

**MENSTON PARISH COUNCIL**  
**PARISH COUNCIL MEETING**  
Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> July 2019 at 7.00pm

**MINUTES**

**Present:** Councillors Peter Finlay, Philip Moore, Jamie Needle, Dale Smith and Jo White

**Clerk:** Catriona Hanson

**2019/134 Introduction and welcome from the Chairman**

Councillor Finlay welcomed everyone to the meeting.

**2019/135 To receive any apologies for absence**

Apologies for absence were received and accepted from Councillors Gordon Metcalfe and Goodith White.

**2019/136 To receive any disclosures of interest and requests for dispensation**

It was resolved to formally record the following disclosures of interest:

Councillors Finlay and Smith – Trustees of Kirklands (Menston) Trust

Councillor Moore – Menston Action Group

Councillors Needle – Climate Action Menston Group

Councillor Smith – Menston Show Committee

**2019/137 Public participation**

Five members of the public were present at the meeting.

**2019/138 Minutes of the previous meeting**

**RESOLVED:** to accept the minutes of the Parish Council meeting on 27<sup>th</sup> June 2019 and the as a true and accurate record.

**Proposed:** Councillor Finlay

**2019/139 Menston Community Association**

Quentin Mackenzie gave the following update:

The deadline for submitting articles for the next edition of the Menston News is 23<sup>rd</sup> August.

The community association AGM will take place on 3<sup>rd</sup> October and will possibly include a presentation on environmental issues. Menston Show will take place on 7<sup>th</sup> September.

Expressions of interest are being sought for the Committee.

**2019/140 Menston in Bloom**

Quentin Mackenzie gave the following update:

Menston won a Silver Gilt Award for Yorkshire in Bloom. The Strawberry Tea and Plant Sale at the beginning of June enjoyed tremendous support from the village and raised £1,535.

This year's planting scheme commemorates the moon landings 50 years ago and includes dark (almost black), stary blues, white and silver.

Menston in Bloom have benefitted from some help from Sainsburys, who have been helping to weed the Railway Garden.

Thankfully, Northern Rail have now cleaned up the detritus left on Westbourne Drive.

#### **2019/141 Menston Greenway**

Quentin Mackenzie explained that Bradford Council has stipulated that they need further reports on Wildlife Habitat Loss due to the Greenway, before they will grant planning permission. As a result, it is unlikely that the Otley-Burley section of the Greenway will qualify for a European Environmental grant as this expires on 31<sup>st</sup> July.

The proposed Menston link 'around the curve' has a potential issue with one of the landowners.

#### **2019/142 Kirklands (Menston) Trust**

Councillor Finlay gave an update about recent activities at Kirklands.

Rideaway have now moved into a newly constructed office at the west end of the building. Heather Norreys, the Centre Manager, put in a large amount of work to ensure that the move went smoothly. Rideaway have been issued with a 12 month licence.

The financial sustainability of Kirklands Community Centre is proceeding well and the Trust wishes to identify "cold spots" between current meetings (eg afternoon and evening meetings) in order to increase the number of bookings.

It was agreed that Councillors Needle and Jo White would contact Councillor Metcalfe to ask for more information about the role and responsibility of being a representative for the Trust.

#### **2019/143 Finance**

An application for a grant has been received from Menston Show and it was

**RESOLVED** to award Menston Show the sum of £350 towards costs

**Proposed:** Councillor Finlay

A submission to reimburse the Clerk for additional time spent attending and minuting the meetings of the Kirklands Trust and Public Meeting has been received and it was

**RESOLVED:** to agree to reimburse the Clerk for these additional hours worked

**Proposed:** Councillor Finlay

#### **2019/144 Assets of Community Value**

Councillor Smith reported that the applications for Menston Arms, Malt Shovel and Land adjacent to Scout Hut on Low Hall Road were considered at the Shipley Area Committee meeting on 17<sup>th</sup> July.

Applications for Menston Cricket Club and the land behind Menston Cemetery will be submitted in due course.

#### **2019/145 Fitness Trail**

Councillor Jo White advised the meeting that she has written to a number of local companies seeking sponsorship for the Fitness Trail. A number of other local organisations were suggested.

#### **2019/146 Land at the gyratory on Bradford Road**

The Clerk was asked to contact Leeds City Council to check whether the replace saplings planted on the land at the gyratory have Tree Preservations Orders.

#### **2019/147 Road crossing at Menston Primary School**

The petition has been referred to the Shipley Area Committee and will be discussed at a meeting at the end of July.

**2019/148 Website compliance**

It was agreed that a meeting with MCA will be set up in September.

**2019/149 Chairman's remarks and correspondence**

Councillor Finlay had attended a Wharfedale Officer Team meeting in Shipley and reported that Burley Parish Council are considering funding a Youth Club. Terri Green from the Police Team had reported that the level of reported crime has fallen from 175 to 100 this year. Councillor Finlay reminded the meeting that the recent spate of warm weather had led to an increase in opportunistic burglaries – due to unlocked doors.

Quentin Mackenzie expressed concerns about litter bins not being emptied in Menston. Councillor Finlay agreed to raise this matter with Damien Fisher.

Councillor Moore raised some concerns about the Parish Council projector and it was agreed to authorise Councillor Finlay to source a new projector and email the specification to the rest of the Parish Council.

**2019/150 Agenda items for the next meeting**

Agree a date for the website meeting in September  
Consider the appointment of a village caretaker

**2019/151 Closed session**

None.

**2019/152 Date of next meeting**

The next meeting will be held on Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> August 2019 at 7.00pm in Room 17, Kirklands Community Centre.