

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held 14 January 2020.

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

In attendance; 7 members of the public.
District Councillor; Cummings.

a, Members received a presentation from candidates Kelly De Mello and Sylvia Walker, for co-option to the Parish Council. It was agreed to make a decision under agenda item 18.

01/019 Report from W.Y.Police Officers working on Crofton Safe Scheme
The Safe Scheme report for January was circulated to members.

01/020 Wakefield MDC District Councillors Report

Cllr Cummings wished everyone a Happy New Year.

It was confirmed that a meeting had now been arranged to discuss grass cutting and pitch marking on the Sidings (minute 12/002).

With regard to previous matters raised, Cllr Cummings informed members that the gully's on Shay Lane were on a schedule of work to be done.

A document had been produced concerning speed restrictions in the village (minute 01/027).

With regard to the report concerning drinks and drugs in Coppers Lake (minute 01/033), WMDC Enforcement were patrolling the area.

With regard to identifying sites that could be used by the Parish Council to place decorative planters (minute 01/033), the Clerk was requested to contact WMDC Officer Kevin Fisher with the details (Cllr Cummings had also provided him with information), to enable permission to be given. The Clerk was also asked to contact him with regard to a war memorial being placed at the Parish Council car park.

Cllr Cummings noted the following comments;

Following the work carried out in the WMDC owned section of the Churchyard (see minute 10/964), comment was made that it was not satisfactory.

The removal of Election posters had been slow and some had still not been removed. The pot hole outside the Hairdresser's on Manorfield Avenue had not been filled correctly,

Rubbish was still being thrown into the ditch to the rear of Thorntree Avenue.

Clarification was sought by Cllr Kimbley on what WMDC would accept for recycling as the information provided was not clear, an explanation was provided.

Following the closure of the Post Office the service was moved to the Spa Supermarket, this was proving problematic for some residents.

Following information received from Cllr Cummings about procedure concerning the provision of a food bank (minute 01/026), members were in agreement for a box being placed in the Parish Centre.

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01/021 Public Participation session

Representatives from Crofton Juniors FC provided information on funding received for the football pitches (see minute 12/003), following a meeting with Sheffield & Hallamshire FA that evening, further information was also received on what work would be done to the pitches. They would need a letter from the Parish Council (as the Parish Council were leaseholders of the land the pitches were on), to agree to the work schedule, the request was duly noted.

01/022 Apologies for absence

District Councillors; Heptinstall and Manifold.

01/023 Declarations of Interest

None declared.

01/024 Minutes of the previous meeting

The minutes of the previous ordinary meeting were subject to change prior to signature.

01/025 Matters arising from previous minutes

Cllr Chalkley wished to view the amended minutes of the extraordinary meeting (see minute 12/006), to check they had been amended as agreed. Having read them he requested a further amendment which was agreed, and approved by the Chair.

01/026 Community Facilities

Report Parish Centre

Cllr Chalkley had noted that the planning application for the new building referred to it as the Parish Centre/Library and enquired if this was what the building would be known as, Cllr Ripley explained the reason that the application stated this was for planning purposes.

With regard to a box being placed in the Centre for donations to the new Crofton food bank (see minute 01/020).

Members were informed that a craft session had been arranged in the Centre, as this would take place whilst the Library was in attendance it was considered acceptable.

A meeting of LIVE Crofton would be taking place which would discuss a number of matters including arrangements to celebrate VE Day.

Report Village Association

Cllr Bennett reported that;

A meeting had been arranged with WMDC to resolve matters regarding the grass cutting (see minute 01/020).

A meeting had been arranged with the Plumbing Contractor to obtain a quote for improvement work to be carried out.

The heating unit had now been replaced (minute 12/008), this would result in a reduction of the electric bills.

Report Allotments

Cllr Hewitt reported that rent collection would be taking place the coming Saturday, 18 January. the Clerk confirmed all letters had been issued.

Report Parish Cemetery

A number of trees had now been removed.

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It was noted that there was no sign at the other end of the cemetery (see minute 12/008), to inform dog owners to stop their dogs running freely.

Report Website

Cllr Gordon reported that;

He was developing Councillor profiles for the site and had sent documentation to members to enable this.

He asked Cllr Barnsley for information to update the Constable & Pinders Trust section on the site.

01/027 Traffic issues

Comment about plans for the introduction of speed restrictions in the village was noted by members (see minute 01/020).

01/028 Cleansing/Environment

Cllr Elson sought clarification on what matters were discussed under this agenda item, he was provided with a response which was duly noted.

01/029 Planning Notifications

Members duly noted the applications and decisions received.

01/030 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 January 2020;

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

<u>Cheque</u>	<u>Payee:</u>	<u>Details:</u>	<u>£</u>
102806	R.Hampshire	Windows	18.00
102807	Chair Allow	Xmas	29.60
102808	Post Office	Stamps	12.47
BACS	Sainsbury	Stamps	100.80
BACS	Sainsbury	Envelopes	10.50
BACS	Currys	Print Cartridge	109.98
Total £			281.35

Members duly noted the content of the quarterly accounts.

It was agreed to discuss the Precept on Sunday 26 January at 5pm.

Cllr Gordon offered comment on the remaining s106 funds and the scope for public involvement. It was suggested that a working party could be formed to progress matters and also suggested that a request for ideas be made using media sources, Cllr Gordon was asked to produce the wording for the advert and present to Cllr Ripley for approval.

01/031 Consider and discuss correspondence received

None received,

01/032 HS2

Following comments made by the Government Minister, an update on the line was expected in February/March, any proposals would need Government approval.

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The Clerk confirmed that payment had been received from HS2 following the signing of the extension to the existing agreement for land surveys on Pontefract Road and the Sidings.

01/033 Parish matters

Cllr Harrison commented on the hanging baskets that had been left on Shay Lane, Cllr Robinson stated that he had contacted Plantscape and requested they be moved. Cllr Harrison also mentioned that some of the street lighting in the area was not working (see also minute 11/994).

Further to the information circulated to members prior to the meeting, Cllr Robinson commented on who he had contacted to be members of the Working Party responsible for arranging the Hanging Baskets and Planters.

He provided an update on what had been done to source a new supplier and was seeking Parish Council approval for the following;

First Impressions to be the supplier;

The provision of 40 baskets and 6 planters;

Confirmation of the Working Party;

Resolved: Members gave approval.

Cllr Barnsley provided members with information following the recent AGM held for the Constable & Pinders Trust. Cllr Stennett enquired if any of the land that the Charity owned was available for renting, she was informed that it was not suitable.

With regard to concerns over the use of drink and drugs being used at Coppers Lake this was discussed under agenda item 01/020.

Cllr Bennett informed members he would be seeking answers to questions he had raised about the provision of a defibrillator at the Academy, when the next meeting was held.

01/034 Date of next meeting

Resolved; that the next meeting of the Parish Council would be held on Tuesday 11 February 2020 at 7pm in Crofton Parish Centre, High Street, Crofton.

01/035 Members of the public and press were to leave before agenda item 18.

It was agreed

01/034 Matters to be discussed at the exclusion of the public and press

Following discussion it was agreed to approve the co – option of Sylvia Walker.

Signed
Chairman Crofton Parish Council

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