

**Minutes of the monthly meeting of Sandy Lane Parish Council held on 19th February
2024 at Bethel Baptist Church, Sandy Lane**

Present:

Councillors Sughra Nazir, Bev Porter (Chair), Geoff Pounds, Sandra Shallcross
Clerk Eve Haskins
In attendance One member of the public was present

Meeting commenced at 6.40pm.

13/24 Co-option of new member

Resolved to co-opt Geoff Pounds onto the Parish Council; he and the Clerk subsequently signed the declaration of acceptance of office.

14/24 Apologies

Apologies received, and the reasons for absence approved, from Councillors Hussain and Ledger.

15/24 Declarations of interest

Councillor Pounds declared an interest in agenda item 21/24/3 as an associate of Bethel Baptist Church: he did not take part in the vote on this item.

16/24 Minutes of previous meetings

Resolved to approve the minutes of the previous meeting held on 15th January 2024 as a true and correct record.

17/24 Public forum

1. Updates from Bethel Baptist Church

The new Community Worker and Music Developer at Bethel Baptist Church reported that she would be involved in setting up community events at the church, such as the upcoming ceillidh, and liaising with various parties, including the local Scouts group etc. She also reported that a beginners' drawing class is now taking place at the church, on Wednesdays at 12.45pm, and a play and learn toddler group weekly; the church will also be working with the local school on 21st March to undertake craft activities for Easter with the children.

18/24 Representation from Ward Officer/Ward Councillors

None present.

19/24 Ongoing issues

1. Crossing island on Prune Park Lane

No response yet received from Bradford Council.

2. Cul-de-sac signs on Grasleigh Avenue and Grasleigh Way

No response yet received from Bradford Council.

20/24 Planning issues

- a) Current planning applications: none received.
- b) Planning decisions by Bradford Council: none received.
- c) Local Development Plan: No updates received.

21/24 Financial matters

1. **Resolved** to approve the following accounts for payment at the meeting:

- a. Bradford Council for salaries for January 2024 (£901.67).
 - b. Clerk's reimbursement for postage and travel (£35.30).
 - c. Gardener for gardening work/defibrillator cleaning (£77.00).
 - d. Society of Local Council Clerks for 50% of annual membership fee (£208.00).
 - e. Bethel Baptist Church for small grant (£200.00).
2. Noted the bank balance as per the last bank statement dated 22nd January 2024: £5,022.93.
 3. **Resolved** to approve the grant application from Bethel Baptist Church for £200.

22/24 Correspondence received

- Emails from YLCA re training, councillor abuse, D-Day commemorations etc.: acknowledged.
- Email from rides company re lack of fun day this year: acknowledged.
- Email from Bradford Council re Council Tax Base Band D equivalent 2024-25 update, which impacts the precept amount for residents to pay (reduction): acknowledged.
- Emails from resident re concerns re flooding pipes at the Cricket Club building: acknowledged, Clerk reported that this problem has now been resolved.
- Email from Bradford Council re consultation on budget proposals for 2024-25: acknowledged.
- Email from Bradford Council re completion of Safety Advisory Group (SAG) form for events held in 2024: acknowledged, notified Bradford Council of Remembrance Day event in November.
- Emails from Bethel Baptist Church re use of community noticeboards and small grant application: acknowledged, see item 21/24/3, agreed that the church can display notices on the Parish Council noticeboards (to liaise with the Clerk).
- Email from Bradford Council re Wilsden Parish Council's Neighbourhood Plan Regulation 16 consultation: acknowledged.
- Email from Bingley Town Council re Neighbourhood Plan Regulation 14 consultation: acknowledged.

23/24 Minor items and items for next agenda

Agreed that the usual business to be included on next agenda.

24/24 To note the date, time and venue of next meeting

Next monthly meeting of the Parish Council due to be held on Monday 11th March 2024 at Bethel Baptist Church at 6.30pm.

There being no further business, the Chair closed the meeting at 7.20pm.