

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held 12 March 2019.

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

In attendance; 6 members of the public.
District Councillor; Manifold.

03/847 Report from W.Y.Police Officers working on Crofton Safe Scheme

The Safe Scheme report for March was circulated to members who duly noted the content.

03/848 Wakefield MDC District Councillors Report

District Councillor Manifold gave an update on matters discussed at previous meetings in particular;

With regard to Cllr Ripley's request for the EU guidance for the treatment of Hogweed/Knotweed (minute 02/829), he was informed there was no official documentary procedure being followed, however WMDC Operatives were competent in dealing with such matters. Cllr Barnsley commented that he was aware of someone whose studies included the subject of Japanese Knotweed and suggested that if required a presentation could be given about the matter.

Confirmation had been received from WMDC Officer Andy Higham, that the attenuation ponds were now working efficiently.

The next PACT meeting was on the 20 March at 7pm.

It had been noted that there was an increase in anti social behaviour involving youths, but also of note was that many youths responsible for such behaviour were from outside the village, it was suggested that an increased Police presence was needed to combat this. Cllr Hewitt commented that the problems with youths had been ongoing for a long time and were not getting solved.

Cllr Gordon had contacted the Clerk to report that someone had disposed of a couch in the Charlston fields (at the Slack Lane-Doncaster Road junction) in the irrigation ditch. It had been reported to WMDC Customer Services who had sent an auto response stating they would provide a full response to the enquiry within a maximum of ten working days, however no action had been taken and no response received. Cllr Manifold was asked to enquire why no response or action had taken place.

Cllr Manifold was also asked to confirm when road markings and appropriate yellow lines would be introduced on Slack Lane (see minute 03/855).

03/849 Public Participation session

A resident commented that he had attended at the Parish Centre for a District Councillor Surgery but no one was in attendance.

The resident raised his concern about the cost to the Parish Council of the grass cutting at the Sidings playing fields charged by WMDC. It was suggested that the Parish Council should purchase the land and appoint another contractor, but comment was made that it would be too expensive to do so.

Further to the formation of an action group (see minute 02/830), members were provided with more information about their aspirations.

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Following the information provided by the resident on Climate Change (see minute 02/830), a poster had been designed to promote the initiative and a petition produced for members to give their support. Cllr Manifold would contact WMDC to ascertain what their stance was concerning Climate Change.

A resident wanted to know how the two hour restriction on the Parish Council car park was being applied.

Cllr Manifold duly noted the comment made by a resident concerning the condition of the playground on the Sidings which was the responsibility of WMDC.

03/850 Apologies for absence

District Councillors; Cummings and Heptinstall.
Councillor; Bennett.

03/851 Declarations of Interest

None declared.

03/852 Minutes of the previous meeting

The minutes of the previous meeting were signed as a true record by the Chairman.

03/853 Matters arising from previous minutes

No matters arising.

03/854 Community Facilities

Report Parish Centre

Cllr Chalkley reported that;

A decision had been made confirming the size and shape of the building.

Comment was made that there was likely to be asbestos in the existing building, this would need to be clarified.

A date was to be arranged for the public to view the drawings.

Report Village Association

Members agreed that an estimate was required to enable further discussions to take place regarding the renewal of the lights at the Pavilion.

Report Allotments

The Clerk was asked if a letter had been sent to allotment tenant 48 at Hare Park (see minutes 11/778, 12/797 and 02/835), as no action had been taken. The Clerk confirmed that one had been sent, following discussion it was agreed to send another final letter stating that legal action would have to be considered to resolve the problem.

Report Parish Cemetery

Following discussion it was agreed to maintain the charges for residents at the existing rates.

The Clerk would provide members with figures covering the last three years showing income received against expenditure, to enable members to decide that the rates charged to residents was appropriate.

Report Website

Cllr Gordon reported that;

Further to the minutes of the February meeting, he had requested tracking statistics from Google Analytics to monitor site traffic and views. The statistics were encouraging and would hopefully quickly increase as usage, awareness and

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functionality develop further.

It was suggested that space be provided for local business to advertise, Cllr Gordon noted the comment.

03/855 Traffic issues

Cllr Hampshire commented that following the resurfacing of Slack Lane there appeared to be less speed bumps, however it was reported that this was not the case.

03/856 Constable & Pinders Charity

Cllr Chalkley informed members that Metcalfe Farms had now paid the rent for the land and signed the formal agreement (see minute 09/740).

Following the agreement to hold an AGM for the Charity (minute 07/772), there was no further need for the Charity to appear as an agenda item.

03/857 Cleansing/Environment

Nothing to report.

03/858 Planning Notifications

Members duly noted the applications and decisions received.

With regard to the application for the erection of an animal shelter on Weeland Road (which had been allocated in error to the Sharlston Parish), although members did not wish to object, the Clerk was requested to seek clarification on a number of questions concerning the site.

03/859 Financial matters

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

The Clerk requested that the Chair reconcile the balances on the monthly payments and receipts with the bank statement for internal control purposes.

The Clerk provided members with a list of invoices for payment for the month of March 2019;

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

<u>Cheque Number;</u>	<u>Payee;</u>	<u>Details;</u>	<u>£</u>
102780	Fisco	Ironmongery	24.13
102781	R.Toomes	Plumbing	74.46
102782	WMDC	Grounds Matn	2316.89
BACS	Booker	Cleaning Matrls	41.20
Total £			2456.88

Having considered the request to provide financial support for the Crofton Fun Day, members agreed to provide funding of £500.

03/860 Consider and discuss correspondence received

Members noted the content of the information received, in particular

Note 2; the Clerk expressed his concern at receiving such a letter from the West Yorkshire PCC Revenues Dept, for a matter that had been previously discussed.

03/861 HS2

Nothing discussed.

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03/862 Parish matters

Cllrs; Kimbley and Ripley agreed to attend the meeting with Plantscape regarding Hanging Basket provision.

Comment was made about the increasing use of drugs in the village and that the Police seemed unable to control it.

03/863 Date of next meeting

Resolved; that the next meeting of the Parish Council would be held on Tuesday 09 April 2019 at 7pm in Crofton Parish Centre, High Street, Crofton.

03/864 Members of the public and press were to leave before agenda no.19

It was agreed

03/865 Matters to be discussed at the exclusion of the public and press

Nothing discussed.

Signed
Chairman Crofton Parish Council

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