

Crofton Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held 13th December 2022.

Present; Councillors; Trevor Chalkley (Chair), John Barnsley, Simon Bennett, Bob Hewitt, Esme Slater, Helena Stennett, Glenda Towns, Silvia Walker, Marvin Walkington, Jayne Wilby

Clerk to the Council; Maureen Cummings

In attendance; District Councillor Maureen Cummings.
There were no members of the Public present.

12/98 Report from W.Y. Police Officers working on Crofton Safe Scheme

Members were circulated with the Safe Scheme report for November 2022. It was noted that some incidents had not been recorded. Burglary and Criminal Damage were the main items.

ACTION The Chair will write to Inspector Glen Costello regarding the Safe Scheme and the service the Parish Council are receiving.

12/99 Wakefield MDC District Councillors Report

District Councillor Cummings provided a written report feeding back on issues raised at the last meeting. An update on the flooding along Hare Park Lane was requested by Cllr Hewitt. An update on the footpath at Priory Ridge was requested by Cllr Walker. Other issues raised included parking and congestion in the village, Cllr Bennett referred to the Safe Free Flow Policy produced by WMDC but did not appear to be following. A question regarding Yorkshire Water and the discharge of foul water into rivers was raised by Cllr Bennett, he was referred to YW webpage which contained the information he sought.

12/100 Public Participation session

There were no public present

12/101 Apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Cllr Martyn Hampshire who had work commitments these apologies were approved.

12/102 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest

12/103 Minutes of the previous meeting

The minutes of the meeting held 8th November 2022 were agreed as a correct record and signed by the Chair

12/104 Matters arising from previous minutes

There were no matters arising

12/105 Community Facilities

a) Report Parish Centre and Library

Cllr Bennett reported that.

A further lottery application has been submitted but there is no update on this yet. Will the Public Works Loan impact on the Precept 2023/4, this will be discussed at the Precept meeting but it was felt that the surplus may be used to cover any increase.

ACTION Cllrs Chalkley & Walker will look at the Public Works Loan application form and feedback.

b) Report Village Association

Cllr Chalkley reported that.

A meeting is required as soon as possible to talk about future fees for both the football and cricket use.

c) Report Allotments

Cllr Hewitt reported that.

There have been reports of the gate being locked/unlocked and abuse has been targeted at Cllr Hewitt if this continues the allotment holder will be written to. There were no other issues to discuss

d) Report Parish Cemetery

Cllr Stennett reported that.

Cllr Chalkley has spoken to RJ Burgess about contact details following the resignation of the Clerk and that he and Cllr Stennett were now the two contact points until a new Clerk is appointed. All seems to be going well.

e) Report Website

Cllr Walker reported that.

Progress was being made with changes to the website, however input is now required on what information the site should carry.

ACTION Cllr volunteers to meet with Cllr Hampshire in the new year to discuss what information they want to see on the site.

f) Report Floral Display

Cllr Stennett had nothing to report

12/106 To receive reports from any outside bodies.

Cllr Barnsley informed members that the problems with the bank account had yet to be resolved. The return to the Charity Commission is due to be submitted in January23. His accounting records show a current balance of £3,880.00p

12/107 Traffic issues

Reports of boy races along Hare Park Lane. The Police have been seen in the village undertaking speed checks and this appears to have made a difference.

ACTION Cllr Chalkley to speak to officers on the SAFE Scheme to see if a speed initiative could be undertaken along Hare Park Lane.

12/108 Cleansing/Environment

It would appear the WMDC have been in the village clearing out the gutter grates. The Parish Councils allocation of Salt was not able to be delivered, the wagon was too big to access the tipping area.

ACTION Cllr Chalkley to visit Tadman Street to obtain some bags of salt for the village.

12/109 Planning Notifications

Members duly noted the applications and decisions received. The Licencing applications had also been circulated for noting.

12/110 Financial matters

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

There were two invoices to agree:

R Jennings – Cemetery Works	£450
YLCA – Clerk Advert	£ 15

RESOLVED that these payments were agreed

The Chair informed members that purchase of items for the light switch on amounted to £100 and that this would be paid out of the Chairs Allowance.

RESOLVED that member agreed to this payment

12/111 Consider and discuss correspondence received

All correspondence had been circulated to members. One point to note that the land to the side of the car park leased to the Council could not be used for any other purpose that green space.

12/112 HS2

Cllr Hewitt was concerned that large wagons were seen regularly going down Hare Park Lane to the old Crofton Station and wondered what was happening. Cllr Slater informed him that this was not suspicious and nothing to do with HS2 it was regular maintenance works.

12/113 Parish matters

- a) Cllr Bennett commented on the recent slurry sealing of pavements and that weeds were already growing through.

- b) Cllr Stennett commented on the two parks reviews and who to contact regarding Bio Diversity, this information was provided at the meeting.
- c) Cllr Chalkley proposed the date and time of the Precepting meeting which was required in January – Sunday 8th January at 6pm was agreed and members were encouraged to attend.

12/114 Date of next meeting

RESOLVED; that the next Parish Council meeting would be held on Tuesday 10th January 2023 at 7pm in Crofton Parish Centre, High Street, Crofton.

Councillor Stennett offered her apologies for the January meeting she has work commitments.

The Chair wished all members a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

12/115 Members of the public and press were to leave before agenda item 18.

It was agreed

12/116 Matters to be discussed at the exclusion of the public and press

Update on the Clerk Applications

Signed
Chairman Crofton Parish Council

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