a Working Party at the Annual Council Meeting on 17 May 2022.

205/21 DATE & TIME OF NEXT MEETING

The Clerk advised the next meeting would be :

- Monthly Meeting (face to face) at Heptonstall Social & Bowling Club) at 7.00 pm on Tuesday 05 April 2022, commencing with a timed item for the presentation by John Bullivent (re Broadband).

(Chairman)

(Date)