

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held 14 June 2022.

Present; Councillors; Chalkley (Chair), Hampshire (Vice Chair), Barnsley, Bennett, Hewitt, Stennett and Walker.

Clerk to the Council; Barry Riley.

In attendance; District Councillor; Ali.
3 members of the public.

06/23 Report from W.Y.Police Officers working on Crofton Safe Scheme

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

It was noted that of the 9 priority crimes recorded in Crofton in May 2022, one male suspect was thought to be responsible for all of them. This male had been identified, arrested, and charged with several of the offences and is also linked to similar crimes in Walton.

The Police had received numerous reports of ASB involving off road motorbikes, one was particularly noticeable, as it had a number 44 on its frame.

The Parish Council liaison with the Safe Scheme Officer, Cllr Hampshire, was asked to ensure that all schools in the village were regularly patrolled, rather than just a particular one.

06/24 Wakefield MDC District Councillors Report

District Councillor Cummings had sent a report prior to the meeting, providing members with an update on matters discussed at previous meetings.

Cllr Ali read out to all in attendance the content of the report and provided information on the issues raised following the street surgery along Birkwood and Towers Lane.

He informed members that he had arranged for some road markings to be repainted.

He duly noted the resident's comments (minute 06/25), about cleansing issues, he provided his direct email address (u.ali@wakefield.gov.uk) and mobile phone number (07385 467306), for anyone to report matters to him.

Cllr Ali was asked;

To enquire what the percentage of Council Tax paid by Crofton residents was spent within Crofton.

For gritting to be undertaken in the winter months on Ashdene Garth and the Brand Hill area of the village.

To arrange a meeting with WMDC and Cllr Hewitt regarding the ongoing drain problem on Hare Park Lane (minute 05/06).

To report a large pothole on Manorfields Avenue near the Funeral Directors. It was noted that following the introduction of a dropped kerb in this area, the drain cover was in the middle of it, this was a potential danger to any users ie; pushchairs and the road markings had not been reinstated.

To arrange the cutting of vegetation which was obscuring the Low Bridge sign on Shay Lane.

To confirm if there was sufficient capacity in the sewerage system to cope with all the developments in the village.

06/25 Public Participation session

A resident was concerned about the numerous cleansing issues within the village such as vegetation growing out of the drain gully's and causing footpath obstruction.

Cllr Ali duly noted the comments and would report it to WMDC.

Members received a presentation from a candidate for co-option to the Parish Council. Having provided information about herself and confirming that she was a member of the Labour Party, it was agreed that this would be discussed under agenda item 19.

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06/26 Apologies for absence

Councillors; de Mello and Schofield.

Apologies were accepted.

06/27 Declarations of Interest

None declared.

06/28 Minutes of the previous meeting

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

06/29 Matters arising from previous minutes

With reference to minute 05/19, concerning the comments made by Cllr Bennett concerning the Winding Wheel, Cllr Chalkley confirmed that he had spoken to Crofton LIVE who would address the problem.

06/30 Community Facilities

Report Parish Centre and Library

Cllr Bennett reported that;

He had met with the Architect and had received a new Bill of Quantities (see minute 04/415). Members were informed that the likely cost to produce the building and have it fitted out would be £400,000. This would be met from the Council's earmarked bank reserves and funding applications. If there should be any shortfall in funding then finance would be sought from the PWLB (Public Works Loan Board).

Cllr Barnsley enquired if there was still sufficient time within the planning permission time limit should there be any delays to the proposed start date, he was informed there was.

Report Village Association

Cllr Bennett had provided members with the CVA (Crofton Village Association), accounts for 2021 – 22. The Clerk pointed out that the monetary figure transferred to the Parish Council following the closure of their HSBC bank account, was incorrect. In response to the request made by Cllr Hampshire about the future of the CVA, it was agreed that this would be discussed under agenda item 19.

Following discussion it was agreed to accept the quote received to install electric motors on the new shutters.

Report Allotments

Cllr Hewitt reported that;

Following the start of the new allotment year some plots had been relinquished and some plots revoked due to non-payment, also all payments had now been received. Following information reported to the Working Party about the tipping of asbestos, Cllr Hampshire enquired how it would be removed. He was informed that some had been removed, the Clerk would enquire about the cost/method to remove the remaining amount.

Report Parish Cemetery

Cllr Stennett reported that;

Following agreement that a wedge shaped plinth be provided for the casket area (minute 03/396), members were informed that following a request for quotes, a granite plinth would cost £450. It was considered that this was too expensive for families, there was also a problem with storage and possibly insurance cover.

Following a vote it was agreed as follows,

For; 4, Against;0, to discontinue with bronze plaques and allow for the purchase of a stone plaque.

Cllr Stennett would provide members with the new procedure to enable this, which

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would include a similar system as that applied for memorial headstones, which allowed for freedom within a framework. Following agreement this would be incorporated by the Clerk into the regulations/rules.

Due to the condition of the of the casket/ashes area, an immediate cutting of grass had been arranged. It was agreed that quotes be sought for the ongoing management of this area.

Report Website

The Clerk reported that he had obtained the user login and password details for the website, he had sent them to Cllr de Mello.

Cllr Walker offered to give assistance to the Facebook profile.

Report Floral Display

Cllr Stennett reported that;

The baskets were now in place, however some had been stolen which would be replaced.

06/31 To receive reports from any outside bodies.

Cllr Barnsley for the Constable & Pinders Charity, reported that there had been no progress on changing the bank account (see minute 04/416). It was suggested that they transfer the bank account to another provider.

It was noted that a proposal for a sensory garden from LIVE Crofton (see minute 05/19), had been delivered to the Clerk and passed to Cllr Chalkley prior to the meeting. A meeting would be arranged with them to progress matters.

06/32 Traffic issues

Due to the recent strike action by the Arriva bus workers it was noted that the independent service was the only bus service currently available.

Cllr Barnsley had experienced traffic congestion which may have been related to the above situation.

06/33 Cleansing/Environment

Nothing to report.

06/34 Planning Notifications

Members duly noted the applications and decisions received.

Comment was made that there had been another application (retrospective), for the erection of a radio antenna at 5 Kingsley Avenue, the application had been dismissed

06/35 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 June 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	Booker	Cleaning Materials	33.32
TOTAL £			33.32

Following a request from the Clerk, the Chair confirmed that the bank balances on the Parish Council's bank statement agreed with the balances on the bank reconciliation report for appropriate governance.

06/36 Consider and discuss correspondence received

No correspondence for discussion.

The information received concerning the Crofton Colliery was too late to be added to this agenda, it would be an item for the July agenda.

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06/37 HS2

Members were informed that the Government were considering 4 options to connect the eastern leg of HS2 to the East Coast Mainline.

06/38 Parish matters

Cllr Hampshire in consultation with Cllr Chalkley, had requested a quote from Sandal Security for the provision of a security patrol for the sports pavilion and the allotments.

06/39 Date of next meeting

Resolved; that the next Parish Council meeting would be held on Tuesday 12 July 2022 at 7pm in Crofton Parish Centre, High Street, Crofton.

06/40 Members of the public and press were to leave before agenda item 19.

It was agreed

06/41 Matters to be discussed at the exclusion of the public and press

Following the presentation (minute 06/25). It was agreed that the co-option be approved.

Cllr Hampshire advised members that he had serious concerns about a number of hygiene and health & safety issues relating to the use of the Pavilion building by the members of the CVA.

Cllr Hampshire also raised concern that the no one had yet been appointed to become the Chairman, Secretary or Treasurer of the CVA.

It was agreed that a separate discussion take place concerning such matters, Cllr Hampshire was asked to produce a document for consideration.

Signed

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Chairman Crofton Parish Council