

MENSTON PARISH COUNCIL
PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
Thursday 28th June 2018 at 7.00pm

MINUTES

Present: Councillors Quentin Mackenzie (Vice Chairman), Philip Moore, David Naylor and Dale Smith

Clerk: Catriona Hanson

2018/107 Introduction and welcome from the Vice Chairman

Councillor Mackenzie welcomed everyone to the meeting

2018/108 To receive any apologies for absence

Apologies for absence were received and accepted from Councillors Finlay, Metcalfe and McCulloch.

2018/109 To receive any disclosures of interest

Councillors Mackenzie and Smith declared an interest in the grant application for Menston Show.

2018/110 Variation to the agenda

RESOLVED: to adjourn the meeting and take the Planning Committee next.

Proposed: Councillor Mackenzie

The meeting was adjourned at 7.10pm so that the Planning Committee meeting could take place. The meeting resumed at 8.00pm.

2018/111 Police report

There was no police report.

2018/112 Public participation

There were two members of the public present.

2018/113 Minutes of the previous meeting

RESOLVED: to accept the minutes of the Annual Parish Council meeting on 31st May 2018

Proposed: Councillor Mackenzie

Seconded: Councillor Naylor

2018/114 Menston Community Association

Steve Ellams gave an update about the activities of Menston Community Association.

The bird and bat boxes are being rolled out slowly and Roy Vickers is busy working on the film

Mr Ellams met Christine North from Menston Business Forum to talk about their involvement with the newsletter. Menston Business Forum have agreed to fund 50% of the costs for the next three issues on the condition that the front page includes a sentence saying " Menston newsletter incorporating Menston Business Forum" and contains a middle page in colour.

Mr Ellams also advised the meeting that regretfully he has decided to now step down as Chairman of the Community Association.

Councillor Mackenzie thanked Mr Ellams for his work on behalf of the village.

2018/115 Menston in Bloom

The annual Strawberry Tea and Plant Sale was very successful and raised £1,100 net.

The planters at Kirklands have now been planted in the Suffragette colours of green, white and purple. The group is now generally tidying up and watering once a week.

Menston Show will be taking place on Saturday 8th September.

2018/116 Finance

RESOLVED: to fund the grant application for Menston Show for £350

Proposed: Councillor Mackenzie

RESOLVED: to approve the invoice for £7,000

Proposed: Councillor Mackenzie

Councillor Mackenzie briefed the Parish Council on potential routes for the Menston link to the Wharfedale Greenway. Councillor Naylor requested that the invoice be paid on the condition that written confirmation is received that the other Parish Councils have paid their contributions.

There was a discussion about the design of the illuminated Poppy and Councillor Smith suggested contacting the Menston WW1 Committee for their thoughts. It was agreed that, following their comments, the Parish Council would purchase one or two poppies.

2018/117 Land for sale at Menston Gyrotory

Councillor Mackenzie had carried out a site visit and discovered an electrical sub-station, two large manholes which covers sewerage pipes from the new housing development at High Royds, a large metal sign for Avant Homes, many trees that will need attention, cherries and daffodils planted by Menston in Bloom and a hedge to hide the sub-station and banners for Girls' cricket and Menston Primary School fete.

It was agreed that the Parish Council would express an interest, subject to obtaining more information and Councillor Smith agreed to ask Ribston Pippin for any advice about the site.

2018/118 Emergency Plan

There is no update.

2018/119 Disabled access at Menston railway station

There is no update.

2018/120 Leeds Bradford Airport consultation

Alan Elsegood gave an update about the recent airport consultation exercise. A summary report on the feedback has now been published and the full report will be available later. Mr Elsegood recommends that both Menston and Burley Parish Councils object to the Airspace Change proposals.

After some discussion the Parish Council agreed to authorise Mr Elsegood and Peter Jenkins from Burley in Wharfedale to carry out a survey about aircraft noise with residents who live in properties between West Chevin Road and Windermere Drive. Councillor Naylor asked for residents in Corn Mill to be included in the survey. Mr Elsegood agreed to circulate a copy of the draft questionnaire to the Parish Council for comments.

Mr Elsegood also asked the Parish Council to consider commissioning an aviation consultancy to track the location of the aircraft taking off from Leeds Bradford Airport. Mr Elsegood agreed to investigate the possible costs of commissioning a consultancy.

2018/121 Menston Primary School safe pedestrian crossing

There is no update.

2018/122 Community Asset Transfer

Councillor Mackenzie gave an update:

Kirklands has received £30,000 from Menston Parish Council and Councillor Metcalfe has joined the Trust as the Parish Council Trustee. A deep clean has now been carried out at Kirklands and has made a noticeable difference. The cleaning company will be carrying out a weekly visit from now on. Roofing repairs have been carried out including replacement domes. Some boards have been installed under the windows in the Main Hall to support non-toughened glass until it can be replaced. A number of local candidates have put themselves forward as potential Trustees following the newsletter article.

Councillor Naylor advised the meeting that Menston Library has a number of problems with windows not opening.

2018/123 Chairman's remarks and correspondence

Alan Elsegood thanked Councillor Smith for supporting the concerns of Ellar Carr residents about traffic from Ellar Ghyll carrying out dangerous manoeuvres.

Councillor Moore raised some concerns about traffic from Main Street speeding into Bingley Road. Councillor Smith agreed to raise these concerns with Simon D'Vali.

2018/124 Items to be considered in closed session

None.

2018/125 Agenda items for the next meeting

Councillor Smith asked for an item about dog waste collection bags on Clarence Drive to be included on the agenda for the meeting on 26th July.

2018/106 Date of next meeting

The next meeting will be held on Thursday 26th July 2018 at 7.00pm in Room 17, Kirklands Community Centre.

There was no further business and the meeting closed at 8.55pm