**Allerton Bywater Parish Council Minutes No 247**

**ALLERTON BYWATER PARISH COUNCIL**

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

**Allerton Bywater**

**Thursday 12th March 2020 at 7pm**

**Present**

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

**Councillor J Coe JC Councillor J Taylor JT**

**Councillor J Trayer JT Councillor G Vickers GV**

**Councillor M Townsend MT**

**Councillor M Weaver MW**

**Councillor N Worrillow NW**

**1. Apologies for Absence**

**Councillor L Tomlinson, Councillor N Worrillow, Councillor Coe, Julie Eshelby**

**2. Minutes of Parish Council Meeting 13th February 2020 (246)**

Proposed by Councillor Vickers seconded by Councillor Weaver and accepted by the Parish Council.

**3. Matters arising from these minutes**

* Pocket Park Funding Bid – Vicky Nunns informed us that it is looking like our bid was unsuccessful.
* Tittlecot Bridge site – Mr Campy has told Councillor Asprey that his solicitor had informed him that there were 2 title deeds for this area. Councillor Asprey asked Councillor James Lewis if he could get copies of the 2 titles WYK 748738 and WYK 670631 he sent copies of these to Councillor Asprey and when they were check it showed the Allotment Association own WYK 748738 and WYK 670631 was owned by someone else.
* Meeting with Ward Councillors and Parks and Countyside took place on 10th March.

**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 £ 33.88

Current account £ 32,342.67

Miners Memorial a/c £ 2,758.41

14 day account £ 16,762.97

**Total £ 51,902.93**

**ii. Reconciliation of accounts**

completed by Councillor K Asprey

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

completed by Councillor K Asprey

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

Allerton Bywater Football Club applied for £380 for a new kit, proposed by Councillor Asprey seconded by Councillor Weaver and agreed by all. Councillor Asprey to speak to applicant about filling in applications correctly.

Victoria Hotel applied for £500 towards costs of running Annual Street Party, it was agreed to be a great success, Proposed Councillor Murray Seconded by Councillor Taylor and agreed by all.

**v. Payments for approval**

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

**vi. Budget Update**

eleven months into the financial year, an underspend of £979.44 per month was noted; Councillor K Asprey reported that the budget is on target and he has no concerns.

vii. **Consider recommendations from financial subcommittee.**

* Discussed clerks rate, she has taken back pay to make her hourly rate correct for this year. We are waiting for the recommended rate to come through for this year and that will be backdated to 1st April 2020.
* Litter pickers hourly rate increase from by 2.5% from 1st April 2020.
* Darren Duxbury’s daily rate to increase by £8 per day

This was discussed by the whole Council and agreed by all.

**6. Reports from:**

1. **Council Surgery**

Councillor Coe attended

* A resident asked how long it would be before enforcement would be to get the unsafe chimney made safe
* A resident in Hollins Grove reported a leak and was waiting for it to be repaired
* A resident asked if the paved area at the side of the Post office where the polling both usually stands could be sprayed with weedkiller, it was unsightly.

**(ii) YLCA** – No report

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

**(iv) Allerton in Bloom**

Councillor Vickers reported all was going well and that the first judging for in bloom would take place on the 1st April.

Councillor Asprey had spoken to the people who cut the grass, they usually start cutting on 1st of March but they have not been given permission to start as of yet and was not sure if it would be cut before 1st April so Darren is going to cut as much grass as he can all over the village.

**7. Planning applications/planning matters** - None

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

**9. Christmas Lights Update**

Order has been placed for next years lights which we will own, and also for the rifleman to be put near the war memorial which will be rented.

**10. Update on Murco site** – Still waiting for Homes and Communities to contact us re purchase of site.

**11. Walkways, Recreation and Small Schemes within village**

Councillor Asprey reported on a meeting held on the 10th March that was attended by Councillors Asprey, Murray, Weaver, Harland, Lewis and Vicky Nunns, Paul Senior from Parks and Countryside.

* **Miners Welfare** – it was agreed by all that making this into Allerton Bywater Sports Club was a great idea and that it should be pursued.
* We spoke about putting a full size football pitch where the old tennis courts were and Ward Councillors agreed this should be taken forward, there is a £2 million pound fund that the Coalfield Regeneration Trust is running on behalf of the Lottery Fund which is to be spent on Miners Welfare’s and this would be a good place to start getting funding.
* The new Allerton Bywater Miners F.C are up and running and two pitches have been marked out on the outfield of the cricket ground. They would like to put a large sign on the front of the building and two on the fence at the entrance gate saying “ALLERTON BYWATER SPORTS CLUB” which they would fund, Vicky Nunns said “she had no problem with that but is was down to the lettings department to say yes and sizes and design would need to be submitted in case it needs planning permission”
* Councillor Asprey reported to Vicky Nunns that the perimeter fence needs making secure especially at the back near the Boat pub. She agreed and would look for funding.
* Councillor Asprey asked if the building could be used free of charge because it would be used by children between 3 and 5 years old, this would be discussed when the Club sends in its application to use the building.
* Councillor Asprey gave Vicky Nunns a photo of an outbuilding which is part of the Miners Welfare and is used by the Cricket Club to store machinery, the roof is asbestos and it has been broken by thieves seeing if there was anything of value to steal. He asked if Leeds City Council could remove the asbestos which is a health hazard because loose fibres could be blowing about where children play nearby, the Football Club said “they would get someone in to put a new roof on” Vicky Nunns said “they could not do that because they would be liable for any problems in the future, she would go away and discuss the issue with the relevant departments within LCC.
* Councillor Asprey gave a letter from the Parish Council with evidence that when land given to us was taken from the community to build the Primary School and that land off Ninevah Lane was given to the community to compensate for taking this land. At the moment our rugby club plays on this land but Garforth ladies football club is playing on the football pitch. As this is the only pitch in our village we have asked thatnot this season but the season after the pitch is given back to the use of our village.
* Vicky Nunns reported she was looking for funding to make entry onto the Staithes site and Back Robinson Street park more secure.

The meeting then went on to discuss other issues in the village

* Asked Councillor Lewis for update on who owns land behind Vicars Terrace.

**12. Police Matters –** Councillor Vickers reports a man sleeping in a tent in owl wood.

**13. Highway Matters**

* Councillor Asprey asked Councillor Harland for an update on a survey of road markings throughout the village, she checked and said “highways have it on their list to be done but are behind with their work”. She was also asked about the actual speed signs we had asked for but she had nothing to report as of yet but she will ask again.
* Councillor Asprey gave a letter from the Parish Council to Ward Councillors offering proof that the wooden fence all the way through the village belongs to Leeds City Council. Councillor Lewis took all the information supplied and would let us know the outcome.
* Councillor Asprey asked Councillor Lewis about the road flooding on Main Street / St Mary’s court junction. A gully waggon has cleaned out the gully but we said “the problem is the underground pipes which are blocked with sediment, he will investigate.

**14. Flooding Update**

* Councillor Asprey had a meeting with Flood Risk Management on site re the flooding on the allotments on Park Lane. It was agreed that a camera would be put through the pipe that goes underground to see if it was blocked. He then took the officer and showed him all the way round to where the large lake is at the back of tittlecock bridge and pointed out to him that a culvert under the railway line was blocked. It was agreed that the culvert could not be cleared at this time due to the large amount of water that would go into the culvert. It was decided they would come back in the summer when the area had dried out to clear the blockage.
* It was reported that Yvette Cooper MP had been on Barnsdale Road with officers from Wakefield Council and Ward Members from Leeds City Council to discuss the problem with this road continuously flooding. Councillor Asprey reported this to Alec Shelbrooke. our MP and he replied he has contacted her and they would be working together on this issue.
* Councillor Asprey reported on a meeting he had with Ian Hope of Leeds Flood Aleviation Dept and Paul Desmond from the Environment Agency re water leaking into one of the gullies at the junction of Leeds Road and Manor Park Avenue, they have agreed to do a survey to see what is happening.

**15. Correspondence** – None

**16. Matters for discussion only -** None

**Date of Next Meeting –** Thursday 9th April 2020 at 7pm

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