Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held in the Village Hall on Tuesday 20th December 2016 at 7.30pm.

Present:

Concillor D. Cohn, Chair Councillor D. Booth Councillor V. Dancer Councillor A. Slade Councillor S. Wood District Councillor P. Mulligan Margaret Smith, Clerk

130.16 To receive apologies for absence.

Apologies were received from Councillor W. Barron, Councillor S. Berry and Ward Councillor P. Fairbank.

131.16 Recording of Council meetings

The right to record meetings was noted.

132.16 To receive any declaration of interest.

Councillor Wood declared an interest in agenda item 142.16.01 Planning Application for site off Jackson Lane. Councillor Cohn declared an interest in agenda item 151.16 Correspondence from Citizens Advice.

133.16 To approve Minutes of the meeting held on the 15TH November 2016

Proposed by Councillor Booth,

Seconded by Councillor Slade, and

Resolved: That the Minutes of the meeting held on the 15th November 2016 are a true record of proceedings and were signed by the Chair.

134.16 Reports from District and County Councillors

Councillor Mulligan reported that NYCC have a choice of either increasing Council Tax by 2% or 3% over the next two years. This is inadequate for the challenges ahead in social care. Some new homes bonus can be transferred into social care but there will still be a deficit.

There is still £3,500 left in the Localism fund. Patrick will look into signage and will come and support the site visit in January.

Craven DC are raising the garden waste collection to £29.50 this is still less than other areas.

Car parking in Coach St, Skipton will rise to £1.20 in line with the High Street. The demographic prodictions across the District have been toned down reducing the housing needs from 256 to 218, it is uncertain how this will be spread across the district.

Skipton Town Hall roof is being repaired and the cafe should be open by Easter. Questions:

Why is garden waste collection fee going up when it was said to be making money at £26? There had been mistakes first time round and CDC are now playing catch up.

Why is the November web chat not on the website? Cllr Mulligan will ask the question.

It was asked if the verge along Skipton Road could be tidied up? Cllr Mulligan said that CDC would supply items for a litter pick if residents would like to do it themselves. It was thought this would be dangerous on Skipton Road. The Clerk will contact CDC and ask if a clean up could be done.

135.16 Adjournment for Public enquiries.

There were no members of the public present.

136.16 Financial Report.

To approve Financial report and payment schedule for December 2016		
Current Account Balance at 30 th November 2016	£18,667.07	
Deposit Account:	£13,789.27	

Payment Schedule For December 2016

Name	Date	Amount	
M Smith (Dec Salary)	19/12/2016	217.97	
Boundless Broadband	12/12/2016	29.99	DD
HMRC Employers payment	19/12/2016	125.60	
Autela Payroll Ltd	19/12/2016	27.95	
Village Hall ½ yearly grant	19/12/2016	750.00	
Malcolm Baines (Toilet PAC testing)	19/12/2016	465.59	
Playdale (assessment of repairs)	19/12/2016	114.00	
Canal & River Trust wayleave	19/12/2016	0.60	
Viking Direct (Stationary)	19/12/2016	37.15	
Eon (Pavilion electric)	19/12/2016	37.88	DD
	Total	£1,806.73	

Proposed by Cllr Cohn, Seconded by Cllr Wood, and **Resolved:** That the Financial Report and Payment Schedule for December 2016 were approved and passed for payment.

137.16 To approve budget for 2017/2018

Following a discussion it was agreed to include a budget of £900 for Environment Improvements. Proposed by Cllr Cohn, Seconded by Cllr Slade, and **Resolved:** That the budget presented with the inclusion of the new Budget for Environment Improvements, be accepted for 2017/2018

138.16 To approve the Precept for 2017/2018

As there are projects in the pipeline which have yet to be started, i.e., the Village Hall Car Park, possible drainage repairs at the Playing field and Amenities Area, it was agreed that a small increase in the Precept from £16,000 to £16,500 should be approved. Proposed by Cllr. Slade, Seconded by Cllr. Booth, and **Resolved:** That the Precept for 2017/2018 be increased by £500 to £16,500

- **139.16 To receive an update on Localism Neighbourhood Development Plan** The final edited draft Plan should be ready to put to the group and out for consultation in February 2017. It will then be sent to CDC for comment.
- 140.16 To receive an update on the Amenities Car Park Cllr Booth

The papers are now with the Solicitors and the land should be registered very shortly.

141.16 To approve proposed Northern Gas Networks gas pipe easement – Ings Lane Northern Gas are pushing for the easement paperwork but it is agreed we should wait until we have paperwork from Solicitor that land is registered to us.

142.16 To consider any planning applications received.

142.16.01 11/2016/17608 SITE OFF JACKSONS LANE LOW BRADLEY BD20 9EB Outline application for the construction of detached 2 storey private dwelling with garage inc diversion of a public footpath. All matters reserved with the exception of access. **Resolved:** We object to this application as it does not fit in with the village plan which is nearing completion. It goes against what the community laid down in the consultation. It is also felt unsafe with additional traffic on a steep incline. This prominent building would sit on top of a hill and have a detrimental effect on views of the conservation area. If CDC are minded to approve the application we would ask for it to go before the Planning Committee for consideration.

142.16.02 11/2016/17548 FAR BARN HIGH BRADLEY LANE HIGH BRADLEY Removal of part boundary wall to create new vehicular access from Back Lane. **Resolved:** There are no objections to this application.

142.16.03 11/2016/17565 LANGROODS FARM HIGH BRADLEY LANE HIGH BRADLEY Outline application with all matters reserved for the erection of three terraced dwellings.

Resolved: We are against this application for the following reasons and if CDC are minded to approve it, we would ask that if goes before the Planning Committee for consideration.

142.16.04 Recent Planning Applications Approved

11/2016/17482 MEADOWSIDE INGS LANE LOW BRADLEY. Installation of external flue. **Noted**

142.16.05 Recent Planning Applications Refused.

11/2016/17394 12 INGS DRIVE LOW BRADLEY Construction of new single storey one bedroom dwelling.

Noted

143.16 To receive an update on the Village Hall car park and progress made.

As approved at last month's Parish Council meeting, Councillor Barron and Councillor Cohn have approved Paul Waite Associates to carry out the survey of the Village Hall Car Park following receipt of three quotes.

Councillor Berry has organised a man to fill in the pot holes with chippings as agreed.

144.16 To receive an update on repairs to the Playground.

Following the assessment from Playdale, work will commence in the New Year. The playground remains closed following a minor accident.

145.16 To receive an update of 20mph speed limit and A629 signage at the junction of Ings Lane. – CIIr Dancer

Cllr Dancer is in the process of organising a site visit in January for any Councillors wishing to attend. Cllr Mulligan will also attend.

It was felt that a 20mph speed limit in the village was a reasonable request. Some signage could be considered though a chicane was not possible.

The speed camera is thought to be at Cross Hills Police Station. The Clerk will track it down and enquire about a Community speed watch.

146.16 To receive an update on the holly bushes on Green Close – Cllr Slade

Although NYCC have said they will trim the bottom branches and take out the brambles of the holly bushes, nothing appears to have been done as yet. The Clerk will keep a check and report back.

147.16 To receive any update on maintenance of the Playing field drains.

Cllr Berry has asked Sugdens who have done work Silsden to investigate and give us a price for what is required to be done with the drains.

It was also noted that the drain at the end of the pavilion was exposed, the cover having been broken and dislodged. It has been put back and a board put over the drain until a repair can be affected. Richard Webster is indisposed at the moment but will take a look when he is back.

148.16 To receive an update on the proposal to nominate an individual for the playing field bench.– Cllr Dancer

Two nominations have been received and Cllr Booth nominated a third. All are worthy having contributed to life in the village. A decision will be made in the coming months.

149.16 To approve the proposal for a small bush/tree with a plaque in a quiet corner of the Amenities area.

The Council agreed that a suitable shrub and plaque could be placed at the Amenities area but would first like to decide on where it should go. Also the plaque needs to be secure and not one that could easily be pulled out of the ground. Finally the Council would need to approve the wording on the plaque. The Clerk will get in touch with the correspondent.

150.16 To receive an update with regard to the blocked archway under the canal.

Although the Canal & River Trust have taken responsibility for the archway and will clear, no work has been done so far and it has been noted that a large branch has fallen in front of the archway. This needs sorting out before any flooding takes place. The Clerk will contact Canal & River Trust again.

151.16 Correspondence/Complaints and items brought forward by the Chair.

- Citizens Advice have written to request a donation to refurbish their offices in Skipton. Cllr Cohn declared an interest in the following discussion and took no part in the voting.
 - Proposed by Cllr Dancer,
 - Seconded by Cllr Slade, and

Resolved: That £250 be paid to the Citizens Advice for improvements to their offices.

- The historic sign at the amenities area is in need of replacement. Cllr Slade will contact Barry Birch who it is believed has a template.
- Cllr Dancer would like to see a heritage project for the village. This would take the form of a book containing stories from villagers before the information is lost.
- It was suggested the man who Cllr Berry has asked to do the chippings at the Village Hall Car Park could also be asked to spread chippings at the Amenities area car park to fill in the pot holes there.

152.16 To note date of next meeting.

Full Council Meeting Tuesday 17th January 2017 at 7.30pm

There being no other business the meeting closed at 10.00pm