

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held 09 October 2018.

Present; Councillors; Chalkley, Ripley, Bennett, Gordon, Hampshire, Hewitt, Kimbley, Robinson and Schofield.
Clerk to the Council; Barry Riley

In attendance; 5 members of the public.
District Councillor; Manifold.

10/752 Report from W.Y.Police Officers working on Crofton Safe Scheme

No Police were in attendance.

Members noted the lack of attendance by the Police at recent meetings, further comment was made about the difficulty in contacting them.

Members were also informed that a new Police Inspector (Martin Mozier), had been appointed for the area, he would be asked to attend a meeting.

10/753 Wakefield MDC District Councillors Report

Cllr Manifold gave an update on matters discussed at previous meetings in particular; The Buddleia bush at 10 Thorntree Avenue had now been cut.

The cycle track on the Sidings would have additional signage introduced to deter cyclists speeding on the track.

The next area to have a litter pick would be by the Community Centre.

WMDC Street Scene had investigated the Japanese Knotweed growing on sections of Doncaster Road, but considered it not to be invasive as it was not near any housing, the area would be sprayed as a precaution.

Cllr Manifold was asked for updates on the following;

The report of Hogweed made at the previous meeting.

The growth of Knotweed on the edge of the Sidings to the rear of nearby properties, previously reported to WMDC.

The cast iron pipe repair on the Sidings (see minute 06/695).

The s106 money to be spent in the village.

The traffic calming investigation carried out on the Ashdene area.

The investigation by WMDC Highways to footpath repairs on Slack Lane

Cllr Manifold was asked to report the following;

The blocked watercourse at Harrison Road/Lodge Lane.

A blocked gully on Hare Park Lane.

A replacement bin for the one removed near Rectory Crescent.

Cllr Ripley asked for Cllr Manifold to arrange a meeting with WMDC Acting Service Director for Highways, Graham West, following receipt of his response (see minute 09/739). He was also asked to obtain details of accidents for the last five years within the Crofton area in order to identify any trend.

Cllr Chalkley would inform the Police of instances of bottle throwing by youths by the entrance to the Sidings.

10/754 Public Participation session

A resident informed members he regularly collected rubbish within the village and had noted an increase around the shops at Slack Lane, he was thanked for his community spirit.

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In response to comments concerning a lack of a Police presence in the village (minute 10/752), he stated that he regularly saw the PCSO active in the village.

The same resident also enquired if and when the Dog Warden was due in the village, Cllr Manfield would ascertain the information.

Residents involved with the use of the Sidings Sports facilities, enquired when the last meeting of the CVA was held and the last AGM, as they wanted to ascertain when pitch fees were discussed. Following discussion it was agreed that a meeting with the CVA and Crofton Juniors would take place to be followed by an AGM.

10/755 Apologies for absence

District Councillors; Cummings and Heptinstall.
Councillor; Barnsley.

10/756 Declarations of Interest

None declared.

10/757 Minutes of the previous meeting

The minutes of the previous meeting held on 11 September 2018, were signed as a true record by the Chairman.

10/758 Matters arising from previous minutes

Following information provided by Cllr Robinson (see minute 09/739), members agreed that the CVA pay what was owed to the Parish Council up to the financial year ending 2017 – 18.

10/759 Community Facilities

Report Parish Centre

Cllr Bennett informed members that a response had been received from the WMDC Planning Officer following information sent to him (see minute 09/739). He had made a number of suggestions in terms of the proposed location and building dimensions. Regard would need to be given for the impact on the adjacent dwellings. He considered it may be possible to attain the required floor area by making the building shorter and wider across the site and that a single storey would be the preferable option, a design and access statement would also be required.

He considered that 4 spaces should be sufficient for the size and use of the building and that the design for these and the access, should adhere to the WMDC Street Design Guide.

Report Village Association

Having read the documentation received from the Sheffield & Hallamshire FA about pitch improvement work at the Sidings, the Clerk advised that rather than receiving funding to improve the pitches it was more likely to be advice.

In response to comments made under agenda item 10/754, it was agreed to review the existing constitution and rules, this would take place on Sunday 04 November at 6.30pm.

Report Allotments

Members would review the action to be taken following the issue of the reminder letter.

Members discussed the response received from Yorkshire Water (minute 04/657 April 18), confirming receipt of the payment on account of £700 and that they had inspected

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the meter but no leak was apparent, but consumption is still showing there is a leak on site. Cllr Hewitt disputed that an inspection had been carried out but also that the leak was on the coupling which must have occurred when the meter was replaced. The Clerk would seek clarification of when the inspection took place and reiterate who was responsible for the leak.

Report Parish Cemetery

Nothing to report.

Report Website

Cllr Gordon reported that he had sent members a link to the web site and confirmed it was due to go live imminently. He would arrange with the Clerk the items that would need to be published.

10/760 Traffic issues

See minute 10/753.concerning safety proposals for Doncaster Road/Oakenshaw Lane.

10/761 Constable & Pinders Charity

The Clerk reported that he had now received bank statements for the Charity itemising payments received from HS2

Following distribution to members of the formal agreement for the lease of the land to Metcalfe Farms, it was agreed that Trustee Angela Chalkley, would issue it for signing and request the payment.

10/762 Cleansing/Environment

Nothing to report.

10/763 Planning Notifications

Members duly noted the applications and decisions received.

10/764 Financial matters

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

The Clerk provided members with a list of invoices for payment for the month of October 2018;

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

<u>Cheque Number;</u>	<u>Payee;</u>	<u>Details;</u>	<u>£</u>
102768	Falon	Nameplate	161.16
102769	Crofton SB	Uniforms	1000.00
102770	All Saints Ch	Grant	1750.00
BACS	PWLB	Loan	2726.72
BACS	HMRC	Income Tax	302.61
Total			£5940.49

Members duly noted the content of the quarterly accounts which had been issued at the meeting.

10/765 Consider and discuss correspondence received

Members noted the content of the information received.

The Clerk informed members that he had received an e-mail from Hatch Communications of London, on behalf of property developer, Harron Homes, who

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wanted to discuss any opportunities for them to support the council by sponsoring the Christmas Light Switch on or any other initiative related to the event, the Clerk was asked to engage with them to progress the enquiry.

Cllr Chakley informed members the Xmas Lights switch on would be 04 December.

10/766 HS2

Cllr Bennett informed members that he had received a draft Environmental Policy from HS2, who had also enquired if the Parish Council wished to have a meeting about it prior to it being published, it was agreed to do so.

10/767 Parish matters

Cllr Hewitt commented on work being carried out at Crofton Academy by a contractor who was leaving the Hare Park entrance gate open.

Cllr Schofield asked members to consider who would be leading the Remembrance Service in the absence of the Vicar due to illness.

Cllr Bennett asked the Clerk if any information had been obtained about a donation to the mining museum (see minute 07/728). Following information given by the Clerk, it was agreed to discuss this at the next Parish Council meeting.

Cllr Chalkley informed members that the Youth Club had achieved second place in a competition for 'Love where you Live'.

10/768 Date of next meeting

Resolved; that the next meeting of the Parish Council would be held on Tuesday 13 November 2018 at 7pm in Crofton Parish Centre, High Street, Crofton.

10/769 Members of the public and press were to leave before agenda no.19

It was agreed.

10/770 Matters to be discussed at the exclusion of the public and press

Nothing to discuss.

Signed
Chairman Crofton Parish Council

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