

Minutes of the Meeting of AUSTERFIELD PARISH COUNCIL
Held on Monday 11th January 2016

Councillors present: Lesley Cox; Sandra Crawford and John Goodall.

Public Participation: Jo Payne the Culture Business Manager from DMBC attended the meeting to discuss the Culture Strategy for Doncaster. The Mayflower 400 project was discussed and Jo advised that part of the strategy was to raise awareness of Austerfield and the link to William Bradford.

1. **Apologies:** Apologies received from Councillor Beckett.
2. **To receive any Declarations of Disclosable Pecuniary & Non Pecuniary Interests:** None.
3. **To Approve the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting: 14th December 2015:**
The minutes were signed and approved by the Council.
4. **To note matters arising from minutes of the last meeting not on the agenda:**
The Clerk advised that issue with cars parking outside the churchyard had been reported to DMBC but a response had not yet been received. Council resolved to write to the owner of the Mayflower Public House regarding the vehicle which causes an obstruction for pedestrians.
5. **Matters Arising from Public Participation:** Vice Chair Crawford advised that she thought it would be a good idea to hold a thanksgiving meal in the Study Centre.
6. **Community Police Report:** None in attendance.
7. **Ward Councillor's Report:** Ward Councillor Rachael Blake advised that she had met with the Police Inspector who had advised that very few crimes had been reported in the area. The issue of speeding traffic had been raised with the inspector who had advised that all incidents should be reported to the police. The survey regarding the bus service had now closed and only 12 responses had been received regarding the lack of a bus service in Austerfield. SYPTE would be holding a meeting with Stagecoach within the next week to discuss the feedback. Councillor Blake also advised she was holding a Fracking meeting on the 18th January at the Study Centre at 7pm.
8. **DMBC Neighbourhood Team Report:** None in attendance.
9. **Council and Village Items:**
 - **Playground Equipment Maintenance:** Vice Chair Crawford advised that the grass around the climbing frame area had been built up and seeded and that tracks had been left on the field from the DMBC vehicle entering the field. DMBC had filled in the tracks so there shouldn't be any further issues.
 - **Bus Service Update:** Discussed under item 7.
 - **Speeding Issues:** the Clerk advised that she had written to Nigel Raven at DMBC to invite him to the meeting to discuss the Parish Council possibly funding speed calming solutions. A response had been received advising that Nigel would not be able to attend the meeting and that it would not be possible for any speed calming solutions to be installed in the village. Councillor Blake advised that she would speak to the Safer Road department.
 - **Memorial Garden:** The Clerk advised that a reply had been received from DMBC regarding removing part of the Memorial Garden hedge to make way for a new entrance. The reply implied that DMBC would prefer the entrance

to the garden to stay where it is. Councillor Blake advised that she would meet with Jonathan Tesh to discuss the matter.

- **Churchyard:** The Clerk advised a letter of complaint had been received from a resident regarding another resident who was exercising a dog in the churchyard. Council resolved to contact the PCC and request that they deal with the issue.
- **Council Vacancy:** Chair Cox advised that Richard Martin had resigned as a Councillor. The Clerk advised that a notice had been displayed in the notice boards advertising the vacancy and that if an election is not called by 10 or more residents then the position can be filled via co-option.

10. **Bawtry Carbon International:** No updates received.

11. **Fracking:** The Clerk advised that the next Fracking meeting was to be held at Beckingham Village Hall on 14th January. No other updates had been received.

12. **Account and Financial Matters – To Receive and Approve:**

- **Bank Statement as at 11th January 2016:** The bank statements were reviewed and approved.
- **Cheque payments:** Council resolved to approve the following cheques for payment:

J Goodall Garden Services	£480.00
ICO	£35.00
S Youngman	£189.50
Austerfield Study Centre	£18.00
- **3rd Quarter Accounts:** The accounts were approved and signed by Vice Chair Crawford.
- **Financial Regulations:** Postponed to the next meeting.

13. **Planning:**

- **To Note any Planning Decisions:** None.
- **To Comment on Planning Applications:**
- **To Note any other Planning Matters:** None.

14. **To Receive Correspondence:**

15. **To Identify Newsletter Items:**

- Thanks to Bawtry Carbon for their help towards the Christmas lights and to the residents who lit up their houses and gardens.
- Tour De Yorkshire
- Village Show

16. **Meeting Closed: 21.00**

Next Meeting: Monday 15th February 2016