**Allerton Bywater Parish Council Minutes No 246**

**ALLERTON BYWATER PARISH COUNCIL**

**Minutes of meeting held at St Mary’s Church Annexe, Vicars Terrace,**

**Allerton Bywater**

**Thursday 13th February 2020 at 7pm**

**Present**

**Councillor S Murray (Chairman) Councillor K Asprey**

**Councillor J Coe Councillor J Taylor**

**Councillor J Trayer Councillor G Vickers**

**Councillor M Townsend Councillor M Weaver**

**Councillor N Worrillow**

**1. Apologies for Absence**

**Councillor L Tomlinson**

**2. Minutes of Parish Council Meeting 9th January 2020 (245)**

Proposed by Councillor K Asprey, seconded by Councillor M Townsend and accepted by the Parish Council.

**3. Matters arising from these minutes**

* Overgrown hedge at the side of the old Council offices – It was noted that following removal of the hedge, Darren Duxbury has drilled holes in the stumps and filled with salt to kill them off. Councillor J Taylor has also donated a large bag of daffodil bulbs to be planted in the area.
* Slippery path surface (Millennium Development) - Councillor J Trayer advised that Homes England have now finished pressure washing the footpaths which appears to have remedied the problem.
* Leeds City Council Funding Bid – The Chairman advised he is still awaiting a decision on the Parish Councils bid for funding (£25,000) to improve play provision at the Miners Welfare and upgrade footpath security at the Staithes.
* Tittlecot Bridge Site – The Chairman advised that the resident is still pursuing an easement over the allotment land despite only owning a small strip of the land. It was noted that the Parish Council have been maintaining the site for over eight years and that Ward Councillor James Lewis is continuing to contest this on behalf of the village.

**4. Declaration of disclosable pecuniary and other interests**

To disclose or draw attention to any disclosable pecuniary interests for the purposes of Section 31 of the Localism Act 2011 and paragraphs 13-18 of the Members' Code of Conduct. Also to declare any other significant interests which the Member wishes to declare in the public interest, in accordance with paragraphs 19-20 of the Members' Code of Conduct.

**5. Finance Report**

**i. Balance to date**

 Petty Cash £ 38.88

 Current account £ 36,366.88

 Miners Memorial a/c £ 2758.41

 14 day account £ 16,760.12

**Total £ 55,924.29**

**ii. Reconciliation of accounts**

To be completed by Councillor K Asprey

**iii. Audit of stamp book and petty cash**

To be completed by Councillor K Asprey

**iv. Consider any requests for donations and approval**

Allerton Bywater Cricket Club

Councillor K Asprey advised that a donation request for £120 had been received from the cricket club to buy 12 match balls.

Proposed by Councillor J Taylor, seconded by Councillor J Trayer and unanimously agreed.

(Councillor K Asprey declared an interest as a family member is involved with the football team)

Allerton Bywater Miners Football Club

Councillor K Asprey advised that a donation request for £500 had been received from the new football club (consisting of four children/youth teams) for set up costs and to purchase equipment.

Proposed by Councillor M Weaver, seconded by Councillor G Vickers and unanimously agreed.

**v. Payments for approval**

All payments for approval were approved by Councillors as per attached list.

**vi. Budget Update**

Ten months into the financial year an underspend of @ £606.26 per month was noted; Councillor K Asprey reported that the budget is on target and he has no concerns.

**6. Reports from:**

**(I) Council Surgery**

Councillor M Weaver reported that no residents had attended the surgery.

Councillor Weaver also advised that he has referred the dangerous chimney stack on Park Lane to Leeds City Council Environmental Enforcement.

**(ii) YLCA** – No report

**(iii) Planning Sub Group** - No report

**(iv) Allerton in Bloom**

Councillor G Vickers advised that the group have applied to Leeds City Council Parks and Countryside for a grant and they will find out in March if their bid has been successful. It was also noted that the first meeting of 2020 would be held on Wednesday 26th February to discuss plans for the year ahead.

The Community Payback Team has now finished constructing the bug house and it is ready for putting up.

**7. Planning applications/planning matters** 20/00800/FU - Alterations including two storey side extension incorporating integral garage and single storey extension to rear at 5 Preston Lane, Allerton Bywater. No Objections

**8. To close meeting for 10 minute public involvement, then reopen meeting.**

**9. Christmas Lights Update** Councillor J Trayer advised that the order has been placed with Leeds City Council lights department and they have started work on the motifs.

Councillor Trayer reported that the chosen present reveal motif may not be available so he has asked for some alternative ideas that incorporate a present and some animation for the same cost.

**10. Update on Murco site** – No further update

**11. Walkways, Recreation and Small Schemes within village** Councillor J Taylor reported that Leeds City Council Public Rights of Way Enforcement have written to the landowner regarding the state of Footpath No.28 and would be discussing the repair of the boggy section at their forthcoming Maintenance Meeting.

Councillor M Weaver advised that following the meeting with Vicky Nunns – Leeds City Council Parks & Countryside she was currently putting together plans for play facilities within the village. A follow up meeting with Vicky and the Ward Councillors is scheduled for Tuesday 18th February.

**12. Police Matters** Councillor K Asprey advised that a resident has been threatened on a number of occasions but as they have spoken to the police anonymously in fear of reprisal this cannot be officially reported. The Parish Council also discussed further incidents of anti-social behaviour in the village which has also been reported to the police.

**13. Highway Matters**

The Parish Council discussed the damage caused to the fencing near the school in the recent traffic accident. Councillor K Asprey advised that he would be speaking to Ward Councillor James Lewis regarding the repairs as he is of the understanding that the fence was originally funded by Section 106 monies and therefore Leeds City Council are responsible. Councillor M Weaver is also trying to obtain CCTV footage of the accident.

**14. Flooding Update**

Councillor K Asprey gave an overview of the recent meeting (24/01) with Alec Shelbrooke MP and the Environment Agency and the following action points were noted:-

* Investigations into Manor Park seepage
* St Aidan’s capacity
* Wider briefing on flood alleviation schemes upstream
* Possibility of lifting Barnsdale Road
* Flap valves maintenance
* Nova Scotia pond (maintenance of the pond and receding levels alarm

Councillor Asprey advised that a follow up meeting is to be arranged to discuss actions taken.

The Parish Council discussed flooding in the village caused by the recent storm and the potential for further flooding due to the ongoing bad weather.

**15. Correspondence** – None received

**16. Matters for discussion only** Councillor K Asprey briefly spoke about land ownership of the primary school site and the information sourced from Land Registry.

**Date of Next Meeting –** Thursday 12th March 2020 at 7pm

**Signature………………………………………………….. Date……………………….**