

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held 11 February 2020.

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

**In attendance;** 4 members of the public.  
District Councillors; Cummings and Heptinstall.

**02/035 Report from W.Y.Police Officers working on Crofton Safe Scheme**

Members were circulated with the Safe Scheme report for February.

It was noted that this would be the third meeting in succession that the Police had not attended.

**02/036 Wakefield MDC District Councillors Report**

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

Problems arising as a result of the building work being carried out on 91 High Street had been reported to WMDC Building Control for them to deal with.

The removal of the bin from Smithy Close would not be replaced as it was considered that there was sufficient provision nearby.

A request for proof that rubbish was still being thrown into the ditch to the rear of Thorntree Avenue, was required for action to be taken.

With regard to the pot holes previously reported (see minute 01/020), these would be dealt with via the District re surfacing programme during 2020/21, which included a number of areas of Crofton. Cllr Stennett commented that the pothole near Spring Green Nurseries required immediate attention.

Cllr Cummings was also informed about the exposed screws outside the Funeral Directors on Manorfields Court.

In response to the report about slippery footpath surfaces due to moss, Cllr Cummings requested the exact location to enable her to report it.

It had been noted that the land off Shay Lane opposite the entrance to the Sidings (known as Crofton Triangle), was being used by off road vehicles.

Due to the recent stormy weather, a number of branches had fallen on to the path that joins Priory Ridge to Meadowfields Close & Springhill Avenue, causing an obstruction. Cllr Robinson would provide the evidence for Cllr Cummings to report it. It was thought that following the removal of boulders near the fields at Middle Lane, that a gate would be placed there, the lack of one was now providing access to off road bikers.

A request was made to Cllr Cummings for action to be taken to a number of gully's , to ensure they worked efficiently, in particular on Shay Lane near the entrance to the Sidings and by the Coppers Lake on Doncaster Road. Cllr Kimbley commented that the increased water level in the ditch by the entrance to the Sidings, was in danger of flowing onto Shay Lane.

Cllr Cummings was thanked by Cllr Barnsley for the good work that she had undertaken on behalf of the village.

Members were informed that the next Fun Day would be on the 20 August.

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**02/037 Public Participation session**

Cllr Stennett enquired if members had any suggestions for where trees could be planted around the village, following discussion it was thought the Cllr Cummings may be able to provide a list of suitable locations.

Funeral Directors R.J.Burgess wanted the Council to reconsider the ruling which did not allow a burial from a non - resident, following discussion it was agreed that the matter would be added to the agenda for the extraordinary meeting (see minute 02/050).

A resident who had previously attended meetings to voice her concerns about climate change, commented that she had not made much progress, she gave to members an action list for them to consider.

**02/038 Apologies for absence**

Councillors; Chalkley and Harrison.

**02/039 Declarations of Interest**

None declared.

**02/040 Minutes of the previous meeting**

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved and signed by the Chair of the meeting.

**02/041 Matters arising from previous minutes**

Following discussion it was agreed not to change the current arrangement for when the Parish Council meeting is held.

**02/042 Community Facilities**

Report Parish Centre

Members agreed to accept the quotation received from PDS Structural Engineers.

Report Village Association

Cllr Bennett reported that;

The work on the Urinals had not yet commenced, the Clerk would contact the plumbing company.

Report Allotments

Cllr Hewitt reported that

A high proportion of rents had been paid.

The gate had now been placed at the entrance to Hare Park and a lock purchased. He would need to have several keys cut, members were in agreement with the suggestion.

Report Parish Cemetery

Having given consideration to the letter received about the replacing of a memorial, members agreed that the person who was granted the lease for the plot could only request changes.

Report Website

Cllr Gordon reported that;

He was awaiting the return of profiles from members (see minute 01/026).

**02/043 Traffic issues**

The extension of 20mph speed restrictions had now been approved subject to a few

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minor amendments (see minute 01/207).

**02/044            Cleansing/Environment**

It was reported that the Street Sweeper had been seen in operation, it was expected that the Road Sweeper would soon be active.

**02/045            Planning Notifications**

Members duly noted the applications and decisions received.

**02/046            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 February 2020;

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

| <u>Cheque</u> | <u>Payee;</u> | <u>Details;</u> | <u>£</u> |
|---------------|---------------|-----------------|----------|
| 102809        | R.Hampshire   | Windows         | 18.00    |
| 102810        | Burn Fencing  | Gate            | 154.80   |
| 102811        | Screwfix      | Lock            | 10.99    |

**Total £183.79**

Following the recommendation of the discussion group, members agreed to a Precept of £76125.

Having considered the amendments to the Financial Regulations and having requested a change to the wording of paragraph 8 concerning applications for a grant, funding or loan, members gave their approval for them to be adopted.

**02/047            Consider and discuss correspondence received**

Members noted the content of the information received, in particular Note 2; Further to the resident's complaint about mud on the cycle track at the Sidings, Cllr Bennett would raise the matter at the next meeting of the Crofton Village Association.

Note 3; Having discussed a number of points raised in the letter received from MP J.Trickett about the recent Memorial service, Cllr Ripley would send a letter in response.

**02/048            HS2**

Following the announcement on the National news that HS2 had been approved, comment was made that only the construction of Phase 1 (London -Birmingham), had been passed by Parliament.

The second phase from Birmingham to Leeds and Manchester still required to be formally approved by Parliament and further consultations would be required. Not only would this give the Parish Council a further opportunity to make further comments but also for our MP Jon Trickett to raise our concerns during debates in Parliament.

**02/049            Parish matters**

Cllr Barnsley provided members with an update on the Constable &Pinders Charity, and commented that they had received a grant application from Crofton Church.

Cllr Hewitt commented he had seen a traffic warden patrolling in the village.

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With regard to commemorating VE Day 2020 (75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary), Cllr Robinson asked for this to be an agenda item for the next meeting.

**02/050            Date of next meeting**

Resolved; An extraordinary meeting of the Parish Council would be held on Monday 17 February 2020 at 7pm in Crofton Parish Centre, High Street, Crofton.

Resolved; That the next meeting of the Parish Council would be held on Tuesday 10 March 2020.

**02/051            Members of the public and press were to leave before agenda item 18.**

It was agreed

**02/052            Matters to be discussed at the exclusion of the public and press**

Nothing discussed.

Signed .....  
Chairman Crofton Parish Council

Date.....