

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held 11 December 2018.

Present; Councillors; Chalkley, Ripley, Barnsley, Bennett, Gordon, Hewitt, Kimbley and Robinson.

Clerk to the Council; Barry Riley

In attendance; District Councillors; Cummings and Heptinstall.
1 Police Officer.

12/790 Report from W.Y. Police Officers working on Crofton Safe Scheme

PS Jackson, presented the Safe Scheme report for December 2018.

It was noted that there had been a number of burglaries in the report as well as numerous incidents of anti social behaviour. Members were informed that the Youth Club had secured funding to provide boxing to hopefully install discipline and improve behaviour of the youths.

Cllr Cummings commented on a White Transit van seen in both Crofton and Walton calling at properties in the early hours of the morning to deliver goods, PS Jackson noted the comment.

Cllr Bennett asked if PS Jackson was aware of damage caused to several cars on Pinfold Drive, he was not, but was aware of reports of a number of cars with flat tyres and alarms being activated. It was thought a gang was involved in the incidents.

Cllr Barnsley had noted a car travelling in excess of 60mph during midday in the village, he was unable to ascertain the registration plate due to its speed, PS Jackson duly noted the comment.

12/791 Wakefield MDC District Councillors Report

Councillor Cummings provided information to enquiries previously made;

Following an inspection on the condition of the footpath on Weeland Road (see minute 11/772), the surface was to be treated.

The drains on Church Road/Harrison Road had been dealt with and a 'litter pick' conducted.

The request for parking restrictions at Shay Lane/Harrison Road which was on the list of works identified by WMDC Highways, was not considered a priority and would therefore not be done, Cllr Bennett requested that District Councillors submit a complaint as it may have some effect on getting the decision changed.

Following the concern regarding the condition of the footpath by the Spar Store on Ashdene Drive (see minute 11/786), the Clerk had contacted Cllr Cummings to establish ownership. It was confirmed that it was in private ownership, given the reluctance by WMDC to carry out work on private land, Cllr Chalkley suggested that the matter be reported to the Health & Safety Executive (HSE), for action to be taken. Since the last meeting reports of fly tipping on Santingley Lane had been reported and dealt with, however there had been further incidents thought to be caused by tradesmen leaving building waste.

It had been noted that a number of trees had been removed from Kendal Drive, these would be replaced, but the programme of work had resulted in spare Cherry Trees being available, following discussion it was agreed that they should be planted by the Sports Pavillion.

Following a request made in October, Cllr Kimbley asked for the gullies to be

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cleansed on either side of the entrance of Hare Park Lane.

Cllr Bennett asked for Parking Officers to be deployed again on Slack Lane, previous patrols had resulted in the area by the Junior School, being kept clear, however the problem was developing again.

Cllr Bennett informed members of his concerns about the use of s106 money within the Wakefield District 20 mph Policy report that was discussed at the last meeting of the Town and Parish Councils' Liaison Group.

Cllr Ripley had been informed that the bins outside the Post Office had not been emptied for the previous two weeks, Cllr Cummings duly noted the comment.

Cllr Ripley also asked for the legislation applied for the treating of the Japanese Knotweed (minute 11/772), and the name of the contractor who dealt with it.

Cllr Chalkley asked if Cllr Cummings could provide information on what was taking place to the rear of the Crofton Arms public house, there had been a number of caravans and earth moving equipment placed there.

Members were still awaiting an update from WMDC concerning the s106 money promised to the Parish Council, Cllr Heptinstall duly noted the comment and would seek further information.

12/792 Public Participation session

No members of the public were in attendance.

12/793 Apologies for absence

District Councillor; Manifold.

Councillor; Schofield.

12/794 Declarations of Interest

None declared.

12/795 Minutes of the previous meeting

The minutes of the previous meeting held on 13 November 2018, were signed as a true record by the Chairman.

12/796 Matters arising from previous minutes

No matters arising.

12/797 Community Facilities

Report Parish Centre

Cllr Bennett reported that;

Further progress had been made regarding a new Parish Centre, with a proposed internal layout having been decided upon at the discussion group meeting recently held. The Architect would now be requested to produce detailed drawings showing all elevations. An invoice for his services provided to date would be requested.

Report Village Association

Cllr Bennett reported that;

A general meeting of the CVA had taken place the previous week with a number of topics discussed, a meeting to discuss the rules and constitution would be arranged in due course.

Cllr Kimbley again stated he was not receiving the required notice from PHS to access the building (minute 11/778), it was suggested that in future he not allow

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access to ensure the requirement was adhered to. Cllr Kimbley also stated that the fuse for the biozones supplied by PHS was ‘tripping’, the Clerk would report the matter to them.

Cllr Kimbley having received permission from WMDC to build a fence to the side of the pavillion (to deter vehicles from driving on the grassed area), would obtain a quote for the works.

Report Allotments

The Clerk confirmed that letters had been sent to those allotment tenants in breach of the Policy (see minute 11/778).

Following discussion it was agreed that the allotment charges for next year would remain the same and the date for collection would be 19 January from 10.00am

Report Parish Cemetery

Nothing to report.

Report Website

Cllr Gordon reported that;

The site would be going live by the end of the week.

12/798 Traffic issues

Nothing to report.

12/799 Constable & Pinders Charity

Nothing to report.

12/800 Cleansing/Environment

Nothing to report.

12/801 Planning Notifications

Members duly noted the applications and decisions received.

12/802 Financial matters

Members were in agreement with the content of the monthly payments and receipts and bank reconciliation report for appropriate governance.

The Clerk informed members of the invoices for payment for the month of December 2018;

Resolved: that the following be approved and passed for payment:

| <u>Cheque Number;</u> | <u>Payee;</u> | <u>Details;</u> | <u>£</u> |
|-----------------------|----------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| 102775 | Falon | Namplates | 161.16 |
| BACS | YWater | Parish Centre | 30.45 |
| BACS | YWater | HP Allotments | 628.86 |
| BACS | YWater | Pavillion | 131.01 |
| BACS | Mexbgh Estates | Xmas Tree | 120.00 |
| BACS | Timpson | Keys | 12.00 |
| BACS | Asda | Goods | 46.21 |
| BACS | Mayfair | Battery Alarm | 42.00 |
| Total | | | £1171.69 |

12/803 Consider and discuss correspondence received

No correspondence received.

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12/804 HS2

The recent meeting of the HS2 discussion group had resulted in a number of issues being raised.

With regard to the invitation received in October inviting the Parish Council to take part in consultations on the working draft Environmental Statement and working draft Equality Impact Assessment Report for Phase 2b (the section of the HS2 route from Crewe to Manchester and West Midlands to Leeds), a response had been prepared. Members were asked if they wished to add any further comments prior to the final draft being sent to the Clerk to submit to HS2 on behalf of the Parish Council. The Clerk was also asked to send a copy of the response to Jon Trickett MP.

12/805 Parish matters

Discussion took place regarding the supply of hanging baskets for next year and the use of a private contractor. Having been supplied with information from the Clerk concerning the number of lampposts which were allowed and which were not and the requirements demanded by WMDC going forward, it was agreed that the Clerk would contact WMDC to ascertain if they provided the service.

Cllr Barnsley informed members that he had attended an event featuring the Crofton Silver Band who had acknowledged the financial contribution received from the Parish Council.

It was also noted that All Saints Church had also thanked the Parish Council for the grant they had received.

Following comments made about the safety of residents attending the Remembrance Sunday event (see minute 11/876), Cllr Chalkley offered comment that it could be held elsewhere in the village.

12/806 Date of next meeting

Resolved; that the next meeting of the Parish Council would be held on Tuesday 08 January 2019 at 7pm in Crofton Parish Centre, High Street, Crofton.

12/807 Members of the public and press were to leave before agenda no.19

It was agreed

12/808 Matters to be discussed at the exclusion of the public and press

A complaint had been received concerning the Clerk.

Signed
Chairman Crofton Parish Council

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