

Present; Councillors; Bennett, Chalkley, de Mello, Hampshire, Stennett and Walker.
Clerk to the Council; Barry Riley

In attendance; District Councillors: Ali and Cummings.

05/01 Appointment of Chairman 2022/2023

Cllr Chalkley was nominated as Chairman by Cllr de Mello

Cllr Hampshire was nominated as Chairman by Cllr Walker.

In accordance with Standing Orders on voting, a vote was taken as follows;

Cllr Chalkley, For; 2.

Cllr Hampshire, For; 2.

A second election was not required as Cllr Hampshire withdrew his nomination.

It was RESOLVED; that Cllr Chalkley be elected Chairman for 2022/2023.

05/01a Declaration of Office

Having been elected, Cllr Chalkley duly signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office.

05/02 Appointment of Vice Chairman 2022/2023

Cllr Hampshire was nominated as Vice Chairman by Cllr Stennett, it was seconded by Cllr Walker.

It was RESOLVED; that Cllr Hampshire be elected as Vice Chairman for 2022/2023.

05/03 Appointment of Working Parties

The following Parish Councillors agreed to oversee these community facilities;

Parish Centre and Library;

Cllrs; Bennett, Chalkley and Walker.

Village Association;

Cllrs; Chalkley, de Mello and Hampshire.

Allotments;

Cllrs; Hewitt and Stennett.

Cemetery;

Cllrs; Hampshire, Stennett and Walker.

Website

Cllr de Mello.

Floral Displays

Cllrs; Hampshire, Stennett and Walker.

05/04 Representation of the Parish Council on other group meetings.

Cllr Hampshire would represent the Council on matters relating to the Safe Scheme.

Cllr Bennett would represent the Parish Council on matters relating to the library.

Cllr Bennett would represent the Parish Council on HS2 matters.

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

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

a.Cllr Chalkley informed members that Cllr Gordon had resigned his position.

05/05 Report from W.Y.Police Officers working on Crofton Safe Scheme

Cllr Bennett had noticed that there was an increased presence of Officers outside Shay Lane School, Cllr Cummings stated it was part of a district wide initiative about parking at schools, comment was made that the Safe Scheme funds be utilised to extend the programme to all schools.

Cllr Hampshire would request that (minute 05/04), an officer attend the schools to

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educate children on traffic matters.

Cllr Walker had become aware of the bad behaviour of children on school buses and queried if this was forcing parents to take their children by car, this situation would only add to the congestion. A request to Police Officers to travel on the buses would act as a deterrent.

05/06 Wakefield MDC District Councillors Report

Cllr Usman Ali was congratulated on being elected to the District Council.

District Cllr Cummings provided members with an update on matters discussed at previous meetings in particular;

She was awaiting information on who would repair the pot holes and the kerb (minute 02/385 and 04/409). on the turning circle road adjacent to the Academy

There was no further update concerning responsibility for the ditch connection (minute 04/409).

Enquiries concerning the problematic drain reported on several occasions by Cllr Hewitt, had identified a broken pipe, despite it being reported as repaired previously.

The area by the Skate Park had been referred to WMDC Land Drainage.

Action could not be taken to clear vegetation at the bottom of Priory Ridge, as it was bird nesting season.

Cllr Chalkley asked for a solution to be found for the traffic congestion in the village, comment was made that the Authority had continually avoided the issue and should now take action and given the village was deemed a service centre, a solution should be a priority.

Cllr Walker had noted that there was much vegetation in the road gullies in the Meadowfields area, Cllr Cummings duly noted the comment.

Cllr Chalkley requested that following the end of the elections, that signage be removed from the lampposts.

05/07 Public Participation session

Nothing to report.

05/08 Apologies for absence

Councillors; Barnsley, Hewitt and Schofield.

Apologies were accepted.

05/09 Declarations of Personal and/or Pecuniary interest

None declared.

05/10 Minutes of the previous meeting

The minutes of the previous meeting, were signed as a true record by the Chairman.

05/11 Matters arising from previous minutes

Nothing to report.

05/12 Community Facilities

Report Parish Centre and Library

Cllr Walker commented that the notice on the door and an article in the Beacon stating no more books, was misleading, as it inferred that no books were needed due to the impending closure of the building. Cllr Bennett explained that no more books were required at the present time, as there was no capacity to take them.

The library had produced a new constitution to enable it to seek grant funding for the new building.

Report Village Association

Cllr Bennett informed members about the next CVA meeting and that a candidate/s

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would be sought for the position of chair, secretary and treasurer.

The cricket club now had an u13 team, they had made a request for a junior size pitch to be made available.

There were still problems with cars parking on the football pitches and with the deactivation of the alarm system, Cllr Stennett queried if there was a manual/procedure for users of the building, she was informed that instructions had been issued to them.

Report Allotments

The Clerk reported that 88% of payments had been received for the new allotment year.

Report Parish Cemetery

Cllr Hampshire had noted that the casket area was not getting cut, the Clerk would contact the contractors T&D who cut the area to enquire the reason why it had not been done.

Report Website

Following the resignation of Cllr Gordon, the Clerk would request that he liaise with Cllr de Mello, to enable access and use of the website.

Report Floral Displays

Cllr Walker asked that a sponsorship form for the baskets (see minute 04/ 414), be left in the library.

05/13 Traffic issues

A meeting would be arranged with the Deputy Leader of WMDC, to voice concerns about the dissatisfaction with the Highways services.

05/14 Cleansing/Environment

Nothing to report.

05/15 Planning Notifications

Members duly noted the applications received, in particular;

The Clerk was asked to submit an objection concerning application 16/03005/S7301, concerning the removal of condition 3 at 51 Oakenshaw Lane, Walton, but to also comment that the area of land was in Crofton and not Walton.

05/16 Financial matters

Members noted the content of the monthly budget monitor document for appropriate governance.

The Clerk provided members with a list of payments for the month of May 2022;

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

<u>Cheque Number:</u>	<u>Payee:</u>	<u>Details:</u>	<u>Amount:</u>
BACS	Firescreen	Extinguishers	149.30
BACS	Firescreen	Extinguishers	490.82
BACS	WMDC	Xmas Lights	10982.40
<u>Total</u>			£ 11622.52

Members duly noted the Annual Internal Audit report

The presiding Chairman, Cllr Chalkley, duly signed the Annual Governance Statement.

The presiding Chairman, Cllr Chalkley, duly signed the Accounting Statements.

05/17 Consider and discuss correspondence received

No correspondence for discussion.

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05/18 HS2

Nothing to report

05/19 Parish matters

Following the work that Cllr Chalkley had undertaken to improve the area by the Winding Wheel, LIVE Crofton wanted to create a sensory garden on the surrounding grassland, although members were in agreement, they would expect plans to be presented.

Cllr Stennett commented that due to recent changes in the membership of the Council, that a new method of working was required and a need to attract new Councillors.

Cllr Bennett commented that he had sought the comments of the Chair and Vice Chair over correspondence he had sent concerning the Winding Wheel.

05/20 Date of next meeting

The next meeting would be held on Tuesday 14 June 2022 at 7pm in Crofton Parish Centre, High Street, Crofton.

05/21 Members of the press and public were to leave before agenda no.22

It was agreed

05/22 Matters to be discussed at the exclusion of the press and public

Nothing discussed.

Signed
Crofton Parish Council

Date.....

Chairman