

Minutes of the remote Parish Council meeting held 09 February 2021.

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

In attendance; District Councillors; Cummings and Heptinstall.

Cllr Chalkley commented that the meeting was being recorded.

02/180 Report from W.Y.Police Officers working on Crofton Safe Scheme

Members were circulated with the Safe Scheme report for January 2021.

It was noted that the report did not contain any information on incidents of snowballing occurring which had targeted the homes of the elderly.

Cllr Barnsley having noted that there was more housing development taking place to the rear of Oak Street enquired who the builder was, he was informed it was an extension of the existing development by Harron Homes.

02/181 Wakefield MDC District Councillors Report

Cllr Cummings, gave an update on matters discussed at previous meetings in particular;

The Salt request from the Clerk had been delivered.

A response had been received from WMDC to the enquiry made by Cllr Kimbley regarding horses accessing the Sidings through the gate (ignoring the No Horses sign), there was no reason to alter the gate or the sign as the problem was being caused by individuals not adhering to the restrictions.

Following a report received outside the meeting, concerning an incidence of flooding on Doncaster Road which could have affected housing, this had been avoided following liaison with the farmer.

Cllr Cummings was aware that had been incidents of anti-social behaviour involving youths she informed members that the Police were also aware of such incidents.

A resident had contacted her about trees in the graveyard which needed attention, she had informed them to contact the Parish Council.

Cllr Elson had noted that the grit bin in Bedford Farm Court (see minute 12/ 158), had now been filled and moved on to the footpath, he thanked those who were responsible for taking action.

Cllr Kimbley commented that the area outside the Shay Lane entrance to the Sidings (see minute 01/163), was becoming worse.

Cllr Walker gave thanks to Cllr Cummings for arranging the clearing of vegetation (see minute 12/158), and the placing of bollards to deter unwanted access from Priory Ridge/Lovell View to the Sprnghill areas.

02/182 Public Participation session

No public in attendance.

02/183 Apologies for absence

Councillors; Schofield and Harrison.

Apologies were accepted.

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Cllr Harrison joined the meeting after apologies were accepted.

02/184 Declarations of Interest

None declared.

02/185 Minutes of the previous meeting

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

02/186 Matters arising from previous minutes

Cllr Gordon informed members that following the issuing of letters to a number of businesses (see minute 01/168), no response had been received prior to the deadline of 01 February. However, Sainsbury's had now responded to confirm their interest, following discussion it was agreed as follows For 9; to pursue the offer, Cllr Gordon would produce a document for the Clerk to issue to Sainsbury.

Further discussion took place concerning the purchase of the Defibrillator and for confirmation to be provided on the type to be purchased and how it will be used. Cllr Chalkley commented that public one's provided guidance on their use, he offered to make an enquiry to the St Johns Ambulance Service to progress matters.

02/187 Community Facilities

Report Parish Centre and Library

Cllr Robinson reported that;

He had written to the Architect about the Building Regulations but he had no further information, he indicated it could take another 2/3 months for a decision to be reached by the Planning Authority.

Electric works to the building had now been completed.

Report Village Association

Cllr Chalkley reported that

He had made several visits to the building following the recent water leak that had occurred. A local plumber had attended at short notice to repair the leak. The Cleaner had also done extra work to clear the debris. The building was drying out and the water had been turned off. The Clerk had arranged for a plumbing contractor to attend to the original leak but it was agreed to change that to deal with the leak to the mains supply (Yorkshire Water indicated it was not their responsibility) and provide a quote to repair the damage caused.

It was agreed that further discussion would need to take place on how the building should be managed going forward and how security could be improved given that there were many users of the building with access to most areas and showing a lack of respect to the facility.

Cllr Kimbley commented that the boiler room needed to be cleared of materials being stored there to ensure the security of the equipment.

Cllr Chalkley commented on the number of electrical items being brought to the building with no record being kept.

Cllr Bennett reminded members that the building was now 25 years old and a maintenance programme should form part of further discussions.

Other suggestions to improve the building included replacing the alarm system with a more efficient one linked to a camera system, the vents in the roof void should be altered to restrict the air flow in the cold weather, however it was thought that

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improved insulation would be a better solution.

Cllr Bennett asked if any blame should be apportioned to the leak, however following discussion it was considered there was insufficient evidence to prove any liability. It was agreed that a Zoom meeting be arranged involving all users to resolve the problems.

Members were informed that Crofton Phoenix CC would be progressing the works to the scoreboard (following the grant issued to them by the Parish Council). details would be provided to the Council prior to any decision.

Further to the discussion about the Precept (see minute 02/191), members were asked to vote on when the payment from the CVA to the Council should be paid for the previous year and that owing for this financial year, it was agreed as follows For; 9, that the payment be paid before the financial year end. It was also agreed as follows For; 7, that that the payment to the CVA for fencing repairs, be deducted from the payment owing. The Clerk would prepare a statement for Cllr Bennett to enable the payment.

With regard to the damage to the area outside the Shay Lane entrance to the Sidings (minute 02/181), it was suggested that increasing the parking space would offset this, Cllr Elson thought that people parking on the opposite side were now parking there.

Report Allotments

Cllr Harrison informed members that he had contacted a fencing company concerning the installation of palisade security fencing and access gate (see minute 01/169), however he had been unable to progress matters as he was self-isolating, Cllr Elson was also careful to avoid public contact during current restrictions.

Report Parish Cemetery

The Clerk was asked about the accuracy of the records following discussion about confusion over some reserved plots, The Clerk was confident that they were accurate based on the information supplied.

Report Website

Nothing to report.

Report Floral Display

Cllr Stennett commented that there was planned works for the Miners Wheel involving moving, cleaning and making it level and the placing of a plaque to acknowledge it. She was asked to prepare proposals as a pre-read for members prior to the next meeting.

02/188 Traffic issues

Cllr Elson made comment about the recent emergency road closure for Slack Lane, due to a gas escape, which was not for the whole road as originally indicated.

Cllr Barnsley commented on the number of pot holes to be seen and suggested the situation would only get worse given the recent weather.

02/189 Cleansing/Environment

Cllr Bennett had noted that there appeared to be less caravans parked off Shay Lane near to the Sidings Entrance (see minute 01/163).

02/190 Planning Notifications

Members duly noted the applications and decisions received.

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02/191 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 2021;

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

<u>Cheque/S/O/Bacs;</u>	<u>Payee;</u>	<u>Details;</u>	<u>£</u>
BACS	WMDC	Lease	232.50
BACS	R.Hampshire	Windows	18.00
BACS	W.Y.Police	Safe Scheme	1982.85

Cllr Bennett suggested that the amount to be requested for the Precept (£78635) was an increase of only 3.2%, yet the discussion held to discuss the matter was that the figure agreed was 4.66%, Cllr Robinson explained that the 4.66% figure was taken by using the prepared Precept calculator provided by WMDC.

Resolved: to accept the Precept figure proposed.

Following circulation of the information concerning the renewal of the contracts with Npower for the supply of electricity to the Parish Centre and the Sports Pavilion, members had noted the increased costs that would be incurred if a new contract was not agreed. The Clerk had made initial enquiries with three other suppliers (in accordance with Financial Regulations), the results would be presented at the next meeting. The Clerk noted the comment from Cllr Chalkley that Npower was now E-ON.

Following discussion, it was agreed to accept the 5 year LTA (Long Term Agreement), with the current insurers.

Having given due consideration to the letter received from WMDC concerning Grants for businesses affected by Covid – 19; it was agreed as follows For;8, to submit an application.

Cllr Gordon recommended to members that the 5th proposal be accepted for spending the remaining s106 funding. He would refine the proposal and present to members at the next meeting for agreement to be reached.

02/192 Consider and discuss correspondence received

No correspondence received,

Cllr Robinson commented on the invitation to attend a Climate Change Focus Group to be held in March, he enquired if anyone was interested in attending Cllr Bennett offered to attend subject to his availability, if not the Clerk would consider attending.

02/193 HS2

Cllr Bennett had nothing in particular to report, but would circulate any information received.

02/194 Parish matters

Cllr Gordon stated that he had sent out an initial document for further discussion by the group formed to gauge public consultation for a new Railway Station.

Cllr Barnsley stated there had been little activity involving the Constable and Pinders Charity. An Annual Statement had been produced and two grants awarded, however

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one had been returned as it did not adhere to the conditions for awarding a grant. Cllr Elson commented that the parent of a child using a trial bike on the Sidings football pitch had been identified, when approached he had shown no concern. The Clerk had yet to receive a response from Engie concerning the damaged manhole covers (see minute 01/174).

02/195 Date of next meeting

Resolved; that the next meeting of the Parish Council would be held on Tuesday 09 March 2021 at 7pm.

02/196 Members of the public and press were to leave before agenda item 18.

It was agreed

02/197 Matters to be discussed at the exclusion of the public and press

Nothing discussed.

Signed
Chairman Crofton Parish Council

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