

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held 12 July 2022.

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

In attendance; District Councillors; Ali and Cummings.

07/42 Report from W.Y.Police Officers working on Crofton Safe Scheme

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

Cllr Hampshire asked members to contact him should they have any matters that needed to be reported to the Safe Scheme Officer.

Members were informed that Inspector Costello was the new Inspector for the area.

07/43 Wakefield MDC District Councillors Report

District Councillor Cummings gave an update on matters discussed at previous meetings in particular;

Following an inspection (see minute 06/24), it was agreed that the drain was defective, work would be arranged to rectify this.

There was no update from Land Drainage concerning the area by the Skate Park (minute 05/06).

A response had been received from WMDC following the request for a Traffic Regulation Order, (concerning school parking issues), to be applied between 8am – 4pm. The Clerk was asked to circulate the document with full details of the response to members.

Following the request at the previous meeting to remove vegetation which was obscuring the Low Bridge sign on Shay Lane, this had been actioned. A number of residents had asked if a 'Duck Crossing' sign could be erected in this area.

Following a recent street surgery, (see also minute 06/24), a number of areas had been cleared of overgrowing vegetation.

Cllr Cummings had met with Cllr Chalkley regarding arrangements for the Crofton Gala on 17 August on the Sidings. She thanked the Parish Council for their support in order to stage the event.

Comments was made that there were further strikes planned by Arriva bus services. District Councillor Ali, gave an update on matters discussed at previous meetings in particular;

He had reported the large pothole on Manorfields Avenue, he was informed that this had now been dealt with. He also confirmed that there was no safety issue concerning the dropped kerb in this area.

Work was being undertaken to clear vegetation on Doncaster Road (near Kendal Rise) and cutting of the grass verge on Shay Lane, would also be taking place.

It was noted that the Street Sweeper had been active in the village.

Although work was being carried out to remove Hogweed on Doncaster Road, Cllr Hewitt suggested that the area should also be sprayed.

It had been noted that the car park at the Doctors Surgery was always full, even though there were few patients, it was thought it was the school staff that were parking there.

Cllr Bennett asked for an Arboriculturist report to be obtained, as he had concerns about the status of the trees on Springhill Drive.

07/44 Public Participation session

No members of the public were in attendance.

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07/45 Apologies for absence

Councillors; Schofield, Stennett and Walker.
Apologies were accepted.

07/46 Declarations of Interest

None declared.

07/47 Minutes of the previous meeting

The minutes of the previous meeting required amending prior to approval.

07/48 Matters arising from previous minutes

No matters arising.

07/49 Community Facilities

Report Parish Centre and Library

Cllr Chalkley reported that;

He had submitted a funding application to the Lottery (minute 06/30), on behalf of the Council. Cllr Bennett was awaiting information before submitting his application to them on behalf of the library.

Further to concerns raised by members about the use of the Parish Centre/Library for reporting hate crime, it was agreed that the centre was not a suitable building for such purposes.

Report Village Association

Cllr Chalkley reported that,

The next meeting of the CVA was due to take place, the minutes of the previous meeting would be checked to confirm the date and time.

The shutters were now fitted, some joinery work would be needed to finish the installation and arrangements had been made to upgrade the electrical system. The shutter company had also advised that the doors at the entrance should be replaced.

Cllr Bennett commented that an insurance renewal quote for the CVA had been requested.

It had been noted that lights in the building had been left on whilst unoccupied, it was thought this was the guides.

Cllr Chalkley reminded members that when a decision has been reached by the Parish Council, there is no further requirement for it to be discussed.

Report Allotments

Cllr Hewitt reported that;

He had cause to deal with several disputes concerning plot holders.

Report Parish Cemetery

The Clerk commented on the application received from Rayner Memorials, he informed members that the company (who had wrongly removed a headstone previously), had not adhered to the procedure required to enable permission to be given to erect a memorial headstone. He had asked Cllr Stennett to confirm that the headstone had not been erected without permission, which would result in a financial penalty being imposed on them. Following discussion it was agreed that notice be given to them that if procedure was not adhered to, they would not be allowed to continue working in the cemetery.

Report Website

Cllr De Mello reported that;

Following the offer of assistance (minute 06/30), the Clerk was asked to add to the September agenda, an item for external support to be received to create a page on the Facebook profile and to allow for the updating of the website to make it easier to

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access and navigate.

Cllr Chalkley asked if members wanted to keep the subscription for the Zoom platform, following discussion it was agreed to add this to the September agenda.

Report Floral Display

Cllr de Mello reported that;

The replacement baskets (minute 06/30), had not yet been replaced, she would liaise with Cllr Stennett concerning this.

07/50 To receive reports from any outside bodies.

Nothing to report.

07/51 Traffic issues

Members duly noted the number of traffic related matters reported in the Safe Scheme report for June 2022.

07/52 Cleansing/Environment

It was noted that Cllr Ali had not reported on the cleansing issues within the village (see minute 06/25).

07/53 Planning Notifications

Members duly noted the applications and decisions received.

With regard to the letter received concerning planning application 22/01319/TPO for 2 The Towers, members had no objection to the works being undertaken subject to all statutory requirements being adhered to.

07/54 Financial matters

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

It was agreed that the invoice received for the work carried out in the Cemetery casket /cremated remains area, be paid (minute 06/30). Cllr Hampshire agreed to provide a schedule for the ongoing management of the area.

Members were in agreement with the quarterly accounts.

Following distribution of the quote received from SSS Ltd for the provision of security patrol for the sports pavilion and allotments (see minute 07/57), it was agreed that another quote be obtained from WMDC for the same provision, Cllr de Mello offered to arrange this.

The Clerk informed members that he had received an invoice from WMDC for the Annual Grounds Maintenance Contract for the Cricket Ground, he provided members with the information he had received, following an enquiry made to the issuing department of WMDC. It was resolved; the invoice be paid for the period stated only and quotes would be sought for future works.

07/55 Consider and discuss correspondence received.

Members had noted the content of the information sent.

The use of the Parish Centre/Library for reporting hate crime was discussed under agenda item Community Facilities.

Following the circulation of the letter received from Jonathan Clarke, Director for and on behalf of the New Crofton Co-op Colliery Ltd; (who was seeking support from the Parish Council to resolve the situation around Crofton), Cllr Bennett provided members with information on the background to the project. Cllr Wilby also gave comment on her reservations about the project. Cllr Chalkley commented that any proposals were unlikely to be achieved.

07/56 HS2

Cllr Bennett commented that the 4 options to connect the eastern leg of HS2 to the

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East Coast Mainline, were still being considered (see minute 06/37).

07/57 Parish matters

The provision of a security patrol for the sports pavilion and allotments was discussed under agenda item Financial Matters.

Cllr de Mello enquired about the ownership of trees near the ponds on the Sidings fields and the triangle of land on Springhill, it was confirmed that they were the responsibility of WMDC.

07/58 Date of next meeting

Resolved; that the next Parish Council meeting would be held on Tuesday 13 September 2022 at 7pm in Crofton Parish Centre, High Street, Crofton.

07/59 Members of the public and press were to leave before agenda item 19.

It was agreed

07/60 Matters to be discussed at the exclusion of the public and press

Nothing discussed.

Signed
Chairman Crofton Parish Council

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