

**MINUTES OF THE MONTHLY MEETING OF SANDY LANE PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON
MONDAY 9 MAY 2011 IN BETHEL BAPTIST CHURCH, SANDY LANE,
COMMENCING AT 7.30 PM**

Present: Valerie Binney
Derek Carver
Robert Dennison
Bev Porter
Stewart Salter
Roy Sucksmith
Chris Slaven (CBMDC)

Clerk: Eve Haskins

In attendance: One member of the public was present

43/11 Election of Chair and Vice-chair

RESOLVED that Derek Carver continue in his role as Chairman and Bev Porter as Vice-chair of the Parish Council.

44/11 Apologies consented to

None received.

45/11 Signing of Declarations of Acceptance of Office

All Parish Councillors signed the Declarations of Acceptance of Office, witnessed by the Clerk.

46/11 Minutes of meetings

The minutes of the meeting on 11 April 2011 were rectified slightly, to include apologies for Roy Sucksmith and alterations to Chellow Dene minute. They were amended accordingly by Clerk, confirmed as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

47/11 Public forum

1. Chellow Dene land

A member of the public attended the meeting to inform the Parish Council of his distress at witnessing the minutes on the community notice-boards regarding Chellow Dene land being supposedly 'usurped' by neighbouring houses. The resident brought his deeds to show that he legally owns some of this land (in the past he has purchased 219.2 square metres), yet he now feels unjustifiably vilified by other residents. Chair explained to Parish Council that he has already visited this resident to discuss the issue, and there does seem to be some confusion with Bradford Council about the ownership of this land, as the purchased land is measured in square metreage rather than definitive measurements. **RESOLVED** that Parish Council includes a piece in next newsletter stating that resident does own some of this land; and Chris Slaven to investigate this issue further with Bradford Council.

2. Golf in Greenwood Park

One of the Parish Councillors stated that there had been reports of youths playing golf in Greenwood Park, which had left holes in the grass. General feeling was that golf was prohibited from park, but there

are no signs stating this. **RESOLVED** that Clerk to contact Parks Department to confirm prohibition of golf in park, and request relevant signage.

3. Request from resident re community chicken coop

A Parish Councillor reported that a local resident has requested to use some local land to keep chickens in order to provide eggs to residents. Agreed that he needs to contact Bradford Council about this issue.

4. Fun-day in Greenwood Park

It was reported that the recent fun-day in Greenwood Park was a great community success and made a lot of money for charity. **RESOLVED** that Clerk request an article and photographs from organisers of event to place in next newsletter.

5. Glass on Cottingley Road

It was noted that there is a lot of glass on the pavement at the top of Cottingley Road near the traffic lights where there was a traffic accident recently. **RESOLVED** that Clerk to contact Bradford Council to request a mechanical sweep to clear the debris, and also to contact Traffic Department regarding developments on proposed traffic calming measures in light of this near fatal accident.

48/11 Ongoing issues

- a) Cricket Club partition: Agreed that Bev Porter and Chair to meet with builder at Cricket Club to discuss necessary work and obtain another quote next Monday;
- b) Musicians and band for Christmas event: Clerk reported that no-one had responded to the invitation to attend the meeting to discuss this issue; agreed to put this on next month's agenda.

49/11 Planning applications

None received.

50/11 Financial matters

RESOLVED that:

- a) The following accounts were approved for payment:
 - 1. Clerk's wages for April;
 - 2. Staples for Clerk's stationery (£61.50);
 - 3. R Nicholson for new gazebo (£440).
- b) Funding request from local student to help finance his volunteer work in Uganda was supported: Clerk to contact him advising him to complete Parish Council small grant form;
- c) Annual Return 2010-2011 approved and signed; Clerk to send to external auditors.

51/11 Confirmation of standing orders and bank mandate

RESOLVED that Parish Council standing orders adopted last year, and bank signatories, to stay unchanged.

52/11 Newsletter issue 8

RESOLVED that the following be included in the next newsletter, due to be printed in June:

- 1. Statement regarding the ownership of the land next to Chellow Dene;
- 2. Photographs of daffodils next to Welcome stones;
- 3. Request for interest and volunteers regarding elderly visiting scheme;

4. Contributions from local groups;
5. Article/photographs from recent fun-day in park;
6. Article from local student outlining his expedition to Uganda;
7. Old photographs of the area.

53/11 Clerk's appraisal

RESOLVED that Clerk's appraisal to take place prior to next Parish Council meeting on Monday 6 June at 7pm; Clerk to send relevant forms to Chair prior to this.

54/11 Minor items and items for next agenda

RESOLVED that:

- a) Next Parish Council meeting be brought forward to Monday 6 June to ensure quorum;
- b) Update of Parish Plan be discussed at next meeting;
- c) Traffic calming update be given at next meeting;
- d) Christmas event be on next agenda.

55/11 To note the date, time and venue of next meeting

- Next Parish Council meeting on Monday 6 June 2011 at Bethel Baptist Church, Sandy Lane, at 7.30pm.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 9.15pm.