

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held 12 April 2022.

Present; Councillors; Chalkley (Chair), Hampshire (Vice Chair), Barnsley, Bennett, Hewitt, Stennett and Walker.
Clerk to the Council; Barry Riley.

In attendance; District Councillor; Cummings.

04/408 Report from W.Y.Police Officers working on Crofton Safe Scheme

Members were circulated with the Safe Scheme report for March 2022.

It was noted that there were no priority crimes recorded.

Following the group discussion with other Councils who funded the Safe Scheme (see minute 03389), it was noted that the other Councils were satisfied with how the scheme was being operated in their area. It was suggested that contact be made with Tracy Collins, the Partnership & Collaboration Officer, to discuss the problems being experienced for best value to be achieved from the Scheme.

Comment was made that rather than ring the 101 contact number for the Police, incidents be reported via the website.

Other matters discussed included the allocation of CIL which had replaced some elements of s106 funding.

04/409 Wakefield MDC District Councillors Report

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

The road by the entrance of the Parish Council car park, was the responsibility of the Academy.

A land search would be undertaken to establish responsibility for the damaged connection (see minute 03/390), also the ditch to the rear of Holly Close had been dealt with.

The Youth Club would be reopened on the 06 May.

A litter pick had been conducted at the Skate Park on the Sidings playing fields. it was noted that the surrounding area was like a bog, the result of colliery spoil that had been used within the area.

Cllr Chalkley gave comment on the introduction of boundary changes within the Parishes and the Ward, following the latest Town and Parish Council liaison meeting which he had attended.

There was confusion about the boundaries with Walton and Sharlston, resulting from a lack of consultation with the Parish Council concerning such matters.

Members were informed that that the brightness of lighting columns were adjustable should any be too bright.

Cllr Cummings was provided with information following the meeting which had occurred with Graham West WMDC Highways Manager (see also minute 04/417), which had left members feeling disappointed. One comment made in response to the length and time spent in queue's, was that it may lead to other forms of transport being used, but this was considered very unlikely.

Cllr Cummings was asked to;

Ensure that a Traffic Regulation Order, promised for Shay Lane (and which was noted by Graham West at the meeting), would be implemented.

Enquire if the problematic drain reported by Cllr Hewitt on several occasions and which had been reportedly dealt with, was working, as it appeared not to be.

To arrange clearance of vegetation at the bottom of Priory Ridge.

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04/410 Public Participation session

No public in attendance.

04/411 Apologies for absence

Councillors; de Mello and Schofield.

Apologies were accepted.

04/412 Declarations of Interest

None declared.

04/413 Minutes of the previous meeting

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

04/414 Matters arising from previous minutes

Future boundary changes (see minute 04/409 and 04/423).

04/415 Community Facilities

Report Parish Centre and Library

Cllr Bennett reported that;

A Bill of Quantities had been received which would enable funding requests to be submitted. Another meeting with the Architect would be required to clarify why some requirements were missing from the quantities. It was unlikely that work would commence in May.

The Clerk was in attendance to oversee the servicing of the two extinguishers, one had failed and was replaced.

Report Village Association

Cllr Bennett reported that

He had resolved the matter (about what was initially thought), concerning the grass cutter being left unattended.

The installation of the new shutters was being progressed.

The existing CVA bank account with HSBC had now been closed, the balances had been transferred to the Parish Council account.

Following the report about the fire (see minute 03/396), it was confirmed that there was a fire alarm system within the building.

He would be resigning his position in the CVA.

Cllr Hampshire had attended at the building to oversee the servicing of the extinguishers, each one had failed and were therefore replaced.

Report Allotments

Members having received the draft document and discussed the content, agreed to adopt the rules subject to a minor change.

Report Parish Cemetery

Having reviewed the current Regulations Rules and Fees, it was agreed that some changes were required to paragraphs 10b) and 13.

With regard to paragraph 7, Cllr Stennett proposed that registration to both NAAM and BRAMM be accepted, Cllr Barnsley seconded the proposal.

Following a vote it was agreed as follows For; 4, Against 2, to accept the proposal.

Report Website

Nothing to report.

Report Floral Display

Following agreement reached at the previous meeting concerning the sponsorship of baskets (minute 03/96), it was agreed to accept the sponsorship form circulated with documents for the meeting, subject to a minor amendment.

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04/416 To receive reports from any outside bodies.

Cllr Barnsley informed members that he had informed Trust members of the situation concerning amendments to the bank account (see minute 03/397).

04/417 Traffic issues

Following the meeting which had occurred with Graham West WMDC Highways Manager (see minute 03/398), a document concerning pavement parking had been seen sent. Cllr Bennett also provided members with information from the document produced following the meeting.

04/418 Cleansing/Environment

Nothing to report.

04/419 Planning Notifications

Members duly noted the applications and decisions received.

With regard to the approval of application 21/02752/FUL, for environmental accessibility improvements to 62 residential properties, it was agreed that a letter be prepared and sent to the Chief Planning Officer raising concerns about the environmental impact which would result.

It was agreed that the document prepared by Cllr Bennett, be used in response to the appeal from Atkinson Brown Storage Ltd; against a planning enforcement notice concerning the site on Shay Lane.

In response to the letter received from Walton Parish Council concerning the judgement for the land adjacent to Oakenshaw Lane (which lies within Crofton), which expires in May 2022. Cllr Chalkley would issue a response to Walton Parish Council, to confirm that the planning authority enforces planning condition 3, for application 16/03005/FUL.

04/420 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 April 2022;

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	YLCA	Membership	949.00
BACS	WMDC	Rates	823.35
BACS	1 st Impressions	Floral Display	5282.88
BACS	W.Y Police	Safe Scheme	457.13
			TOTAL £ 7512.36

Members gave their approval to the year-end accounts.

It was agreed that YIAS be appointed as the Internal Auditor.

04/421 Consider and discuss correspondence received

Members noted the content of the information received concerning the request to appoint two voting representatives and a deputy for the YLCA Branch meetings.

04/422 HS2

Nothing to report.

04/423 Parish matters

With regard to the discussion concerning boundary changes (see minute 04/409),

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Cllr Bennett commented that it would result in some houses becoming within the Charlston boundary and this would have an impact on the precept received. However as it was expected that more new housing in Crofton this situation would be negated. Cllr Chalkley confirmed that the Annual Parish Meeting would take place at 6.30pm prior to the Annual Parish Council meeting.

04/424 Date of next meeting

Resolved; that the Annual Parish Council meeting would be held on Tuesday 10 May 2022 at 7pm in Crofton Parish Centre, High Street, Crofton.

Members were asked to consider whether to continue with a Zoom pre-meeting, following discussion it was agreed that they would cease.

04/425 Members of the public and press were to leave before agenda item 19.

It was agreed

04/426 Matters to be discussed at the exclusion of the public and press

Nothing discussed.

Signed
Chairman Crofton Parish Council

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