**LOVERSALL PARISH COUNCIL**

**Minutes of Ordinary Meeting**

**26 October 2016, 7.30pm at the WI Hut, Loversall**

**In Attendance:** Councillors: Pat Barbour, Spencer Morris, Keith Wilson (Chair), Colin Wright

**Apologies:** Councillor: Nigel Tomlinson

**Clerk to the Council**: Lindsay Wilson

1. **Declaration of Interest in items on the agenda:** Cllr Wilson declared his interest in the planning application concerning his conservatory roof.
2. **Rev. Alun Price and Rev. Liz (Assistant vicar),** previously invited, were in attendance. Rev Price informed the meeting that St Katherine’s Church is part of the group of three churches with Wadworth and Balby, the financial support from the other two larger and more well attended churches, allowing St Katherine’s to be open and functional – the cost of the security lighting is £600 pa and insurance is £2500 pa, in addition to other running and maintenance costs. The increase in weddings booked, will help to sustain it further by contributing to some of these costs. However, the diocese has advised that thought should be given to alternative ways to promote its’ continuing survival.

Rev Liz expanded on her experiences of small churches becoming a ‘small pilgrim place’ – opening the doors for a few hours once a week and offering a warm welcome and the opportunity of a sense of quiet peace to people passing by, without religious emphasis, to sit and think, look around and pray if they wished. Work would be required to achieve this and the support of the Loversall residents would be needed to ‘church-sit’, provide refreshments and assist with chores and maintenance. Revs Alun and Liz said they would create a leaflet explaining the idea of a small pilgrim place and deliver it to Loversall residents.

A discussion ensued about the maintenance/building work required in the church and the difficulties and costs involved. It was felt that the local group Friends of St Katherine’s could be helpful in meeting these problems, but recognised the existence of some communication problems. Revs Alun and Liz were thanked for their attendance by the councillors and left the meeting at 20.05hrs

1. **Minutes of the meeting held on 13.04.16** (previously circulated) were accepted as a true record of that meeting and signed.

**Proposed –** Cllr Morris **Seconded –** Cllr Wright

1. **Matters arising:**
2. **DMBC Local Plan (Minute 3a)** – ongoing developments – councillors discussed the Carr Lodge development and concluded they had nothing to add. An email from Nicola Ward on 25.10.16 refers to the delay of local plan and gypsies “The Local Plan process has unfortunately been delayed due to the announcement of HS2 and  its proposal to go through Doncaster borough. Its proposed route has an impact on a number of potential sites in the west of the borough and also an existing housing site. As a consequence of that the site assessment process has been delayed and no conclusions are available. Therefore we are aiming to take the Local Plan to Full Council next year. The Council will be contacting parish and town councils very soon as we will be looking to arrange meetings to discuss relevant issues.

Regarding the Gypsy and Traveller Accommodation Need Assessment and the Travelling Show People Accommodation Needs Assessment (both 2016) can be found on the Council’s website([http://www.doncaster.gov.uk/services/planning/evidence-base](http://www.doncaster.gov.uk/services/planning/evidence-base%22%20%5Ct%20%22_blank)). Although these surveys do not need to be updated annually (normally every 5 years), this one will be refreshed early next year.”

1. **Broadband connectivity in Loversall** – the Superfast South Yorkshire website confirms that this is ‘in progress’, but no greater detail seems to be available at this stage. **‘Takeover of common Land (Minute 3a)** – the response from DMBC indicates that the area in question is part of the adopted highway, which can never be claimed as part of the residents property. As the land in question has not actually been enclosed, it is unlikely that any action will be taken.
2. **Traffic Speed Limit through village - Loversall day nursery (Minute 3c)–** Cllr Morris reported that there had been a meeting of the parents of the children attending the nursery which had considered the traffic speed through the village, but little came from this. Councillors felt it would be a positive move to contact DMBC about painting white lines at the junction with Bubup Hill, which causes more problems.
3. **Flood lighting around St Katherine’s Church (Minute 8) –** See item (**2)** above.
4. **Finance**
5. **Cheques since July 2016:**

*13.07.16 294 Repair of seat 507.60*

*15.08.16 295 Payment for internal audit 40.00*

*29.09.16 296 Annual Audit charges 36.00*

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

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

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

1. **External Auditor’s Report –** this has now been completed and the accounts are available for inspection by the public. Cllr Wilson explained that in the past the Parish Council seems not to have declared the value of its assets. However this is required and the assets declared under financial regulations are: the village sign, the seats and the bus shelter and as such, these must be included on the annual return.
2. **Smaller Authorities Transparency Fund Application –** £260 for initial set-up and £10 per month for maintenance (for at least the next 2 years) for a Parish Council Website. The current website (Moonfruit) subscription has expired, councillors agreed to await the funding application decision from the YLCA before pursuing alternative website providers.
3. **Planning Applications:**
4. *Change of use of land from grassed area to form an extension to the existing car park (Day Nursery ) REF: 16/01209/FUL -GRANTED*
5. *Erection of side and rear extension to Bailiff’s Cottage REF: 16/02631/FUL – 17.10.16 - Awaiting decision* –**No comment**
6. *Erection of summerhouse in back garden of Limetree House REF: 16/02545/PD - 11.10.16 – DECIDED – Planning application required* – **No comment**
7. *Replacement roof to Conservatory Pear Tree Farm REF: 16/02025 – 10.08.16 – Awaiting decision* – **No comment**
8. *Display of 3 illuminated and non-illuminated signs Unit 2 Ontario Drive, New Rossington DN11 0BF REF: 16/02521/ADV* – **No comment**
9. **Clerk’s Report:**
10. Local resident, Graham Brown, successfully lobbied DMBC for the re-opening of the footpath between Rakes Lane and Bessacarr after a long-term closure. Well done Graham!
11. Clerk has reported earth-moving equipment using unauthorised routes to IPort down Hall Balk Lane and through Loversall village to DMBC, highlighting the potential dangers to local residents.
12. Repeated reports to DMBC of repeated fly-tipping episodes on Hall Balk Lane. It would appear that the greater the number of reports received from different residents has a greater effect, than the status of the reporter.
13. Contact with DMBC re: impending closure of Woodfield Way for 8 weeks from 24.10.16, overlapping with roadworks on A630 – now postponed until January 2017 as the contractor failed to go through the appropriate channels.
14. Routine update/briefings received from SY Police and SY Fire and Rescue Authority received – nil of note directly concerning Loversall.

**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: ……………………………….