

ADDINGHAM PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE PROPERTY AND MAINTENANCE COMMITTEE
HELD AT THE OLD SCHOOL, ADDINGHAM ON WEDNESDAY 6th April 2022 AT 7.00PM

Present

Cllrs: T Brady, Hindle, Flesher, Smith, Wilcox and Tennant

Absent

Cllrs: Sutcliffe and D Brady

In Attendance

Parish Clerk – S Lloyd

Members of the Public – 1

32/22 Apologies for Absence

Received from Cllrs D Brady and Sutcliffe; reasons for absences approved.

33/22 Disclosures of Interest

Pursuant to the Council's Code of Conduct, Members were invited to disclose any additional interests (not already listed in the Register of Interests), and to note in the Declarations of Interests Book any previously disclosed interests, relevant to the business of the meeting.

Relevant interests noted:

Cllr Tennant – Agenda item 6 (Allotments) – Spouse is a plot holder. Dispensation granted

34/22 Public Consultation and Question Time

There were no comments from members of the public

35/22 Minutes

Resolved: That the Minutes of the meeting held on 2nd March 2022, having been taken as read, be approved and signed as a true and correct record by the Chairman.

36/22 Village Lengthsman

The report of the Lengthsman was received and noted. Some minor maintenance tasks were considered and included on the maintenance list.

37/22 Allotments and Land

The planned plot inspection went ahead on 26th March 2022. The notes on plot condition were received and noted. There were some general points noted, relating to the shared areas. After discussion it was

Resolved(1): That communication is required with several plot holders to remind them to cultivate at least 65% of their plot.

Resolved(2): That the clerk be authorised to make necessary arrangements to reimburse Mr Benson for the costs associated with a recent mower repair. That £35 be approved for this purpose and within the overall budget delegated to this committee

Resolved(3): That plot 8a Silsden Road, be let free of charge for the remainder of this year. This plot has been very wet in the past and a new tenant is keen to try and get the plot workable.

Resolved(4): That plot 27 Newtown remains unlet. That the shed can be temporarily utilised by the plot holder on plot 14.

Resolved(5): That committee members conduct a site visit to evaluate tree works necessary to reduce the size of trees in the Nature Reserve that border the Stamp Hill Allotments.

Resolved(6): That the clerk obtain quotes for a licenced contractor to treat the Lower Stamp Hill car park with a herbicide to kill Marestail.

The clerk reported that Bradford Highways department have considered the request for a convex mirror opposite the entrance at Lower Stamp Hill but the road does not meet the necessary conditions and the request has been declined.

38/22 Village Benches

Cllr Hindle reported on the likely costs and time to repair the bench on Craven Crescent (The Green)

The committee received a quote of £130 from a local joiner for the repair and re-varnish of the bench in Hen Pen gardens. These costs were considered together with the costs of replacing benches with new ones

Resolved to recommend: That the clerk presents full council with images and prices for both steel benches and recycled plastic ones. That Council resolves to replace the most worn benches over a 5 year period and approves a capital scheme for this purpose.

39/22 Sugar Hill

Councillors discussed the ideas and suggestions from their site meeting on 20th March. Cllr Wilcox presented some designs to illustrate what might be achieved with the space. After discussion it was:

Resolved to recommend: That Council approves a scheme to renovate the toilets, incorporate a bandstand, giant steps to create a welcoming entrance and a widening of the footpath. That the next steps to appoint a landscape architect are approved.

40/22 Hoffman Wood Field

The draft risk assessment for the cricket nets was received together with a proof for signage at the site. It was **Resolved to recommend:** That the Risk assessment be approved by full council and that Council approves expenditure of £25 for the sign.

41/22 Public Toilets

There are frequent incidents of mis-use and vandalism at the Pavilion public toilet facilities. This is resulting in expenditure on repairs and extended period when the toilets are out of service. The police have been notified on several occasions but no one has been caught in the act. After discussion it was:

Resolved: That both public toilets at the Pavilion be locked until further notice. That residents be informed via the website and Quack that the toilets are no longer in service.

42/22 Grass Cutting issues for this season and vegetation

The mowing schedule provided by Bradford Council was received and noted. The committee are concerned that the footpaths near to the by-pass and the grass verges are only due to be cut in March and September. After discussion it was:

Resolved(1): That the clerk contact Bradford met highways department and request at least monthly mowing and strimming of the pedestrian access crossing points next to the by-pass and on the junctions of Lumb Gill Lane and Cocking Lane.

The committee reviewed the impact of refraining from herbicide use within the village

Resolved to recommend: That the Parish Council revokes the instructions given to Bradford Met Countryside Services in 2020. That the Mem Hall Recreation ground, Gala Field, Hoffman Wood Field and Silsden Road Recreation Ground would all be treated with suitable weed spray to stop the overgrown vegetation and green slime that is now widespread on the playgrounds. That the narrow footpaths on Moor Lane, Moor Park Drive, Cinder Path, Southfield Terrace are all weed sprayed to control the growth of nettles.

43/22 Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Committee would be held on Tuesday 10th May 2022 at 7pm

Meeting closed at 8.40pm

Chairman