

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held 10 December 2019.

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

In attendance; 3 members of the public.
District Councillors; Cummings and Manifold.

a. Members were informed that Cllr Hampshire had resigned, the Clerk confirmed he had informed Wakefield MDC.

b. **Appointment of Vice Chairman**

Cllr Chalkley commented that the wording of the Agenda indicated that no one else could be considered for nomination, the Clerk informed him that he had only received a request from Cllr Robinson to be nominated and therefore it was placed on the Agenda for members to consider, he had not received a request from anyone else. Cllr Chalkley accused the Clerk of telling (rather than informing) members of the situation and criticised the Clerk for doing so.

The Clerk stated that Cllr Chalkley's response was in his opinion disrespectful and by openly criticising the Clerk within a Council meeting with the public in attendance, was harassment and he would report it.

The Chair asked if there were any other nominations but there were none.

Cllr Robinson was nominated for Vice Chairman by Cllr Ripley, it was seconded by Cllr Barnsley.

Resolved; that Cllr Robinson be elected as Vice Chairman.

12/001 Report from W.Y. Police Officers working on Crofton Safe Scheme

The Safe Scheme report for December was circulated to members.

12/002 Wakefield MDC District Councillors Report

District Councillors provided information to enquiries made individually by Parish Councillors, and gave an update on matters discussed at previous meetings in particular; Cllr Cummings gave an update on the drainage works carried out on the ditch at the Sidings fields.

Cllr Cummings informed members that WMDC Officer Tim Johnson was unaware of a meeting to be arranged to discuss grass cutting and pitch marking on the Sidings (see minute 09/945), the Clerk would forward evidence of the request, the Clerk was also asked to provide a copy of the schedule/contract.

12/003 Public Participation session

Representatives from Crofton Juniors FC were seeking support from the Parish Council with regard to improvement works to be carried out on the football pitches at the Sidings, members gave confirmation of their support.

A resident who was a member of LIVE Crofton, was seeking support for the provision of an external defibrillator (see minute 12/013 Note 3;).

12/004 Apologies for absence

District Councillor; Heptinstall.

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Councillors; Schofield and Stennett.

12/005 Declarations of Interest

Cllr Chalkley declared a Personal interest (Model Code of Conduct for Crofton Parish Council Paragraph 8. 1(b). and (2).), with regard to minute 12/006).

12/006 Minutes of the previous meeting

Following discussion, the Clerk was asked to amend the minutes of the Extraordinary meeting, the minutes of the previous meeting were subject to change prior to signature.

12/007 Matters arising from previous minutes

It had been noted that work had been carried out to the railway bridge on Shay Lane to stop water escaping onto the road.

With regard to the provision of an external defibrillator (see minute 11/986), this was discussed under agenda item 13.3.

12/008 Community Facilities

Report Parish Centre

Cllr Bennett reported that;

Following the request made to the Clerk concerning the Working Party being involved (see minute 11/987), he had done so.

Cllr Ripley provided an update to members on what further conditions would need to be met to enable the planning application to be approved.

Report Village Association

Cllr Bennett reported that;

The timer for the heater was not working correctly and needed to be replaced, it was agreed that the CVA would pay for it and the cost be credited against the annual donation made to the Parish Council.

Report Allotments

Cllr Hewitt reported that;

He had been liaising with some tenants about relinquishing their allotments.

It was agreed that charges for an allotment would remain the same, a pre-meeting would be held on Sunday 12 January in the Parish Centre at 5pm and the collection of rents would take place on Saturday 18 January.

Members discussed options for replacing the entrance gate to the Hare Park allotments, it was agreed that a locking post would be installed.

Report Parish Cemetery

Following comments made at the previous meeting about dogs running free through the cemetery (minute 11/987), it was suggested that the existing Parish Council sign in the cemetery could be changed to highlight the problem.

Report Website

Cllr Gordon reported that;

He was still working on developing the site.

Following comment about difficulty accessing some of the content, members were encouraged to contact him directly.

12/009 Traffic issues

Cllr Elson commented that the 'Smiley Sid' speed control device (see minute 11/981),

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had been in use within the village.

12/010 Cleansing/Environment

Nothing to report.

12/011 Planning Notifications

Members duly noted the applications and decisions received;
The Clerk was asked to confirm the decision for application 19/02368/FUL concerning 122 High Street.

12/012 Financial matters

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

There were no invoices for payment by cheque for the month of December 2019.

12/013 Consider and discuss correspondence received

Members noted the content of the information received, in particular Note 2; Members duly noted the receipt of the information pack received from Berman Building, a company wanting to tender for the building of a new Parish Centre.

Note 3; After discussing the various options to support LIVE Crofton in purchasing an external defibrillator, the Clerk would issue a grant application form to their Secretary.

12/014 HS2

Following circulation of the documentation concerning an extension to the existing agreement for land surveys on Pontefract Road and the Sidings, it was agreed to extend the agreement.

Cllr Bennett would arrange a meeting with HS2 in the New Year.

12/015 Parish matters

Due to the resignation of Cllr Hampshire, a new working party would be needed to progress the future provision of hanging baskets (see minute 10/796).

Comment was made that the lighting around the perimeter of the Parish Council car park was not working, the Clerk would report it to WMDC Highways.

12/016 Date of next meeting

Resolved; that the next meeting of the Parish Council would be held on Tuesday 14 January 2020 at 7pm in Crofton Parish Centre, High Street, Crofton.

12/017 Members of the public and press were to leave before agenda item 18.

It was agreed

12/018 Matters to be discussed at the exclusion of the public and press

Nothing discussed.

Signed
Chairman Crofton Parish Council

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