

## **Crofton Parish Council**

### **Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held 08 November 2022.**

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

Clerk to the Council; Barry Riley.

**In attendance;** District Councillor Cummings.  
1 member of the public.

Cllr Chakley welcomed all new Councillors to the meeting.

#### **11/79 Report from W.Y. Police Officers working on Crofton Safe Scheme**

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

I was noted that incidents about bricks being thrown at house windows were not recorded.

#### **11/80 Wakefield MDC District Councillors Report**

District Councillor Cummings provided an update on matters discussed at previous meetings and requests made from Councillors between meetings.

In particular, there was no further information on the opening of the gates see minute 10/61).

Members were informed that the area of land known locally as 'The Triangle', had a 'TO LET' notice in place.

Cllr Towns commented on the quality of the street lighting, members were asked to report any concerns.

Cllr Walker reported that there was a large pothole on Priory Ridge.

There was general comment about problems experienced with fireworks.

#### **11/81 Public Participation session**

A resident commented that since the School Crossing Patrol was no longer operational, she had observed cars stopping on Slack Lane to allow children to cross. This was a potential hazard, if it became expected that other cars would stop and they did not.

#### **11/82 Apologies for absence**

No apologies received.

#### **11/83 Declarations of Interest**

None declared.

#### **11/84 Minutes of the previous meeting**

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

#### **11/85 Matters arising from previous minutes**

No matters arising.

#### **11/86 Community Facilities**

### Report Parish Centre and Library

**Cllr Bennett** reported that.

The Architect would be asked to extend the planning permission (see minute 10/67). Following discussion, it was agreed that an application to the PWLB (Public Works Loan Board), would be started.

It was queried about use of the facility as a 'Warm Place'? Cllr Bennett advised that before any final decision is made the Library Volunteers views would have to be obtained as to whether this was appropriate or whether they felt they could accommodate this taking into account their Library duties.

### Report Village Association

**Cllr Chalkley** reported that.

A meeting of the CVA was to be arranged.

He was aware that there had been an incident of the building being left open and the lights left on.

Members discussed the quote received from SSS (document circulated), to replace the existing arrangement with Mayfair Security. Cllr Stennett proposed, and Cllr Hampshire seconded the motion that the quote be accepted

**Resolved;** that the proposal be accepted. A further quote would be provided to replace the doors.

### Report Allotments

**Cllr Hewitt** reported that;

He had contacted a number of plot holders to inform them that all birds should be kept isolated following the recent communication received from WMDC concerning Avian Flu.

### Report Parish Cemetery

**Cllr Stennett** reported that;

A request for a meeting with Eden Memorials, to resolve the problems with the recently repaired headstones, was being arranged.

### Report Website

**Cllr Walker** reported that;

Progress was being made with changes to the website.

### Report Floral Display

**Cllr Stennett** reported that.

Some of the planters had now been re-planted.

### **11/87 To receive reports from any outside bodies.**

Cllr Barnsley informed members he was to prepare a financial report for the Constable & Pinders charity, The problems with the bank account had yet to be resolved, a switch to another bank was being considered

### **11/88 Traffic issues**

Nothing to report.

**11/89 Cleansing/Environment**

In order to progress the delivery of the Winter Service 2022/23 - Salt Provision from WMDC, the Clerk asked someone to check if the gate was able to be opened.

**11/90 Planning Notifications**

Members duly noted the applications and decisions received.

**11/91 Financial matters**

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

There were no invoices due for approval.

The quote received for the security provision was discussed under agenda item 8.

Members duly noted and agreed with the Christmas provision quotation for 2022.

**11/92 Consider and discuss correspondence received**

Having discussed the information received from Open Country Wakefield a disability charity offering help to access and enjoy the great outdoors and management and of meadows, plant bulbs would be purchased using the Platinum Jubilee fund.

**11/93 HS2**

Cllr Bennet informed members he was still awaiting a report on the direction of travel.

Comment was made about the PM Rishi Sunak reversing a commitment made weeks ago.

**11/94 Parish matters**

Cllr Bennett commented on the previous agreement for purchasing of a tree and plaque for the Queens Platinum Jubilee and to progress this.

It was noted that the two-hour waiting period for the Parish Council car park was not being adhered to.

Cllr Hewitt had visited the Methley Estate and ordered a Christmas Tree.

Cllr Chakley confirmed to members the arrangements for the Remembrance Parade and the Christmas Lights switch on.

**11/95 Date of next meeting**

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

**11/96 Members of the public and press were to leave before agenda item 19.**

It was agreed

**11/97 Matters to be discussed at the exclusion of the public and press**

Arrangements were confirmed to deal with the resignation of the Clerk.

Signed .....  
Chairman Crofton Parish Council

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