

MENSTON PARISH COUNCIL
PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
Thursday 31st January 2019 at 7.00pm

MINUTES

Present: Councillors Peter Finlay (Chairman), Quentin Mackenzie, Gordon Metcalfe, Philip Moore, Dale Smith and Jo White. Also present were Jamie Needle and Goodith White.

Clerk: Catriona Hanson

2019/001 Introduction and welcome from the Chairman

Councillor Finlay welcomed everyone to the first meeting in 2019.

2019/002 To receive any apologies for absence

None.

2019/003 To receive any disclosures of interest and requests for dispensation

Councillors Finlay, Mackenzie, Metcalfe and Smith disclosed an interest as Trustees of Kirklands (Menston) Trust. Goodith White declared an interest as a member of Menston Cares.

2019/004 Public participation

Ten members of the public were present at the meeting.

Airport: Alan Elsegood reported that Leeds Bradford Airport have submitted an airspace change proposal to the Civil Aviation Authority. This had not been mentioned at the preceding consultative committee meeting, so Alan had circulated a copy to the other committee members. A document about the proposals is now on the Airport website, but this lacks a flight path map. Three members of the Parish Council met with Alan and agreed a letter dated 24th January 2019 to be submitted to the Airport. This letter includes a number of challenges about the consultation process and the content of the airspace change programme.

Jim Whiley (Head of Air Traffic Services) will be making a presentation on 27th February, unfortunately this is after the Civil Aviation Authority deadline for comments.

Alan had produced an update to be added to the menston.org website.

Councillor Finlay thanked Alan for producing an excellent document and the Parish Council

RESOLVED: to nominate Alan Elsegood to serve as Menston Parish Council's representative on the Leeds Bradford Airport Consultative Committee.

Proposed: Councillor Finlay

Seconded: Councillor Mackenzie

Councillor Jackie Whiteley advised the meeting that an expert from the aviation industry, Doug McClean, is prepared to write a letter to the Civil Aviation Authority on behalf of Menston and Burley in Wharfedale setting out the villages' concerns about the proposed airspace changes in aeronautical terms. This will cost £250 (plus VAT) each.

RESOLVED: to agree to authorise a payment of £250 (plus VAT) to Doug McClean for the written representations to the Civil Aviation Authority.

Proposed: Councillor Finlay

Seconded: Councillor Mackenzie

Councillor Jackie Whiteley also agreed to speak in support of Menston village in opposition to the planning application for Bingley Road at the forthcoming Regulatory and Appeals Committee meeting.

2019/005 Minutes of the previous meeting

Councillor Mackenzie advised the meeting that, following the Parish Council's decision on their preferred route for the link from Menston to the Wharfedale Greenway, he had conveyed this news to Sustrans who are now producing a quote for the work needed to produce a design.

RESOLVED: to accept the minutes of the Parish Council meeting on 29th November 2018

Proposed: Councillor Finlay

2019/006 Menston Community Association

Councillor Mackenzie advised the meeting that Jon Gadd, the Chairman of the Community Association is organising the latest edition of Menston News which will be distributed soon. The Community Association will also be organising another series of the Eggs to iPad sessions.

2019/007 Menston in Bloom

Councillor Mackenzie advised the meeting that Menston in Bloom will be entering Yorkshire in Bloom this year and requested that local residents tidy up in preparation for the spring judging. Councillor Mackenzie also gave an update about the Friends of High Royds Memorial Garden – they have recently received a grant from the Gannett Foundation to fund the creation of a sensory garden.

2019/008 Finance

A salary invoice had been received. The Clerk had also submitted an invoice for work for the Kirklands (Menston) Trust.

Menston Cares had submitted a request for £280 to print a leaflet which will be distributed with Menston News

RESOLVED: to pay these invoices and to approve the request from Menston Cares

Proposed: Councillor Finlay

Seconded: Councillor Metcalfe

2019/009 Community defibrillator

Councillor Finlay confirmed that the defibrillator had arrived and that he now waiting for the cabinet to be supplied. Councillor Metcalfe advised the meeting that as soon as the cabinet has been supplied, he will arrange for the defibrillator to be installed at Menston Cricket Club.

2019/010 Land at Menston Gyrotory

Councillor Smith advised the meeting that Matthew Brook has requested a meeting with representatives from Menston in Bloom about maintaining the land at Menston Gyrotory. An email has been sent to Councillor Mackenzie and Gemma Kelmanson.

2019/011 Dog waste on Clarence Drive

Councillor Smith will be meeting local residents to hear about their concerns.

2019/012 Parking problems in the vicinity of Redhouse Gardens

It was agreed to carry this item forward to the February 2019 meeting.

2019/013 Disabled access at Menston Railway Station

Councillor Jackie Whiteley agreed to check the status of the recent Parish Council grant application with the West Yorkshire Combined Authority. Councillor Metcalfe reminded the

meeting that the Bingley Road planning application comments on the Parish Council's application for a lift at Menston station.

2019/014 Menston Primary School safe pedestrian crossing

Councillor Finlay advised the meeting that he and Councillor Smith had met with Iain Jones, headteacher at Menston Primary School and Bradford Council's Simon D'Vali to discuss the installation of a safe crossing on Main Street adjacent to the school. Simon D'Vali has estimated that the installation of a crossing could cost up to £30,000. The school may be able to make a contribution of up to one-third towards the costs. Jamie Needle advised the meeting that the petition now has 446 names and has crossed the threshold necessary to enable to main petitioner to address Bradford Council. Councillor Metcalfe recommended asking Bradford Council to allocate s106 funds to this project. A member of the public suggested writing to the managed of the Co-op asking them to re-schedule their deliveries out of school hours.

2019/015 An update on Kirklands (Menston) Trust

Councillor Finlay gave an update about the Kirklands Trust. Kirklands has become increasingly popular and more weekend activities have been booked. The new boilers are working well and there is also a proposal to zone the heating in the building for greater efficiency.

Steve Ellams suggested that Kirklands may be a suitable alternate venue for Burley in Wharfedale's forthcoming public inquiry, if the repair work to the Queen's Hall in Burley in Wharfedale is not completed on time. Councillor Smith recommended that the venue should be available on a no-cost basis to Burley in Wharfedale Parish Council.

2019/016 Fitness trail

Goodith White queried the funding source for the new children's play equipment in Menston Park and Councillor Jackie Whiteley agreed to investigate the funding source.

Councillor Jo White advised the meeting that she had recently carried out a site meeting and discovered that the new fitness trail is aimed at children only. She suggested that the Parish Council might like to review the effectiveness of the trail and consider whether the trail could be extended. Councillor Smith advised the meeting that the Scouts want to negotiate a longer lease for the land behind the Scout Hut. Councillor Finlay advised the meeting that Menston Football Club have recently negotiated a long lease on the football pitches in the park. It was suggested that these two organisations could make a joint bid for grant funding and that the Parish Council need to look at the arrangements for the future maintenance of the park.

2019/017 Local council elections

It was agreed to post a copy of the local elections timetable in the Parish Council notice board and on the website.

2019/018 Consultation on the proposed changes to the Bradford-Shipley roads

It was agreed that members of the Parish Council would make individual representations to the West Yorkshire Combined Authority about this proposal.

2019/019 Rideaway

Tariq Hussain has now received a set of plans which show some possible locations for Rideaway. He must now contact Bradford Council's Planning Department and make a formal planning application for a change of use which will then be considered through the usual channels.

2019/020 Low carbon Menston

Goodith White advised the meeting that she had attended a meeting of the recently formed Climate Action Ilkley group. As Menston Community Association had expressed an interest in low carbon initiatives and she suggested inviting Professor Andy Gouldson to either a Menston Community Association meeting or the community event being held in Menston in March.

2019/021 Bradford District Foodbank

It was agreed to ask both Menston Library and the Kirklands Trust if they would be willing for either or both buildings to become collection points for this initiative.

2019/022 Chairman's remarks and correspondence

Councillor Finlay advised the meeting that he had received an update about crime in Menston. Since the beginning of December 2018 reported crime had been low, but it had been suggested that the Parish Council might consider funding the delivery of information packs to implement a new Cold Calling Control Zone.

2019/023 Agenda items for the next meeting

2019/024 Closed session

None.

2019/025 Date of next meeting

The next meeting will be held on Thursday 28th February 2019 at 7.00pm in Room 17, Kirklands Community Centre.

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