

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held 15 March 2022.

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

In attendance; District Councillors; Cummings.
1 member of the public.
Clerk to the Council; Barry Riley.

03/389 Report from W.Y.Police Officers working on Crofton Safe Scheme

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

Further to the recent letter received from the Safe Scheme Officer, it was noted that he had confirmed that he would be unable to attend Parish Council meetings.

A request would be made for the Officers to conduct foot patrols, to deter illegal parking, a problem particularly outside schools.

A group discussion with other Councils who funded the Safe Scheme (see minute 02/370), would be arranged for the 29 or 31 March at 7pm subject to the meeting with WMDC (see minute 03/398).

03/390 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;

Further to recent comments, WMDC were responsible for the issuing of parking tickets and not the Police.

Further to the previous meeting concerning the land on Doncaster Road opposite Cambridge Crescent, the site had been visited by a Planning Officer, the owners had been advised that the gate and fence require planning permission. The owner had confirmed that the site will remain agricultural and that animals will be kept on the site. The caravan sited on the land is uninhabitable and its purpose is to store animal feed. Planning Officers would continue to monitor the site.

The ditch by the cycle path on the Sidings Field (see minute 02/371), had been cleared, Cllr Bennett commented that the connection under the road from the ditch to the other side may be damaged resulting in the Farmer's field not draining, a request was made to Cllr Cummings to arrange an inspection and if needed have it replaced, she was also asked to report the condition of the ditch on the Sidings Fields, to the rear of houses at Holly Close.

Cllr Cummings would be attending a meeting concerning boundary changes in the Ward, an update would be provided.

West Lane would be closed from 10 – 25 March for Gas works.

Cllr Stennett had noted that outbuildings had been erected in Bluebell Woods off (West Lane) she asked Cllr Cummings to enquire if planning permission had been granted.

Following a report concerning missing manhole covers from the Springhill and Meadowfields areas of the village, it was confirmed they had been pinched.

03/391 Public Participation session

No comments received.

03/392 Apologies for absence

Councillors; Chalkley, De Mello, Schofield and Walker.

Apologies were accepted.

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

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03/393 Declarations of Interest

None declared.

03/394 Minutes of the previous meeting

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

03/395 Matters arising from previous minutes

Following the circulation of information received from the Premises Manager (see minute 02/385), Cllr Bennett confirmed that responsibility for repair was not the Academy's.

03/396 Community Facilities

Report Parish Centre and Library

Cllr Bennett reported that;

A meeting had taken place with the Architect, with the areas of concern (see minute 02/377), being discussed. A drawing showing the proposed changes was provided for members to view. The introduction of a boundary wall and a flagpole were also discussed, as was what should be done with the noticeboard. The Architect now had enough information to produce a bill of quantities for presentation to members in due course.

The library would be closed on Good Friday and Easter Monday.

Report Village Association

Cllr Bennett reported that;

He had met with the electrical contractor, who, having conducted an inspection, had carried out work to the control unit in one of the changing rooms. The vents in the kitchen area were working, but they only circulated the air rather than extract it. To fit one in the ceiling would be difficult, consideration would be given to fitting one on the outside wall.

Cllr Hampshire had met with PHS (see minute 02/377), he was to co-ordinate the service visits, as they were occurring on different days and times. He also was informed that the Parish Council had signed a five year contract.

It was noted that the Scouts/Guides/Beaver groups had a set of keys to access the building, they had recently held an event using a portable gas cooker which had caught fire. Concern was raised about the use of portable appliances without permission and if they were safety approved.

Report Allotments

Cllr Hewitt reported that;

He would be meeting with the Clerk on Saturday to confirm the record of allotment tenants for all three sites were correct.

Following circulation of the current Allotments Policy with the suggested changes, a number of points were discussed on what should be changed and included, Cllr Bennett offered to make the amendments and produce a draft for adoption at the next meeting.

Cllr Cummings confirmed that agreement had been reached to enable an allotment gate to be installed (see minute 09/281).

Report Parish Cemetery

Cllr Stennett reported that;

She provided members with the options to introduce the changes to the casket area (see minute 02/377). A new path to upgrade the existing one but also to provide access to the new casket area was required, it would cost £1800. Following discussion and with reference to previous comments concerning the need to provide such a facility, members were in agreement to proceed with this. Members were

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supplied with several options on a new type of plinth to be used as the existing ones were not available.

Having discussed the options, it was proposed that a wedge shaped plinth be used which would allow for the existing plaques to be placed on them. Following a vote it was agreed as follows; For 3, to accept the proposal. Cllr Stennett would progress matters.

Report Website

Nothing to report.

Report Floral Display

Cllrs Stennett and Hampshire reported that;

They had met with the contractor 1st Impressions to discuss the estimate received (see minute 02/377), following discussion members were in agreement on acceptance and that the discount be claimed.

Members were provided with information on the sponsoring of the baskets and how it would result in a future cost saving for the Council for the basket provision, members were in agreement with the proposals.

03/397 To receive reports from any outside bodies.

Cllr Barnsley informed members that some progress had been made with changing the bank account for the Constable & Pinders Charity (see minute 01/359).

03/398 Traffic issues

The meeting arranged with Graham West WMDC Highways Manager (see minute 02/379), had been cancelled, another would be arranged for the 29 or 31 March at the Parish Centre on a Tuesday or Thursday at 3.15pm. The Clerk would provide confirmation to members.

03/399 Cleansing/Environment

Nothing to report.

03/400 Planning Notifications

Members duly noted the applications and decisions received.

03/401 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 March 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	P.Fletcher	Drawings	400.00
			TOTAL £ 400.00

Following discussion, it was agreed to remain with the current provider of electricity. Members duly noted the statutory requirements to Implement a staff wage increase.

03/402 Consider and discuss correspondence received

No correspondence for discussion.

03/403 HS2

Members were informed that National Rail were seeking headquarters in the North, Wakefield MDC had submitted an application to be considered.

03/404 Parish matters

Cllr Stennett voiced her concerns about attending both a Zoom meeting and a Parish Council meeting. Cllr Bennett gave the reasons why the Zoom pre meetings were

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originally introduced. It was agreed that this would be an agenda item for April.

03/405 Date of next meeting

Resolved; that the next meeting of the Parish Council would be held on Tuesday 12 April 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.

03/406 Members of the public and press were to leave before agenda item 19.

It was agreed

03/407 Matters to be discussed at the exclusion of the public and press

Nothing discussed.

Signed
Chairman Crofton Parish Council

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