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Minutes of the Extraordinary Meeting of Ripponden Parish Council

Held at The Ripponden Parish Council Office, Central Hall, Ripponden
on Tuesday 14th January 2025 at 7:00pm.

Councillors summoned: *Cllrs A Naylor (Chair), C Johnson (Vice-Chair), G Carter, K Naylor, C Green, J Crossley, A Greenwood, P Hunt, G Potts, G Whitworth, J Matthews, R Thornber.*

	<p>1. Reminder by the Chairman of the expectations for audio or visual recording of the meeting.</p> <p>None.</p>
	<p>2. To receive apologies for absence and lateness.</p> <p>Apologies received from: Councillors Carter and A Naylor.</p> <p>Absent: Councillors Thornber, Matthews and Whitworth.</p>
	<p>3. Public Participation: an opportunity for members of the public to address the Parish Council on any issues concerning them about the Parish.</p> <p>None.</p>
	<p>4. To welcome Derek Benn to the meeting and invite him to give an overview of his role to the Council.</p> <p>Mr Benn gave an overview to the Council about his two roles at CMBC: as the Head of the Community Protection Team and as the Manager of the Community Safety Partnership within the Public Services Directorate. He explained that his roles cover anti-social behaviour, enforcement, and environmental protection, and where his department sits within the wider framework of Calderdale Council.</p>
24/25 – 19401	<p>5. To receive an update on the progress of the Calderdale Gateway Plan.</p> <p>Councillor Potts asked after the status of the Calderdale Gateway Plan that covers the area of the parish on the border with Greater Manchester. Mr Benn explained the various issues that had arisen over potential sign placements by entryways, though a good working relationship has developed with Yorkshire Water. Mr Benn said the Spring Clean Up last year had been a success, and he is committed to working with volunteer and community groups to improve environmental blight.</p> <p>Mr Benn also explained there have been changes in the fly-tipping reporting and response procedures, and how pictures of fly-tipping are extremely beneficial with reports.</p> <p>Resolved: <i>to exclude Press and Public.</i></p>

24/25 - 19402	<p>Resolved: to re-admit Press and Public.</p>
<p>24/25 - 19403</p> <p>24/25 - 19404</p>	<p>6. To discuss the illegal burning on land on Oldham Road, adjacent to the entrance of Shaw Lane, Rishworth.</p> <p>Councillor Potts asked about burning on land. Mr Benn explained that reports of unsafe burning can be sent to the community safety email address.</p> <p>Resolved: to exclude Press and Public.</p> <p>Resolved: to re-admit Press and Public.</p>
<p>24/25 - 19405</p> <p>24/25 - 19406</p>	<p>7. To discuss the illegal burning on Halifax Road, on the land adjacent to Kebroyd houses.</p> <p>Mr Benn explained that residents needed to report the incidents, and that the next time it occurred, the Parish Council should send notice directly to him for a bespoke response.</p> <p>Resolved: to exclude Press and Public.</p> <p>Resolved: to re-admit Press and Public.</p>
<p>24/25 - 19407</p> <p>24/25 - 19408</p>	<p>8. To discuss the on-going issues over Reservoir Road, Soyland.</p> <p>Councillor K Naylor reported on the situation with the right of way on Reservoir Road.</p> <p>Resolved: to exclude Press and Public.</p> <p>Resolved: to re-admit Press and Public.</p> <p>Mr Benn asked Councillor K Naylor to email him about the matter, that these issues could be reported to SCG, and that the Parish Council could consider prioritising particular issues to bring to those meetings.</p>
	<p>9. To discuss the removal of numerous waste bins in the Parish.</p> <p>Councillor Johnson explained that litter bins have been disappearing across the Rishworth area of the parish, and Councillor Crossley explained there are now no litter bins on Rochdale Road between Ripponden centre and Baitings Dam.</p> <p>Mr Benn explained that Calderdale Council are conducting a review of litter bins to ensure there are litter bins in the right place. Councillors asked whether an explanation of the bin review strategy would be possible, and whether a map of litter bins in the parish could be obtained.</p> <p>Mr Benn said he was unable to supply a list of the bins.</p>
	<p>10. To discuss the Electronic Sign on Oldham Road and its lack of use.</p> <p>Councillor Crossley explained that the electronic sign on Oldham Road is never on. A discussion was had over the ownership and operation of the sign. Mr Benn said he will follow the matter up.</p>
	<p>11. To discuss the security measures and lack of at Mill Fold Park.</p> <p>Councillor K Naylor explained that the lego bricks that blocked the entrance points to the park had been removed for Children's Day and never replaced.</p> <p>Mr Benn advised that the Parish Council contact Ryburn ward councillors to expedite the matter.</p>

	<p>12. To discuss the graffiti at Millfold and the Bus Turning Circle.</p> <p>Councillor Crossley reported that there is offensive graffiti on the wall by Mill Fold. Mr Benn will follow it up.</p>
<p>24/25 – 19409</p> <p>24/25 - 19410</p>	<p>13. Any other business.</p> <p>Councillor Green reported that the marking at the top of Elland Road on the junction with Halifax Road have faded. He has reported this several times, but nothing has happened. Again, he has reported overhanging trees and undergrowth on Halifax Road that impedes pavement access to no effect. Mr Benn reported that Calderdale Council continually checks roads for overhanging vegetation, so if the overgrowth is still present, it will not have been classed as a removal priority.</p> <p>Mr Benn suggested that a Day of Action might be a good way to tackle a range of issues across the parish.</p> <p>Mr Benn also said that he would be happy for the new Parish Clerk to spend a morning with his team to develop an understanding of how they work, and that it could also be possible for the new clerk to be granted access to Calderdale’s reporting system as a local authority employee. Councillor Greenwood strongly supported this idea and said a similar scheme works in North Yorkshire between town and parish councils and their principal authorities.</p> <p>Councillor Crossley mentioned the painting of Pretoria Bridge, and how the job had seemingly stalled.</p> <p>Councillor Potts spoke about shipping containers in the parish.</p> <p>Resolved: to exclude Press and Public.</p> <p>Resolved: to re-admit Press and Public.</p> <p>Councillor Johnson reported that few people in the parish know who the local PCSO, but more importantly, our PC or Sergeant, is now, and that this was unsatisfactory. There has also been a suggestion that the Old Library could act as a Police Hub, an idea all the parish councillors support.</p> <p>Councillor Johnson thanked Mr Benn for giving up his Tuesday evening to come and speak with parish councillors, and that his attendance at the meeting was greatly appreciated.</p>
	<p>The meeting ended at: 20: 58h</p>