**LOVERSALL PARISH COUNCIL**

**Minutes of Ordinary Meeting**

**11th January 2017, 7.30pm at the WI Hut, Loversall**

**In Attendance:** Councillors:, Spencer Morris, Nigel Tomlinson, Keith Wilson (Chair)

**Apologies:** Councillor: Pat Barbour, Colin Wright

**Clerk to the Council**: Lindsay Wilson

1. **Declaration of Interest in items on the agenda:** None were made by those present.
2. **Minutes of the meeting held on 26.10.16** (previously circulated) were accepted as a true record of that meeting and signed.

**Proposed –** Cllr Morris **Seconded –** Cllr Wilson

1. **Matters arising:**
2. **Friends of St. Katherine’s and the church (Minute 2)** – concern was expressed about the funds accrued by the said charity which would appear to have remained unspent for some years, contrary to rules and guidance of the Charity Commission. The maintenance issues within St Katherines were discussed in relation to the lack of funds available. It was suggested that opportunities for fund-raising for the church could be discussed with Mr M Lee
3. **Traffic Speed Limit through village (Minute 4c) –** Emails have been sent to DMBC concerning the road markings at the junctions of Rakes Lane with Bubup Hill and the farm road by Loversall Nursery and Bubup Hill.
4. **Broadband connectivity in Loversall** **(Minute 4b**) – the Superfast South Yorkshire website originally indicated that fibre broadband would be in place in Loversall by December 2016 and the website confirms only that this is ‘in progress’, but no further information seems to be available from them. Councillors felt that an approach should be made to the local DMBC councillor in an attempt to highlight the problems the villagers experience as a consequence of the lack of broadband speed and the concerns of Councillors that there seems to be no implementation plan available
5. **Finance – Balance shown on Bank Statement at 05.12.16 - £1202.30**
6. **Cheques since July 2016:**

*25.10.16 297 Purchase Asus Laptop (national grant) 267.92*

*25.10.16 298 Purchase HP Printer (national grant ) 56.59*

*26.10.16 299 Clerk’s salary (April-Oct 16) 325.50*

*11.01.17 300 Stamps & Stationery (awaiting signature) 17.35*

1. **Smaller Authorities Transparency Fund Application: –** Councillors were informed that Loversall PC had been successful in its bid for funding and maintenance of a new website, to comply with government guidelines. An amount of £569.50 is to be deposited in the LPC bank account.
2. **Provisional budget for 2017/18:** Councillors consideredthe paper *‘Finance statement 11 January 2017’* previously circulated and noted the following :
* Payments and receipts for the year to date reconciled to the bank balance £1202.30
* forecast for the additional expenditure for the year was £925.00 and forecast income was £569.50.
* The resulting balance available for expenditure was £846.80.

Councillors then considered three budget options, detailed in previously circulated paper *‘Budget options 2017/18 and setting of Precept’.* It was agreed that the budget should be set in accordance with “Option C”

Proposed by Cllr Morris. Seconded by Cllr Tomlinson.

The proposed budget provides for a small increase in the Clerk’s hours (as part of the previously agreed strategy to incrementally increase the hours) and assumes that the cost of website- hosting would be met by the Transparency Grant . If the Grant is not available there are sufficient contingency funds to cover the hosting costs . These budget proposals result in a total funding requirement of £1180.

**Precept setting 2017/2018 –** It was proposed and agreed that the precept should be set using a total funding requirement of £1180, which would result in a Band D tax of £19.69 being a 3.36% increase on the previous year.

 Proposed by Cllr Morris. Seconded by Cllr Tomlinson.

1. **Planning Applications:**
2. *Erection of side and rear extension to Bailiff’s Cottage REF: 16/02631/FUL – 17.10.16* – Granted 14.12.16
3. *Replacement roof to Conservatory Pear Tree Farm REF: 16/02025 – 10.08.16* – Granted 24.11.16
4. *Erection of 2 storey side extension and ground floor rear extension to Ingledale, Tickhill Rd REF: 16/03148/FUL –* ***No objections to be communicated***
5. **Clerk’s Report:**
6. Repeated reports to DMBC of fly-tipping episodes on Hall Balk Lane. Councillors expressed uncertainty as to whether Hall Balk Lane is a public or private road along its entire length and asked the Clerk to enquire. There was also concern over the efficacy of the cost of repeated clearance of fly-tipping versus more active preventive measures.
7. Routine update/briefings received from SY Police and SY Fire and Rescue Authority received – nil of note directly concerning Loversall.
8. **Any Other Business –** Cllr Tomlinson expressed concern at the state of the white wooden fencing on the humpback bridge at the Wadworth end of Bubup Hill. It was agreed that the Clerk would ascertain its status with DMBC

**The next ordinary meeting will be on Wednesday 11 January 2017 at 7.30pm, in the WI Hut.**

The meeting closed at 21.00hrs

Signed: ............................................................. (Chair) Date: ……………………………….