

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held 12 October 2021.

Present; Councillors; Chalkley (Chair), Robinson (Vice Chair), De Mello, Harrison, Hewitt, and Walker.
Clerk to the Council; Barry Riley.

In attendance; District Councillor; Cummings.

10/293 Report from W.Y.Police Officers working on Crofton Safe Scheme

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

Of note was the crime section which gave information on stolen cars.

Cllr Chalkley would request additional Policing for Mischievous Night and for Remembrance Day.

10/294 Wakefield MDC District Councillors Report

District Councillor Cummings had provided a report for members, which gave an update on matters discussed at previous meetings in particular;

A response from WMDC had been received about the retrospective planning application for the Caravan site (see minute 09/275), they were currently experiencing a backlog of cases which was causing delays, to rectify the situation they were recruiting additional staff and producing an enforcement policy.

The missing sign had once again been replaced (see minutes 08/264, 09/275).

The drains on High Street (near the Chemist), had not yet been dealt with.

A repair notice had been issued for the bus turnaround area by the car park, despite the road having recently been repaired.

The road surface at the junction of Brand Hill and Shay Lane, has been placed on a maintenance programme and will be monitored.

WMDC Dog Wardens had been patrolling the Hare Park area and had spoken with the owner of an unruly dog.

Cllr Cummings explained the situation about the requirement by Amey Highways to remove all fittings and brackets when the displays are removed and then to be re-attached the following year when the new displays are delivered (see minute 10/300).

Cllr Cummings was asked to report the following;

Surface dressing potholes now appearing on the Meadowfields Estate.

Hedge growing into footpath at Springhill Mount/Avenue.

Grass overgrowing causing a disappearing footpath at Springhill/Meadowfields.

The road surface of Harrison Road needed attention.

Cllr Cummings was asked to ascertain the reason why the Parish Council needed to submit a claim form to WMDC, to have the drain cover on the Sidings field replaced.

10/295 Public Participation session

None in attendance.

10/296 Apologies for absence

Councillors; Barnsley, Bennett, Gordon, Kimbley Schofield and Stennett.

Apologies were accepted.

It was noted that Cllrs; Chalkley (Chair), Robinson (Vice Chair), Bennett, De Mello, Gordon, Harrison, Stennett and Walker, had attended the Zoom meeting held prior to the full Council meeting.

10/297 Declarations of Interest

None declared.

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10/298 Minutes of the previous meeting

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

10/299 Matters arising from previous minutes

Cllr Hewitt queried the ruling in the Allotments Policy which allowed for a non-resident to apply for a plot. It was confirmed that this had been agreed in 2016 when the Parish Council had decided to align their rules with that of WMDC. The Clerk was asked to reissue the rules and place the matter on the next agenda.

Members having considered the application received for the position of Parish Councillor by co-option, agreed to accept the nomination, the Clerk would inform WMDC Electoral Services and the candidate.

10/300 Community Facilities

Report Parish Centre and Library

Cllr Chalkley commented on the proposed public meeting and the various consultation stages that had been undertaken to reach this point for the new building. It was agreed that two dates (Wednesday 17 November and Saturday 20 November) would be sufficient for the public to be provided with information on the expected cost. the design. how it will be managed and access to the building during construction. Prior to the event the Working Party would hold a pre-discussion to confirm what information would be required and presented.

Members were informed that a meeting of the Library Group had taken place, matters discussed included confirmation on the location of the defibrillator within the building and what measures would be introduced in the event of another lockdown due to the coronavirus.

Members were asked to support the Xmas raffle that was taking place.

Report Village Association

A meeting of the CVA had taken place (see minute 09/281), a number of matters were discussed including problems with lights being left on and taps left running. Responsibility for the building needed to be established going forward, with a nominated person from each group suggested and a restriction on the issue of keys as a solution.

Not all groups were responding to information requests to enable invoices to be issued.

Grass cutting of the cricket area was not being undertaken by WMDC.

The Clerk confirmed that the cutting of the football pitches by WMDC (in error) had been resolved.

Following the appointment of Cllr Kimbley as the Secretary of the CVA, the signatories for the bank account had been changed, this had resulted in a cheque issued for the insurance premium not being able to be issued, it was agreed that the payment could be made by the Parish Council as an interim measure and reclaimed from the CVA.

Report Allotments

Cllr Hewitt reported that;

Following the recent inspection carried out at the Hare Park allotments, a number of plots were not being cultivated or tenants adhering to the Allotment Policy, it was agreed that the Clerk would write to those plot holders identified.

A number of plots had now been issued to new tenants.

The Working Party would also be inspecting the other allotment sites managed by the Parish Council.

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Report Parish Cemetery

Cllr Robinson reported that;

A meeting with another contractor had taken place to enable a third quote for the work required to provide future burial space (see minute 08/263 and 09/281).

Enquiries were still being made for the provision of plinths for cremated remains.

Report Website

A meeting of the Working Party was to be arranged with the intention to allocate responsibility for the various areas on the site.

Report Floral Display

Cllr Robinson reported that;

The cost incurred for the removal of brackets for 2022 (see minute 10/294), would not be incurred by Crofton PC, as they were having some winter and spring baskets in March on all brackets (FOC) so the brackets would not be removed in 2021/ 2022. Members were informed that the planting of spring bulbs in the grassed area next to the Parish Council car park, had taken place.

10/301 To receive reports from any outside bodies.

Nothing to report.

10/302 Traffic issues

Cllr Robinson had noted that a traffic camera had been in operation on Shay Lane. Cllr Chalkley informed members that he had requested speed checks to be conducted on Santingley Lane.

Cllr Walker enquired if it would be possible to widen the junction at Slack Lane/Doncaster Road, but this would only be possible if the private land that was needed to make such a provision, was purchased by WMDC, this was considered unlikely.

10/303 Cleansing/Environment

Nothing to report.

10/304 Planning Notifications

Members duly noted the applications and decisions received.

It was agreed that an objection be submitted for application 21/02234/TEL, the proposed 15.0m Phase 8 Monopole C/W wraparound Cabinet at the base and associated ancillary works which were to be installed on the High Street.

10/305 Financial matters

Members were in agreement with the content of the monthly payments and receipts and bank reconciliation report for appropriate governance.

The Clerk confirmed that there were no invoices due for payment for the month of October, any invoices paid following the meeting would be itemised on the monthly payments and receipts spreadsheet.

Members duly noted the quarterly accounts.

Discussion took place on how the Parish Council would support any expense incurred for events celebrating the Queens Platinum Jubilee. Future discussion would take place concerning this.

10/306 Consider and discuss correspondence received

The Clerk had prepared and circulated a Councillor Code of Conduct for Crofton Parish Council (see minute 09/287), following discussion amendments were requested. Resolved; to accept the document.

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10/307 HS2

Contrary to information supplied at the last meeting (minute 09/288), about the cancellation of the Birmingham to Leeds section of HS2, no decision had been made and was not likely to be, until the end of the month.

10/308 Parish matters

Cllr Hewitt had been to Methley Estate to order an Xmas Tree, he had chosen one and left a notice for the office to contact him, but he had to contact them again to confirm the order. The tree would not be available until November so he would need to return again.

10/309 Date of next meeting

Resolved; that the next meeting of the Parish Council would be held on Tuesday 09 November 2021 at 7pm in Crofton Parish Centre, High Street, Crofton.
There would be a Zoom meeting held prior to the full Council meeting on Monday 08 November at 7pm.

10/310 Members of the public and press were to leave before agenda item 19.

It was agreed

10/311 Matters to be discussed at the exclusion of the public and press

Nothing discussed.

Signed

Chairman Crofton Parish Council

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