

Minutes of the remote Annual Parish Council meeting held 03 August 2020.

Present; Councillors; Barnsley, Bennett, Chalkley, Elson, Gordon, Hewitt, Kimbley, Ripley, Robinson, Stennett and Walker.
Clerk to the Council; Barry Riley

In attendance; District Councillor: Cummings.

All present were informed that the meeting would be streamed live to the facebook page on the web site to members of the public who were unable to access the Zoom platform. Cllr Chalkley commented that it was also being recorded onto Cloud.

The outgoing Chairman Cllr Ripley opened the meeting, he asked for nominations for the position of Chairman;

08/001 Appointment of Chairman 2020/21.

Cllr Robinson was nominated as Chairman by Cllr Stennett, it was seconded by Cllr Barnsley.

In accordance with Standing Orders a vote was taken by a show of hands as follows; For 7; Against 0;

It was RESOLVED; that Cllr Robinson be elected Chairman from August 2020.

08/001a Declaration of Office

Having been elected, Cllr Robinson was asked and duly agreed, to sign a Declaration of Acceptance of Office.

The appointed Chair, Cllr Robinson, requested nominations for a Vice Chairman;

08/002 Appointment of Vice Chairman 2020/2021

Cllr Chalkley was nominated as Vice Chairman by Cllr Elson, it was seconded by Cllr Hewitt.

Cllr Stennett was nominated as Vice Chairman by Cllr Barnsley, it was seconded by Cllr Ripley.

In accordance with Standing Orders a vote was taken by a show of hands as follows; For 6; in favour of Cllr Chalkley. For 5; in favour of Cllr Stennett.

It was RESOLVED; that Cllr Chalkley be elected as Vice Chairman from August 2020.

08/003 Resolution to adopt existing Standing Orders/Financial Regulations

Cllr Bennett suggested that the inclusion of Sub Committees be written into paragraph 12, the Clerk reminded members that Committees used to be included in this paragraph but was previously removed. In accordance with Standing Orders a vote was taken by a show of hands as follows; For 7; for the present wording to remain. Cllr Gordon commented on paragraph 2 of the Financial Regulations, in particular the review of estimates. The Clerk confirmed this had been addressed in the Precept discussion.

It was RESOLVED; to adopt the existing Standing Orders and Financial Regulations.

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08/004 Appointment of Working Parties

The following Parish Councillors agreed to oversee these community facilities;
(Cllr Chalkley requested the Parish Centre facility be recognised as follows);

Parish Centre and Library;

Cllrs; Bennett, Chalkley and Walker.

Cllr Ripley suggested that two groups be formed to progress the provision of the new building, one to deal with funding and the other to deal with the construction/costing following discussion it was agreed that it was not necessary at present.

Village Association;

Cllrs; Bennett, Chalkley and Kimbley.

Allotments;

Cllrs; Elson and Hewitt (and Harrison to be confirmed).

Cemetery;

Cllrs; Schofield and Stennett.

Website

Cllrs; Chalkley and Gordon.

Cllr Robinson asked that Floral Display be added as a working party;

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Cllrs; Elson, Robinson and Stennett.

08/005 Representation of the Parish Council on other group meetings.

Cllr Ripley would represent the Parish Council on any Biodiversity Group meetings.

Cllr Bennett would represent the Parish Council on HS2 matters.

Cllrs; Elson and Stennett would represent the Parish Council on LIVE Crofton.

Cllr Barnsley would represent the Parish Council on the Constable & Pinders Charity.

08/006 Public Participation session

District Councillor Cummings commented;

A Zoom PACT meeting was being held for Notton PC, she asked for a date from Crofton PC for their meeting.

Approval had been received for the funding for the extension of the 20mph zone.

A Healthwatch Wakefield newsletter had been sent to the Clerk for distribution to members, the Clerk duly noted the comment.

Members were thanked for allowing the use of the Parish Centre and Library grounds to provide packed lunches.

There was no start date for the Youth Club opening.

District Councillors had access to the Police laser speed gun, members were asked for suggestions for where it could be put to use.

Cllr Barnsley suggested outside the Parish Centre and Library.

Cllr Stennett commented on an accident that had recently occurred, a Land Rover

Discovery had hit the wall near Sainsbury and had continued down the hill hitting two other cars.

Cllr Chalkley informed members about speed controls within the village, on a recent test on Harrison Road (outside the School), one vehicle was recorded doing 80mph.

Cllr Walker enquired about a camera being placed where the Slipper Public House used to be given the speed of vehicles coming out of Winterset,

Cllr Ripley commented that full width ramps (tables) were originally requested in that

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area but it was refused because of the impact on Ambulances driving over them, but comment was made that there were full width tables in Agbrigg.

Cllr Stennett enquired if a re-application could be made, Cllr Bennett 's understanding was that WMDC Highways would not want to remove them, but if they were not performing they would be removed and then an application for a full width table could be made. In conclusion he thought the detail was wrong but the principle correct.

Cllr Cummings commented that you could not have a full width speed table where there was a bus route, as the bus companies objected, however this was disputed and examples given where speed tables were on bus routes.

Cllr Elson would check on the use of the laser gun in that there were limitations on where it could be used ie; straight roads were needed. Cllr Barnsley suggested that Manorfields Court was straight enough

Cllr Bennett commented that it would be more effective if the Police were not visible when using it, Cllr Cummings stated it was necessary for the Police to be visible otherwise it would be viewed as coercion,

Members reached agreement that it should be used on Santingley Lane and the bottom of Harrison Road, Cllr Cummings would organise this

Cllr Cummings would ask for a full width speed table to be placed on Harrison Road.

08/007 Apologies for absence

District Councillors; Manifold and Heptinstall.

Cllr; Schofield, it was agreed to approve the absence.

08/008 Declarations of Personal and/or Pecuniary interest

None declared.

08/009 Date of next meeting

The next meeting would be held on Tuesday 08 September 2020 at 7pm.

08/010 Members of the press and public were to leave before agenda no.25

It was agreed

08/011 Matters to be discussed at the exclusion of the press and public

Cllr Robinson confirmed that the recording of the meeting for public purposes would be stopped. Cllr Gordon noted the request, Cllr Chalkley would continue to record on behalf of the Parish Council for its own purpose.

Cllr Bennett informed members he was not on the School Governing body for Crofton Academy.

Cllr Stennett had earlier contacted the Clerk concerning ownership of private land off Shay Lane (near the entrance to the Sidings Fields), she had been informed about the shooting of wild animals (ducks), and the use of wrongly set traps, she was aware it had been reported to a Wild Life Officer, but needed to report who the landowner was, she was informed who it was, Cllr Elson would report it directly to the Police. Further comment was made that the shooting of wild animals (not considered game), was illegal and also whether the use of the land contravened planning permission and that the discharge of firearms close to the Highway was illegal. Comment was made that a co-ordinated effort was needed to resolve the problem, the Clerk was asked to add it to the September agenda for agreement to be reached on action to be taken.

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The Clerk reminded all members that as a general rule, the business of the Parish Council is not confidential, so members are free to discuss Council affairs outside Council meetings with whom they choose. However, Council matters that are discussed in private (at the exclusion of the press and public) are confidential. The Clerk informed members that he had been the Clerk to Crofton Parish Council for 15 years and considered it an insult to be referred to by the wrong name when he was asked to organise the meeting.

The Clerk addressed the Chair and asked for an explanation for why he had not been requested in the first instance to arrange the meeting, but instead members had asked for the help of the District Councillor's, and Gillian Marshall, the Chief Legal Officer at WMDC, when he had made provision in an email circulated to members on the 12 May for it to be held. Cllr Robinson asked for the email to be resent to him for clarification and to use as part of a review he would be conducting at some point in the future, on what has recently gone wrong with procedure/communication.

Cllr Robinson asked members to consider an end time for future meetings, following comment, concerns were raised that applying an end time would be restrictive, but members should aim to have the meetings lasting no more than two hours thirty minutes.

Cllr Hewitt commented that the gates that lead onto the sidings park that are on Hare Park Lane are continually getting blocked by cars being parked in front of them, this was a problem when an ambulance was called to attend the play park area but could not get access to the gate due to cars parked directly in front of them. Cllr Robinson would contact Cllr Cummings (who had left the meeting) to bring the matter to her attention

Signed
Chairman Crofton Parish Council

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