

**Minutes of the Meeting of AUSTERFIELD PARISH COUNCIL**  
**Held on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> November 2020 at 7pm.**

**Councillor's present:** Cllr Cox, Cllr Goodall, Cllr Beckett and Cllr Kallaur.

**Also in attendance:** Dr Alan Billing (South Yorkshire Police and Crime Commissioner), Tracy Webster (South Yorkshire Police), Cllr Blake and 8 members of the public.

**Public engagement session with Dr Alan Billings:** Dr Billings attended the meeting to discuss concerns relating to crime with the Council and members of the public. Dr Billings advised that he is in the process of setting the budget and priorities for 2021-2022, currently the 3 priorities are: protecting the vulnerable, treating people fairly, tackling crime and anti-social behavior. Cllr Blake advised of the long running issues relating to speeding, requests for assistance from DMBC highways and South Yorkshire Police (SYP). The safety camera team had been present in the village since 2018 but had recently advised that the monitoring will be reduced. A resident raised concerns with the location of the speed monitoring van as the current location does not capture the speeding vehicles where the speed limit drops from 50mph to 30mph. Cllr Blake advised that neighbouring counties have static cameras to deal with speeding, why can't SYP implement a similar system? Cllr Goodall advised that the Parish Council had offered to purchase a camera for the village but had been advised that this is not possible. Cllr Beckett advised that efforts had been made to start a Community Speed-watch group but no response had been received from SYP. Dr Billings advised that speeding is an issue in most rural communities, SYP resources have been stretched but the organisation are working towards increasing the number of Police within the neighbourhood teams. Cllr Billings agreed to discuss the concerns raised by members of the Council and the public with the District Commander, contact the Safety Camera Partnership team and look into the techniques used by neighbouring Police areas.

**Public Participation:** Cllr Kallaur advised that a dropped manhole cover had been reported on Facebook. Cllr Goodall advised that the works carried out to cut back the hedges along Bawtry Road is very much appreciated. Cllr Beckett advised that the telephone box library needs organising as it is becoming a dumping ground. A resident advised that they are working towards establishing a community gardening group to improve the local environment.

- 1. Apologies:** Cllr Crawford, Council approved the reason for absence.
- 2. To receive any Declarations of Disclosable Pecuniary & Non Pecuniary Interests:**  
None.
- 3. To approve the minutes from the meetings held on 15<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> October 2020:**  
Council approved the minutes as a true record.
- 4. To note matters arising from the minutes, not on the agenda:** None raised.
- 5. To discuss matters arising from public participation:**
  - a) Dropped manhole cover: Cllr Blake advised that she had arranged for a drainage engineer to look into the matter.
  - b) Telephone box: Cllr Kallaur agreed to check the telephone box when he can.
  - c) Austerfield in Bloom: Council agreed to support the community group.

- 6. Ward Councillor's Report:** Cllr Blake advised that it was good to have Dr Billings attending the meeting as the issue with speeding will continue unless changes are made to the highway. There are no updates relating to the queries relating to drainage. Support for local businesses and the self-employed is available from DMBC, details of the scheme can be found on the website. DMBC have also set up a job hub and assistance is also available for vulnerable residents.
- 7. Bawtry Carbon Ltd:** Cllr Beckett advised that the burn off towers located at the factory had been demolished.
- 8. Superfast South Yorkshire:** The Clerk advised that an online poll had been set up to establish a need for the service, 23 responses had been received with 22 advising they need a faster service and 18 would pay extra for the service. Cllr Beckett requested the Clerk to ask the participants to contact him for further information.
- 9. To discuss and review Council and village items:**
- a) Playground equipment and grounds maintenance:** The Clerk advised that DMBC had carried out a repair on the tractor at a cost of £200 plus VAT.
  - b) Speeding issues:**
    - **Speed matrix sign:** The Clerk advised that SYP have confirmed that 1,240 speeding offences have been recorded in the village since monitoring began in May 2018. The camera team expect to carry out monitoring in Austerfield once a month. Council decided to discuss the matter of reinstating the matrix sign once updates have been received from Dr Billings.
  - c) Drainage and flooding issues:** Discussed under item 6.
  - d) Highways and footpaths:**
    - **Request for traffic islands:** The Clerk advised that the highways officer at DMBC had agreed to meet via Zoom and is available at 6pm. Council agreed to wait until a physical meeting could take place.
    - **Modification order update: Land to the rear of Bawtry Carbon:** No updates.
  - e) The Green off Low Common Lane:**
    - **To discuss the request from Bawtry Golf Club to install a drain:** No updates.
    - **To discuss the registration of the land:** The Clerk advised that the possessory title for the land has been approved. Council members need to confirm that they wish for the land to be registered as a Village Green.
  - f) Memorial garden:** The Clerk advised that an application for funding had been submitted to Renewi Corporate Social Responsibility Fund.
  - g) War memorial:** Cllr Cox advised that a wreath had been laid at the war memorial located in Bawtry and made a suggestion for a memorial to be located in Austerfield, Cllr Goodall agreed with the suggestion. Cllr Beckett advised that there is a plaque remembering the fallen in St Helena's Church and they are also named on the memorial located in Bawtry. Council agreed to discuss further at the next meeting.
  - h) 2020 Events:**
    - **Remembrance Day:** Cllr Goodall advised that installing the poppy signs had been an uplifting experience. Cllr Cox advised that thanks had been received from the Royal British Legion organiser's for the donation.
    - **Christmas events:** Cllr Cox advised that Pinder's are happy for the tree to be located at Toll Bar Garage. Cllr Goodall agreed to source a Christmas tree. Council agreed to continue with the Christmas lunch event, residents will

receive a voucher to reimburse at The Ship Inn Newington and if lockdown restrictions do not allow residents to dine out then the period for use can be extended. The Clerk provided a cost of £20.99 for solar powered lights (4.5m by 1.5m), to be located along the fence in front of the recreation field. Cllr Goodall proposed to purchase 4 sets and Cllr Cox seconded the proposal.

**10. Accounts and financial matters: To receive and approve:**

- a) **Bank statements:** Council received a copy of the latest bank statements.
- b) **Cheque and online payments:** Council approved the following payments:

Online payment	S Youngman	£28.77
Online payment	S Youngman	£24.99
Online payment	S Youngman	£4.08
Online payment	S Youngman	£68.08
Online payment	S Youngman	£171.40

Cllr Kallaur approved the online payments.

- c) **Community grants:** No updates.

**11. Planning:**

- a) **Planning applications:**

**Wyngrove Farm, High Street: Permission in principle for erection of up to 9 dwellings:** Council objected to the proposal for the following reasons: loss of the farm building, scale of development, lack of local infrastructure and drainage issues.

**Forest View, Doncaster Road:** Erection of two dwellings to replace existing buildings: No objections raised.

- b) **Planning decisions:** The Granary, High Street: Installation of window in kitchen: **Permission required.**
- c) **Any other planning matters:** The Clerk advised that DMBC had questioned whether the Parish Council intend to continue with the application to register The Mayflower Pub as a Community Asset. Council agreed not to continue with the matter. The Clerk advised that DMBC are investigating the unauthorised use of land or dwelling at the following locations: Bluebell Lodge High Street, Falcon Hurst Thorne Road and The Stables Narrow Lane.

**12. News items:**

- Telephone box library
- Austerfield in Bloom group

**13. Correspondence:**

- NALC: Chief Executive Bulletins
- YLCA: White Rose Update
- YLCA: Training E-Bulletin
- YLCA Code of conduct consultation
- Mosaic Trust: Request for letter of support: Cllr Kallaur proposed to approve the request for support and Cllr Goodall seconded the proposal.

**Meeting closed: 9pm**

**Next meeting: Monday 21<sup>st</sup> December 2020**