

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held 12 November 2019.

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

In attendance; 4 members of the public.
District Councillors; Cummings and Heptinstall.
1 Police Officer.

a, Members received a presentation from candidate Helena Stennett to be co-opted to the Parish Council, following a vote it was agreed as follows, For; 11 Against; 0 to approve the co - option.

11/980 Report from W.Y.Police Officers working on Crofton Safe Scheme

PC Carl Hall, presented the Safe Scheme report for November, a copy of which was circulated to members.

He offered advice about ensuring cars were locked and not accidentally left open.

With regard to cars being parked outside the Youth Centre (page 2), Cllr Ripley suggested that the lay by could be used to ease congestion problems.

Cllr Kimbley had been provided with information about the concerns of residents whose houses back on to Coppers Lake, cars were being parked there on a late afternoon and the occupants acting in an anti-social manner and the smell of cannabis was prevalent, PC Hall was asked to arrange visits to deter such practices and to reassure residents, he commented he was aware of the situation and would deploy officers to deal with the situation.

Having been informed about Cannabis bags had been found near the Sports Pavilion, PC Hall duly noted the comment.

Cllr Bennett asked for information on an accident that had occurred on Doncaster Road at its junction with Pontefract Road, resulting in a car driving into a house.

In response to the request for a TRO (Traffic Regulation Order), being implemented concerning the number of cars parking at Shay Lane School, PC Hall was actively reviewing the situation.

Cllr Stennett enquired if information obtained should be forwarded to PC Hall, Cllr Elson suggested it be passed to him in the first instance.

Cllr Gordon enquired if the burglary on Springfield Avenue (page 3), was connected to the burglary reported last month (see minute 10/962), but it was not known.

11/981 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; Following the report of a White van parked inappropriately, a WMDC Environmental Officer had attended and confirmed that no offence was being committed and it was not abandoned.

Signage on the Sidings Field would be replaced in the new financial year.

Overhanging trees in the Thorntree area were not a safety issue and were earmarked for removal in 2020.

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They had received no response from WMDC concerning the cleaning of the Meadowfields area, following the report of fly tipping near Thorntree Avenue, debris had now been removed and having enquired if the couch had been removed, it was confirmed it had not (see minute 10/963).

Cllr Heptinstall stated that she was liaising with residents concerning cars parking on Rose Garth and the cutting of trees would be commencing in the WMDC owned section of the Churchyard (see minute 10/964).

With regard to the condition of footpaths reported at the previous meeting by Cllr Elson, information had been received from WMDC that they were behind with the work schedule. Cllr Elson also asked for work to be carried out to remove leaves, he was informed this should be carried out on a rota basis, they would check this was being adhered to.

Cllr Cummings informed all present;

That following the meeting held outside Sainsbury's with the WMDC Highways Officer, the extension of the 20 mph zone had been proposed, if agreed this would be carried out.

They would have the use of a 'Smiley Sid' (speed indication device), they would engage with Parish Councillors on its use and suggested positions.

District Councillors were;

Informed that there had been no acknowledgement from WMDC or Engie about carrying out the two projects using the s106 funds.

Informed about a water leak at the Sidings play area resulting in black ice and also asked to report an overhanging hedge on Santingley Lane near the Oak Street allotment entrance.

Informed about a diseased tree by the gate at the rear entrance to the Academy.

Informed that the tarmac footpath on Weeland Road was damaged.

Following the agreement to grant Wakefield Trinity the use of the Sidings Fields (see minute 10/974), the venue was changed to the Community Centre, Cllr Cummings said she was unaware of any existing arrangement, comment was made that there had been a lack of communication between the parties involved.

During recent gas works being carried out at the Slack Lane/Doncaster Road, it was noted that there were no lights, the comment was duly noted.

Cllr Hewitt commented on a newspaper article that Contractors Engie, were paying £15000 a month in costs for non-performance of contracts.

11/982 Public Participation session

Reverend Tiniswood of All Saints Church, enquired if Church Road could be resurfaced, District Cllrs noted the request.

She mentioned that the Church was applying for a grant for additional lighting in the Cemetery and was seeking support from the Parish Council. Members agreed to offer their support and the Clerk would also provide contact details for WMDC Street Lighting.

Cllr Chalkley gave thanks to Reverend Tiniswood for the service she provided on Remembrance Day.

A trustee of the Constable & Pinders Charity wished to discuss a matter at the exclusion of the public and press, this was agreed.

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11/983 Apologies for absence

District Councillor; Manifold.

Councillor; Harrison.

11/984 Declarations of Interest

None declared.

11/985 Minutes of the previous meeting

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

The Clerk confirmed that minutes when approved were sent to Cllr Gordon for publication on the web site.

11/986 Matters arising from previous minutes

Cllr Gordon reminded members that there had been a commitment to provide a defibrillator within the village but this had not yet taken place. In response to one being placed on the new Parish Centre, Cllr Gordon was concerned on how long that may take to happen. Following comment that there were internal defibrillators at the Sports Pavilion and at Sainsbury's, there was a need for an external one in the future, Cllr Chalkley proposed that an internal one be placed in the Parish Centre and be funded by the Parish Council within the next twelve months. Members were in agreement with the proposal.

11/987 Community Facilities

Report Parish Centre

Cllr Bennett reported that;

The Asbestos Survey had been carried out in October with no areas of concern raised, the Clerk confirmed that he had yet to receive any documentation from the Surveyor. Members had no objection to the hiring of the Centre on Thursday afternoons on alternate months for a hearing clinic.

Further to comment made about the booking received for a jewellery making class, concern was raised about whether the use of chemicals should be allowed when hiring the centre for such purposes, members agreed that chemicals could not be used.

The Clerk had confirmed with the hirer that only small pliers and scissors and thin wire, were being used and nothing electrical or chemical.

With regard to the use of the Centre without permission being sought, it was confirmed that such events were taking place whilst the Library was in attendance.

The Clerk was asked to ensure that the Working Party were copied into the enquiries received and were provided with the booking schedule.

Following damage to the post box, it would be replaced.

Report Village Association

Cllr Bennett reported that;

That the water heating system was not working correctly, this and other systems/equipment would be reviewed in the new financial year, a schedule of the work required was requested so that a finance budget could be prepared.

Quotes had now been received for the installation of artificial pitches.

Report Allotments

Cllr Hewitt reported that;

A number of incidents involving vandalism had been reported to the Police.

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Report Parish Cemetery

A number of complaints had been received about dogs running free through the Cemetery, a notice would be placed in the Beacon about the matter.

Report Website

Cllr Gordon provided members with a monthly update.

11/988 Traffic issues

Nothing to report.

11/989 Cleansing/Environment

Nothing to report.

11/990 Planning Notifications

Members duly noted the applications and decisions received.

With regard to application 19/02156/FUL, the demolition of the existing Parish Centre for a new one, the Planning Officer had raised concerns which Cllr Ripley disagreed with, a meeting had been arranged with WMDC Planning to be attended by Cllrs Ripley and Hampshire and the Architect acting for the Parish Council to resolve matters.

11/991 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 paid for the month of November 2019;

<u>Cheque</u>	<u>Payee:</u>	<u>Details:</u>	<u>£</u>
BACS	Npower	Electric	21.36
BACS	WMDC	Lease	232.50
BACS	Plantscape	Flower Tower	180.00
DDebit	PHS	Hygeine	4271.82
BACS	Wix	Web Domain	32.40
BACS	Post Office	Stamps	6.82
Total £			4744.49

11/992 Consider and discuss correspondence received

Members noted the content of the information received, in particular Note 3;

Cllr Elson requested the letter sent from WMDC regarding CIL, which outlined the conditions for receiving and spending any money received.

11/993 HS2

The correspondence regarding an extension to an existing agreement for land surveys on Pontefract Road and the Sidings, was still being circulated, it was agreed that no decision would be taken until all members had site of the information.

11/994 Parish matters

The Clerk had been contacted by Cllr Harrison concerning a number of street light's (18 in total), that were not working, the matter had been reported and the problem

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dealt with, however one of the lights on Harrison Road opposite the ginnel that leads to Shay Court was not working.

Following a comment about another street light that was not working, Cllr Elson was provided with information on how to report the problem.

Cllr Chalkley sought a volunteer to be the Santa at the Christmas Lights 'switch on', Cllr Barnsley agreed to do so.

Cllr Chalkley also voiced his concern about where the Christmas Lights would be placed since some trees had been removed.

Cllr Gordon sought further clarification on what other projects were being considered for the s106 funding, Cllr Ripley provided him with information.

11/995 Date of next meeting

Resolved; that the next meeting of the Parish Council would be held on Tuesday 10 December 2019 at 7pm in Crofton Parish Centre, High Street, Crofton.

11/996 Members of the public and press were to leave before agenda item 18.

It was agreed

11/997 Matters to be discussed at the exclusion of the public and press

Trustee A.Chalkley (minute 11/982), referred to a letter received from Cllr Ripley, requesting funding (she stated that she had not received the original letter but the one recently sent), rather than provide funding, an offer had been received from an individual to carry out the installation of a memorial for no charge.

Signed
Chairman Crofton Parish Council

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