

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held 15 February 2022.

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

**In attendance;** 2 members of the public.

**02/370 Report from W.Y. Police Officers working on Crofton Safe Scheme**

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

With regard to the non-attendance of a Safe Scheme Officer. it was agreed that he would be contacted to enquire why he was not attending. Members considered that there were not being given an opportunity to ask questions directly to the Police Officer (i.e cars parking in restricted areas), who attended the Parish Council meetings which had previously been part of the scheme provision.

The Clerk was asked to contact other Parish Councils within the scheme and invite them to a meeting at the Parish Centre to enable a general discussion and share opinions about the scheme.

**02/371 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;

It was not yet known who the owner of the land was on Doncaster Road opposite Cambridge Crescent and WMDC had been to attend at the ditch by the cycle path on the Sidings Field (see minute 12/332).

Following a report concerning a pot hole on Walton View, this had been attended to. Following the information circulated about the closure of Harrison Road for repairs, there had been some confusion over times and the contact details were incorrect. Cllr Walker also commented that there had been people left waiting at the Coffee morning, Cllr Cummings commented this had now been resolved.

Further to discussions about the Fun Day event, Cllr Cummings would be seeking funding from the Parish Council and from the Youth Club.

It had been noted that there was much traffic congestion at the junction of Doncaster Road with Lodge Lane, Cllr Cummings duly noted the comment.

Cllr Chalkley asked Cllr Cummings about possible boundary changes that could be introduced in Crofton, she confirmed that this had been a subject discussed at the recent Town and Parish Council liaison meeting and recommended that the Parish Council attend the next meeting of the group for further information. Cllr Chalkley confirmed that a response had been prepared should the proposals go ahead.

Cllr Stennett asked about the safety of trees on Towers Lane which were covered in Ivy, a response from WMDC would be circulated to members.

**02/372 Public Participation session**

A representative from R.J.Burgess Funeral Directors (see minute 02/377), enquired about the lack of provision for the burial of cremated remains and commented that he could arrange for the work to be carried out. However this was on the assumption that the Parish Council had the stone plinths required to complete the work, he was informed that this was not the case. A number of alternative options were presented to members to consider and further information would be sent to the Clerk to circulate.

It was agreed that a flagstone path would be laid whilst a solution was found.

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### **02/373 Apologies for absence**

Councillor; Schofield.

Apologies were accepted.

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

### **02/374 Declarations of Interest**

None declared.

### **02/375 Minutes of the previous meeting**

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

### **02/376 Matters arising from previous minutes**

No matters arising.

### **02/377 Community Facilities**

#### **Report Parish Centre and Library**

Cllr Bennett reported that;

Following the Working Party meeting, there were a number of areas of concern, such as a limited storage area, the kitchen area and the toilet door opening, all these matters would be discussed with the Architect, a meeting with him had been arranged for the 01 March at 2pm.

Comment was made that underfloor heating would be the best option for the new building.

The expected cost to fit out the Library area would be £24500. A quote would be obtained for the Parish Council meeting area.

Cllr Walker stated that a book sale was taking place at present and the Library was still getting new members,

Having enquired about the provision of books for children and teenagers, Cllr Stennett was invited to attend a Library session.

#### **Report Village Association**

Cllr Bennett reported that

The next meeting of the CVA would be on 15 March at 7.15pm.

He was still trying to resolve the problems with the bank account and was awaiting a report on the replacement shutters following them being serviced (see minute 01/358).

Cllr Chalkley informed members that following contact with the hygiene service providers PHS, they were only prepared to visit on Mondays or Fridays, following discussion Cllr Hampshire agreed to meet and liaise with them and seek a solution so that normal service could be resumed.

Cllr Hampshire informed members that despite information received at the previous meeting, the pitches were being played on.

#### **Report Allotments**

The Clerk would circulate the current Allotments Policy with the suggested changes for agreement to be reached on a new policy.

Cllr Stennett had noted that the Allotment working group was to be made up of a minimum of two Parish Councillors with an overview of allotment management.

It was agreed that the allotment collection day would take place on Saturday 23 April.

#### **Report Parish Cemetery**

Cllr Stennett reported that;

She and Cllr Chalkley had visited building supply companies in an effort to obtain the

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stone plinths required to extend the casket area for the burial of ashes. Following discussion, the introduction of an alternative provision would have to be considered, Cllr Stennett would produce a report for members to consider the options and enable agreement to be reached.

The letter received from R.J.Burgess Funeral Directors was discussed under agenda item 3.

#### **Report Website**

Cllr De Mello reported that;

She was in discussion regarding the website design.

#### **Report Floral Display**

Members discussed the estimate that had been received from 1st Impressions.

Comment was made about the flowers to be used and if they should be a changed.

It was also noted that there would be a discount applied to the cost, subject to an early payment. It was agreed that a decision would be made at the March meeting.

### **02/378 To receive reports from any outside bodies.**

None received.

### **02/379 Traffic issues**

Following the request for WMDC to attend a site meeting (see minute 01/360), Cllr Cummings had arranged for WMDC Highways Manager Graham West to be contacted by the Clerk, who would arrange for him to attend a discussion with members at the Parish Centre on a Tuesday or Thursday at 3.15pm.

### **02/380 Cleansing/Environment**

Following comment at the previous meeting (see minute 01/361), the leaves had been cleared.

### **02/381 Planning Notifications**

Members duly noted the applications and decisions received.

Members discussed application 22/00046/TPO, and that if permission was granted to fell the trees at 5 Church Hill Farm, that it should be conditional on replacement trees being planted, the Clerk was able to confirm that the application had been refused.

### **02/382 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 an invoice for payment for the month of February 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	WY Police	Safe Scheme	1500.00
<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>1500.00</b>

### **02/383 Consider and discuss correspondence received**

Members had noted the content of the information sent.

Comment was made that participation in the lighting of a Beacon for the Millennium had been rejected. It was agreed that prior to any decision being made, the Parish Council would observe what other parishes were to do.

Having considered a number of suggestions in support of the Queens Green Canopy, it was agreed that the triangle of land (owned by the Parish Council), on Spring Lane, would be a suitable site for the planting of an indigenous tree. It was also agreed that the purchase of an A4 plaque be made by the Clerk.

The Constable and Pinders Charity (via Cllr Barnsley), would be asked to confirm

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ownership of the Pinfold area on Doncaster Road.

**02/384            HS2**

Nothing to report.

**02/385            Parish matters**

Cllr De Mello enquired what action would be taken regarding the damaged kerbstone (see minute 11/327). It was confirmed that the responsibility for repair was that of the School Academy, the Clerk would contact the Premises Manager, Cllr Chalkley would provide a picture for the Clerk to submit with a request to repair the kerb. He would also request that pupils desist from walking across the grassed area by the Millennium stone, as they were damaging the flower bulbs, Cllr Stennett suggested a sign be also placed there as a deterrent.

Cllr Walker suggested that a time capsule could be planted at Spring Lane (see minute 02/383).

Cllr Bennett suggested another stone similar to the Millennium stone at the car park could be an option, he informed members that a time capsule had been placed beneath where the stone had originally been.

Members were informed that an enquiry had been received from a resident about the placing of a grit bin on Rose Garth.

**02/386            Date of next meeting**

Resolved; that the next meeting of the Parish Council would be held on Tuesday 08 March 2022 at 7pm in Crofton Parish Centre, High Street, Crofton.

A pre -meeting using the Zoom communication platform, would be arranged for the Monday prior to the next meeting.

**02/387    Members of the public and press were to leave before agenda item 19.**

It was agreed

**02/388            Matters to be discussed at the exclusion of the public and press**

Nothing discussed.

Signed .....

Chairman Crofton Parish Council

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