

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held 11 June 2019.

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

In attendance; 2 members of the public.
District Councillors; Cummings and Heptinstall..
2 Police Officers.

06/908 Report from W.Y.Police Officers working on Crofton Safe Scheme

The Safe Scheme report for June was circulated to members.

The number of incidents in the report was low in comparison to previous months, however this was because incidents were not being reported, this was in part due to the inefficiency of the 101 phone line. Members were encouraged to report any incidents using the online reporting system, however not everyone was able to use the system as they did not have internet access.

Cllr Hampshire commented that eleven officers had attended an incident involving children whilst at the Sidings, this seemed an overreaction to the situation, however members were informed that the reason for the number of officers attending was due to the incident being mis-reported.

The Police were asked to take action on the following matters;

Children were skateboarding off the roof of the Sports Pavilion and dancing on the storage units, usually when School had finished.

A type of motorised bike was travelling throughout the village at high speeds.

Vehicles parking at the junction of Shay Lane/Thorntree Avenue obscuring motorists view of the road.

A camper van parking on the grass verge at the junction of Shay Lane/Harrison Road.

06/909 Wakefield MDC District Councillors Report

Cllr Cummings gave an update on matters discussed at the previous meeting and those raised by members of the public.

Following comments made about Highway and Traffic concerns (see minute 05/891),

Cllr Cummings requested dates for members to attend a meeting with WMDC

Officers, it was agreed that this could be Monday or Tuesday of the following week.

An answer would be sought on why the condition of Manor Road, which should have been repaired a while ago, had not taken place, the road surface had now collapsed which would result in even more money being spent to be repair it.

With regard to the road surface of Ashdene Crescent (see minute 05/890), it had been inspected and would be included in the patching programme of works.

Enforcement Officers had been in regular attendance following the report last month, of cars parking on Yellow lines whilst using the shops on High Street. Members were informed that such matters could be reported to rberry@wakefield.gov.uk.

Members were made aware that extensive damage had been caused to the playground on the Sidings.

With regard to the flooding occurring on the Sidings (minute 04/867), there were no underground water pipes, whilst this would be causing problems it would not have a significant impact, it was thought that it was due to more natural reasons.

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Whilst attending the Community Cafe morning, Cllr Cummings was made aware of the condition of the road on the Manorfields, this had been reported.

Cllr Ripley stated that the spending of any of the s106 money available to the Parish Council (which was reported at the previous meeting), should have had the approval of the Parish Council, Cllr Cummings duly noted the requirement.

A resident in attendance considered that grass cutting around the village was not being carried out, further comment was made that the grass that had been cut at Springhill Avenue /Mount had been badly done.

Cllr Kimbley asked for action to be taken to reduce the size of the hedges at properties on Shay Lane near to Sidings entrance heading towards Walton, it was not known if the properties were privately owned or the responsibility of WDH.

Cllr Hampshire stated that the bin to be placed at footpath Number 9 Priory Ridge that had been requested several months ago had still not been actioned. Also the bushes between the hedge and the gate had grown which had resulted in the gate being used, but it had now been cut back so that the gap was being used instead of the gate.

The footpath on Pontefract Road leading to the garden centre was overgrown.

Previous requests to reduce the knotweed on the Sidings to the rear of Holly Close, had still not been dealt with.

Cllr Cummings duly noted all the comments and requests adding that the footpath on Pontefract Road had already been reported.

06/910 Public Participation session

Nothing to report.

06/911 Apologies for absence

District Councillor; Manifold.

Councillors; Barnsley and Gordon.

06/912 Declarations of Interest

None declared.

06/913 Minutes of the previous meeting

The minutes of the previous meeting were subject to change.

06/914 Matters arising from previous minutes

Cllr Bennett informed members that he had not received any further contact regarding the hire of the Parish Centre (see minute 05/903).

06/915 Community Facilities

Report Parish Centre

Cllr Bennett reported that;

A paving flag leading to the entrance had been broken, he was informed that arrangements had been made to replace it.

Cllr Ripley had held discussions with the Architect, a plan was to be prepared for members to approve prior to submission to WMDC Planning, Members were also informed that the likely cost of the build would be £250,000,

Report Village Association

Cllr Bennett provided information on the CVA Accounts which had been distributed to members. The Clerk also provided a CVA Utilities statement, Cllr Bennett when

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asked, stated he would arrange a payment to the Parish Council in due course. With regard to previous discussions concerning the renewal of the lighting at the Pavilion, it was agreed that matters be progressed.

Report Allotments

Cllr Hewitt reported that;

Information had been received that fires were occurring on the Hare Park allotment site, members were informed that the Allotment Policy contained rules concerning when they were permitted

Report Parish Cemetery

Cllr Ripley reported that;

He had been contacted by District Cllr Manifold about an organisation that carried out work in local areas (known as a Community Day), for which there would be no charge. Following discussion, members were in agreement for work to be carried out in the cemetery grounds, they would meet on Friday at 2pm to agree on what work would be done.

Cllr Chalkley informed members that he had received a complaint from a resident about the condition of the grounds, members were not in agreement with the complainant.

Report Website

The Clerk reported that Cllr Gordon had made contact with the Facebook page to look at ways of collaborating and increasing engagement with the site.

06/916 Traffic issues

Given the number of comments made in meetings concerning speeding vehicles and problems on the road, Cllr Hampshire suggested that CCTV cameras be introduced, he was informed that previous attempts to have these introduced within Crofton had been met with resistance from WMDC, it was financially restrictive for the Parish Council to introduce them.

06/917 Cleansing/Environment

Nothing to report.

06/918 Planning Notifications

Members duly noted the applications and decisions received.

06/919 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 June 2019;

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

<u>Cheque</u>	<u>Payee;</u>	<u>Details;</u>	<u>£</u>
BACS	Booker	Cleaning Matls	40.22
BACS	Post Office	Stamps	6.24
102794	R.Hampshire	Windows	18.00
102795	F.Ioyce	Fencing	415.80

Total £ 480.26

It was agreed that the Financial Risk Management Plan prepared by the Clerk,

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required further discussion before being approved, it would be added to next month's agenda.

Cllr Hampshire had attended a training course for Parish Councillors, he found it quite informative and suggested that the Parish Council have a budget for Councillor training, this would be discussed at the next budget meeting.

06/920 Consider and discuss correspondence received

Members noted the content of the information received.

06/921 HS2

The contact had changed, it was agreed to arrange a meeting with the new contact, Cllr Bennett requested dates from members to enable this.

06/922 Parish matters

Following discussion, members would arrange to meet at the Sidings to review the current condition of the building and the surrounding grounds, it was agreed to do so the following day at 6pm.

Following comments made about the safety of residents attending the Remembrance Sunday event (see minute 12/805), it was suggested that it could be held on the grassed area by the Parish Council car park. The introduction of a hard standing area could be introduced, the memorial stone could also be moved there and if a "Tommy" was purchased (a quote would be obtained), it could also be erected there.

The bench outside the Surgery was in need of repair, arrangements were made to expedite this.

06/923 Date of next meeting

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

06/924 Members of the public and press were to leave before agenda no.19

It was agreed

06/925 Matters to be discussed at the exclusion of the public and press

Agreement was reached on what the s106 money due from WMDC could be spent on. Cllr Ripley explained why the content of the CVA meeting regarding S106 money should not be added to the April minutes.

Cllr Hampshire added that the content of the minutes was in excess of those prescribed by the YLCA.

The September meeting would be held on the third Tuesday 17 September.

Signed
Chairman Crofton Parish Council

Date.....