

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held 17 September 2019.

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

In attendance; 1 member of the public.
District Councillors; Cummings and Heptinstall.

09/944 Report from W.Y. Police Officers working on Crofton Safe Scheme

The Safe Scheme report for August/September was circulated to members. Comment was made about youths starting fires in the woods by the Community Centre and also near the bridge on Hare Park Lane, District Councillors would report this to the Police.

09/945 Wakefield MDC District Councillors Report

Cllr Cummings gave an update on matters discussed at previous meetings in particular;

The damaged barrier and waster bin on footpath Number 9 Priory Ridge see minute 06/909), had been dealt with, however Cllr Hampshire stated that the waste bin had not been replaced.

Following a visit by the Police to the resident who was parking vehicles on the footpaths at Springhill Drive/Pinfold Drive (see minute 04/868), the vehicles had now been removed, however comment was made that the situation had not been totally resolved,

Following the comments made by a resident (see minute 05/891), a response had been received from WMDC Highway Engineer Andrew Skelton stating that based on the current data there was no justification for changing the road layout. Members were displeased with the response and suggested the Engineer should visit the site and not just rely on data, Cllr Cummings would contact the Engineer to seek a response.

Work would commence on resolving the problem of potholes in October.

Doncaster Road, High Street, Harrison Road and Middle Lane, had all been identified as needing action to be taken, speeding would be prioritised.

The next PACT meeting would take place at the Community Centre on 17 October.

Crofton Young Peoples Association had been the recipient of another award.

Further to the two quotes received from Engie for work to be undertaken using s106 funds. Cllr Ripley sought clarification on how the VAT element was to be dealt with, if it was to be reclaimed by Engie then it should be added back to the s106 fund, or whether Engie invoiced the Parish Council for the work and WMDC provided funding to the Parish Council to pay Engie, the Clerk was asked to clarify the matter.

Cllr Bennett commented that by WMDC submitting the planning application 19/01396/NMC (former West Yorkshire Police site), involving the relocation of visitor parking within the highway, they were not following their own policy.

Cllr Cummings was informed of the following:

The cutting of grass in the Springfird Avenue/Meadowfields area was not taking place.

Following the erection of temporary fencing to assist with modifications to a house on Springhill Avenue, the fencing had not yet been removed, there was concern that it

Page 2.

could be an attempt to acquire the land by default.

Despite work being carried out near the garden centre on Pontefract Road, the problem was still apparent (see minute 07/927).

Cllr Hewitt stated that the waste bin removed from the Hare Park allotments entrance (see minute 07/927), had not been replaced despite Cllr Manifold being asked to arrange a replacement.

Cllr Hampshire stated that having walked through the Manorfields the condition of the area was terrible action was needed to remove litter and debris (see minute 06/909).

Cllr Kimbley provided photographic evidence of a bin placed near the Sports Pavilion which was overflowing with waste, however comment was made that an extra bin had now been placed there, he requested another be placed near the entrance.

Cllr Kimbley also provided photographic evidence showing damage to the fencing on the Sidings thought to be caused by the WMDC Grass cutting operatives the matter would be investigated.

Fly tipping was occurring on Shay Lane (heading back towards Walton), comment was made that this was private land and that some had been removed recently.

An overhanging Buddleia bush was causing an obstruction on Thornetree Avenue.

Cllr Ripley commented that the proposed meeting with Tim Johnson (to be arranged by Cllr Manifold), concerning grass cutting and pitch marking on the Sidings, had still to occur.

Following the meeting he had with Engie which had identified work needing to be done on the Sidings, the work had not yet commenced.

09/946 Public Participation session

A resident informed members that there was to be a 'litter pick' around the village on Sunday 22 September starting at Shay School at 10.00am.

With regard to developing the Copse as a wild flower meadow, following a report produced by Entotax Consultants, it was agreed that the site was not suitable.

09/947 Apologies for absence

District Councillor; Manifold.

09/948 Declarations of Interest

None declared.

09/949 Minutes of the previous meeting

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

09/950 Matters arising from previous minutes

Cllr Kimbley enquired if there was any information following the survey conducted by Engie concerning flooding occurring on the Sidings (see minute 07/927), he was informed that a pipe which was blocked had to be pressure washed.

09/951 Community Facilities

Report Parish Centre

Members were informed that the planning application had now been submitted.

It was agreed that an asbestos survey be carried out, the Clerk would progress the matter noting the request that the survey take place when the Library was closed.

Page 3.

Members were in agreement to grant the request from the Memory Lane group to use the facility on a monthly basis on Tuesday afternoons.

Report Village Association

Cllr Bennett reported that;

He had been elected as Chairman and Cllr Kimbley the Secretary of the CVA, following the AGM which had recently taken place (see minute 07/933), he provided members with information on matters discussed.

There was a problem with the entrance light at the entrance, the Clerk would arrange for it to be dealt with.

Report Allotments

Cllr Hewitt reported that;

He had contacted some tenants regarding the condition of their plots as they were not being cultivated.

The Clerk confirmed that there had been no response from tenant 48 at Hare Park (see minute 05/896), a further letter would be sent in December to confirm his tenancy would be terminated.

Report Parish Cemetery

It had been noted that the grass cutting contractor was leaving his vehicle parked upon the graves whilst carrying out work, Cllr Schofield would deal with the matter.

Report Website

Cllr Gordon provided members with an update to assist with understanding progress being made with the website. Due to the nature of visits to the site which focused on the landing page, his key aim moving forward was to increase the number and duration of the visits to boost engagement.

09/952 Traffic issues

Nothing to report.

09/953 Cleansing/Environment

The Sub Station by the Oak Public House needed the vegetation removed, the Clerk would contact the owner.

09/954 Planning Notifications

Members duly noted the applications and decisions received.

The Clerk was asked to send a list of applications and decisions for the month of August even though there was no scheduled meeting, this was preferable to the existing arrangement which was to supply information covering two months.

09/955 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 September 2019;

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

<u>Cheque</u>	<u>Payee;</u>	<u>Details;</u>	<u>£</u>
102802	Falon	Nameplate	168.12
<u>Total</u>			<u>168.12</u>

Further to discussions at agenda item 09/945, it was agreed to use some of the s106 money for the two projects.

Page 4:

Cllr Robinson informed members that he had contacted N Power (electric suppliers), about arranging a better deal for the Parish Centre and the Sports Pavilion, however we were in a fixed contract period.

09/956 Consider and discuss correspondence received

Members noted the content of the information received.

09/957 HS2

Cllr Bennett had established a working relationship with the new contact, however given the recent announcements concerning the scheme not progressing beyond Birmingham, there was no further news.

09/958 Parish matters

The Clerk was asked to write to the Crofton Academy Headmaster, Peter Walker, to thank them for their assistance in moving the memorial stone to the Car Park, it was noted that it had been moved from the original position.

Initial ideas discussed for the provision of a ‘Tommy’, were cost prohibitive, following discussion it was agreed to provide a circular brick frame to house a stone monument, the Clerk would contact Harron Homes and request their assistance with building the brick frame, as they had previously offered their support.

Comment was made that vehicles were being left in the Parish Council Car Park for long periods of time rather for short periods which was the intended use, the Clerk was asked to write to the Academy and the Junior and Infants Schools to ensure that their staff members were aware of the conditions of use.

09/959 Date of next meeting

Resolved; that the next meeting of the Parish Council would be held on Tuesday 08 October 2019 at 6.45pm in Crofton Parish Centre, High Street, Crofton.

09/960 Members of the public and press were to leave before agenda no.19

It was agreed

09/961 Matters to be discussed at the exclusion of the public and press

Nothing discussed.

Signed
Chairman Crofton Parish Council

Date.....