

SYKEHOUSE PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 6TH OCTOBER 2015

Present: Councillor Mr Fox, Councillor Mr Lee, Councillor Mr Thompson, Councillor Mrs Lifsey & Clerk Ms Halsall.

In attendance: Councillor Alan Jones

Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Councillor Mr Jones reported on the recent Road Survey Results between 2/9 – 5/10. A good general compliance, with a low traffic flow thru the village. Conclusion being very little evidence nothing will be done at this stage with regards to a speeding sign. (Full report on Sykehouse website)

Councillor Mr Jones reported on the Devolution for Sheffield Region giving Mayors limited powers etc. This was currently going for consultation. A Report was received and discussed.

Councillor Mr Fox reported he had received a complaint about Stainforth River Bridge being closed many times thru the year due to accidents. This was the main route out for both Sykehouse and Fishlake and when this is closed it is a very long de-tour. Lights on the bridge were requested.

Councillor Mr Jones reported on changes to the street lighting changing to LED. It currently cost DMBC over 10 million and this change will mean a saving of £750k per year. Concrete posts will be changed where needed. This is planned to start very soon.

Fly tipping in the area but this was cleaned up as soon as reported.

Bins for Sykehouse Show would be supplied when required. Bins around the area could be a possible future project. Councillor Mr Jones reported on the 106 monies that could help if required.

Councillor Mr Thompson reported on the road A614 east riding at the river went. This is used a lot by HGV and is in need to urgent repairs. He has reported this to East Riding but South is Doncaster. An assessment vehicle has been seen coming around this area.

Councillor Mr Fox reported on the gritting last year that was not done on Kirk Lane. This is not a bus route but many villagers in the area use this lane as a main route in and out of the village. This is a bad section and is around 3 miles long.

Councillor Mr Thompson asked what if there were any updates on the Local Development Plan. Nothing had been received yet.

Councillor Mr Jones reported on a new office that was dealing with travellers in the area, going round and checking vacant pitches, counting caravans. This was currently being done on a regular basis now and trying to charge rates where possible.

Councillor Mr Jones reported on the cycle signs in the village. This was not possible and difficult to enforce.

No problems had been reported with regards to school buses in the village taking children to McCauley School, as children in the village mainly go to Hatfield School.

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Councillor Mr Jones reported on a wreath to be placed on the War Memorial in the church yard. This would be ordered and also make sure the area was cleaned and tidy for Armistice day.

Councillor Mr Fox asked if planning could be obtained on empty derelict houses that had been empty for over 30 years but had previously been residential. Councillor Mr Jones said he saw no problems.

Councillor Mr Jones said he would be opening the Sykehouse Christmas Market on Saturday 14th November.

Chairman's opening remarks and Declarations of interest

1. Apologies of absence

Councillor Mr Duckitt.

2. Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 23rd June & 22nd July 2015

RESOLVED that the minutes be signed.

3. Matters arising from the minutes.

Councillor Mr Thompson reported that the Parish Council no longer inspected the playground equipment. This was now done by DMBC.

Councillor Mr Thompson reported on the drains maintenance schedule that Councillor Mr Duckitt requested at the last meeting. A reply had been received when this would start.

Councillor Mr Lee reported on the hedges on Manor Farm Lane, this had been cut by the owners. The pot holes on this Lane were also being going to be repaired.

Councillor Mrs Lifsey reported the bins overflowing in the village to DMBC

Councillor Mrs Lifsey reported on the 'Imagination Library' that supply books to children between the ages of birth to 5. Councillor Mrs Lifsey said she would look into this further and as yet had nothing further to report.

4. Planning

Nothing to report

5. Financial Matters

000325 £12.60 - Doncaster CVS – Payroll August

000326 £164.44 – J Halsall – Clerk Salary August

000327 £35.80 - HMR&C Paye August

000328 - Cancelled

000329 - Cancelled

000330 - £175.03 – J Halsall – Clerk Salary September

000331 - £35.80 - HMR&C Paye September

000332 - £25.20 - Doncaster CVS – Payroll September & October

000333 - £174.83 – J Halsall – Clerk Salary October

000334 - £35.80 - HMR&C Paye October

RESOLVED that the accounts payable be approved and the cheques signed.

Clerk reported on the BDO Audit

6 & 7. Correspondence

All correspondence was circulated.

Councillor Mrs Lifsey reported on another litter collection to take place around the village on 24th October. **RESOLVED** to contact DMBC to help with Bags, pickers and rubbish removal again.

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8. Projects

Councillor Mr Fox reported on the hedge on the Village Green that needs to be cut. Councillor Mr Duckitt said he would help at the last meeting.

The Village Hall notice Board had been replaced as the old one was rotten. The key was currently held inside the Village Hall. This could cause a problem when the village hall was closed, to place any leaflets inside. Councillor Mrs Lifsey reported that the gate was always closed with a chain over it but not locked and asked why this could not be left open so villagers could gain access to look at the notice board. The gate made it look like it was not accessible. The notice board could be put on legs and possibly moved nearer the hedge.

It was reported that the notice board on the village green area was not secure. It was wobbling and in danger of falling. This was a Health and Safety issue and needed to be looked at.

RESOLVED to price a new one that was sturdy and that would withstand the weather and maintenance free.

Councillor Mrs Lifsey asked if a bench or plaque could be placed somewhere dedicated to Irene & Derrick Hodgson who had done a lot for the village.

RESOLVED to place a plaque in the new notice board.

Councillor Mrs Lifsey reported on the Church Wheelchairs that had not been serviced and maintained for a couple of years.

RESOLVED to contact Abbey Mobility in Armthorpe who did this last time.

Councillor Mrs Lifsey asked who maintained the Fire Hydrants, Councillor Mr Thompson said it was the fire brigade and they did it on a regular basis.

Councillor Mrs Lifsey reported on the hedges hanging over the pavement near the vicarage. Councillor Mr Thompson said he would contact the owner to sort his hedge but Councillor Mr Fox said he would sort the rest.

9. Website

All up to date.

10. Newsletter

This would be sorted in time for the next meeting

11. Date & Time of next meetings

Dates for the next meeting at the Village Hall commencing at 7pm

Thursday 10th December 2015

Tuesday 12th January 2016

Tuesday 15th March 2016

Tuesday 19th April 2016

Tuesday 17th May 2016

There being no other business the meeting closed at 8.30pm.