

**Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held 10 March 2020.**

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

**In attendance;** 6 members of the public.  
District Councillor; Heptinstall.  
Police Officer; C.Hall.

**03/053 Report from W.Y.Police Officers working on Crofton Safe Scheme**

Members were circulated with the Safe Scheme report for March.

Cllr Kimbley had witnessed an instance of erratic driving whilst at the Redbeck petrol station, he suggested it may be due to the driver making off without paying.

Following a request about using the Safe Scheme funds to deal with 'spikes' in criminal activity, this would be discussed under agenda item 18.

Cllr Elson had cause to thank the Police for attending an incident at the bus shelter at the triangle piece of land (a grassed area of land owned by the Parish Council) at Santingley/Spring Lane.

Cllr Hewitt expressed his dissatisfaction about not having received a reply to an e-mail he had sent reporting an incidence of drug dealing.

Cllr Bennett commented on cars parking on the grass verge instead of the roadway due to roadworks taking place,

Cllr Barnsley asked that the DVLA be contacted about a van parked on Manorfields Court that was not taxed or insured.

Cllr Ripley commented on the growing number of incidents involving vandalism and wanted the number of patrols increased, which Police Officer C;Hall duly noted.

Following comment by Cllr Harrison concerning 'Dash Cam' footage, he was informed that its use was being trialled in Bradford.

**03/054 Wakefield MDC District Councillors Report**

District Councillor Heptinstall gave an update on matters discussed at previous meetings in particular;

An inspection had been carried out concerning a safety issue at Coppers Lake, the work required would be commenced that week.

Following the report the previous month about a number of gully's that needed cleansing to ensure they worked efficiently, this work had been carried out along with some done that day on Harrison Road.

The pothole near Spring Green Nurseries had now been dealt with.

The work on the footpath at Priory Ridge (see minute 02/036), had been completed.

With regard to problems being experienced during Church events, District Councillors were asked to provide a solution. Cllr Ripley commented that a previous survey had been conducted to identify land that could be utilised but no action had been taken, he suggested that the lay-bye opposite Sandown Avenue should be given further consideration now that 20mph speed restrictions had been introduced and the use of drop posts would enable parking to be available specifically for Church events. Cllr Stennett enquired if the car park behind the old hall could be utilised.

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Cllr Bennett commented that he had raised the subject of parking provision with the School Governors and was awaiting a response.

Cllr Ripley also suggested that more could be done to utilise Crofton Club which would be able to provide parking and facilitate arrangements for a funeral wake.

Cllr Heptinstall noted the following requests;

To arrange removal of a couch from the rear garden of a house on Manorfields Avenue.

To take action on an overhanging hedge at 11 Wentworth Drive which was obstructing the footpath.

To provide an update on the request for the allocation of s106 money for the Sidings sports ground (supported by District Councillors).

A member of the public provided information on the condition of a Public Right of Way path at Doncaster Road/West Lane.

### **03/055 Public Participation session**

Church car parking (see minute 03/ 054).

Following a request about hiring the Parish Centre, this would be discussed under agenda item 18.

A resident enquired about being buried in the Crofton Parish Council cemetery and what type of coffin was allowable and if a space could be reserved, she was informed that a willow and wicker coffins were allowed but she was not able to reserve a place.

Following previous comments about climate change (minute 02/037), the resident requested support from the Parish Council as she felt no progress was being made, she was reminded that the Parish Council was offering support by allowing the use of the Parish Centre for climate change meetings without charge, it was suggested that an article be posted on the Council web site to raise awareness.

### **03/056 Apologies for absence**

Apologies were accepted for Councillors; Chalkley and Walker.

### **03/057 Declarations of Interest**

None declared.

### **03/058 Minutes of the previous meeting**

The minutes of the Ordinary and Extraordinary meetings were approved and signed by the Chair of the meeting.

### **03/059 Matters arising from previous minutes**

Nothing to report.

### **03/060 Community Facilities**

#### **Report Parish Centre**

Cllr Ripley provided information on the process required to obtain Building Regulation approval for the new building.

Members were asked to consider if they wanted to be involved with delivering the new building, a working party would be formed to deal with applying for funding and obtaining quotes for the building work. A group discussion would be arranged in due course to confirm the above.

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#### **Report Village Association**

Cllr Bennett reported that;

The Cricket Club AGM had recently taken place.

The fencing on the Cricket field had been damaged.

Following a private party, the Cleaner had raised concern about the condition the building had been left in and had spent more time dealing with this than her usual duties,

#### **Report Allotments**

Cllr Hewitt reported that;

Damage had been caused to the lock (see minute 02/042), and clasp on the new gate that had been installed, resulting in the keys that had been cut being of no use.

He had collected most of the rents that had not been paid on the due date.

#### **Report Parish Cemetery**

Members had been circulated with the revised Regulations, Rules and Fees document, with a number of minor changes agreed.

The Clerk would implement these and re-circulate for members.

It was considered that further amendments were required to the initial draft before they would be approved.

The Clerk was asked to alter the application for a grave/casket space to include the name of the funeral director and the applicant.

#### **Report Website**

Cllr Gordon sought members approval that whilst full councillor profiles were being collated, that they agree to their names (and photos) being on the website, most members were in agreement.

Further to previous comments concerning a grant application to the Constable & Pinders Charity (see minute 03/061), Cllr Gordon sought clarification on the process from a Trustee (who was in attendance as a member of the public).

### **03/061 Traffic issues**

Concern was expressed about the number of road works being undertaken on a constant basis.

### **03/062 Cleansing/Environment**

It was noted that a sweeper was active in the village (see minute 02/044).

### **03/063 Planning Notifications**

Members duly noted the applications and decisions received.

### **03/064 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 March 2020;

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

<u>Cheque</u>	<u>Payee;</u>	<u>Details;</u>	<u>£</u>
102812	PC Comms	Safe Scheme	1500.00
102813	R.Toomes	Plumbing	210.00
BACS	Busns Stream	Water	58.73
BACS	Npower	Electric	147.41

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BACS	Npower	Electric	1825.3
BACS	Booker	Materials	49.45
<b>Total</b>			<b>£3790.89</b>

A grant application had been received by the Clerk from LIVE Crofton for VE Celebrations, following discussion and a review of the information provided, Cllr Ripley requested a decision resulting in the following; 9 members voted (by a show of hands), for the grant to be awarded.

**03/065 Consider and discuss correspondence received**

Members noted the content of the information received.

**03/066 HS2**

Following a discussion with the contact at HS2, apparently there are going to be new terms of reference as yet to be finalised and that HS2 should now be considered as part of 'The Rail Plan for the North'. HS2 2b and Northern Rail proposals should be linked together along with confirmation of the deliverability. They are waiting on a timetable from the Government for the review and at present the length of time was unknown. Until this is resolved there can be no Government Bill for Phase 2 from Birmingham to Leeds and Manchester and therefore no time line.

Apparently the Sheffield terminus is not agreed. Cllr Bennett pointed out that the latest plans he had seen indicated that the proposed station in Sheffield appeared to be a terminus without a link back onto the main HS2 route and queried if this would result in a Meadowhall Station and previous routes being considered.

All this depends on the Oakervee Review which should look at whether HS2 2b is the right strategic answer for the country but any proposals need to be integrated as part of the Northern Rail Plan. This will give the opportunity to challenge the design and costs including whether the existing proposed standards, running speeds and delivery are correct and cost effective.

New plans should look at providing better links and for legislation to proceed for the western looking at reducing costs. This is to prevent over specification to reduce costs and therefore provide value for money. It is proposed that an Integrated Rail Plan will be published by the end of the year.

**03/067 Parish matters**

With regard to commemorating VE Day this was discussed under agenda item 03/064.

Cllr Ripley informed members that more bollards were required to complete the work undertaken at the Parish Council car park, members agreed that extra bollards be purchased and installed.

Further to the request for use of the Sidings in July 2020, this would be added to the next agenda.

With regard to the Woodland Trust free trees scheme, the Scouts had agreed to assist with the planting of saplings when areas for planting could be identified (see minute 02/037).

**03/068 Date of next meeting**

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

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**03/069 Members of the public and press were to leave before agenda item 18.**

It was agreed.

**03/070 Matters to be discussed at the exclusion of the public and press**

It was agreed to provide funding from the Safe Scheme for the proposal received from Police Officer C.Hall.

The request to use the Parish Centre for a Toddler Group was approved.

Signed .....  
Chairman Crofton Parish Council

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