

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held 11 October 2022.

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

In attendance; District Councillors; Cummings and Ali.
2 members of the public.

a. Following the presentations received at the previous meetings and correspondence from another candidate, it was agreed to accept the three candidates for Co – Option.

The Clerk would plan for them to attend the next meeting and inform WMDC.

10/60 Report from W.Y.Police Officers working on Crofton Safe Scheme

No report received.

Cllr Hewitt asked Cllr Hampshire to report incidents of anti-social behaviour occurring on Hare Park Lane.

10/61 Wakefield MDC District Councillors Report

District Councillor Cummings provided members, with an update on matters discussed at previous meetings in particular;

Following the report received at the previous meeting concerning children being forced to walk long routes to access both schools (District Councillors 20 September 2022), discussions were taking place to get the gates opened.

Cllr Hewitt commented again on the provision of a car park for the Church and that spare academy land would be suitable, Cllr Cummings would write to the Academy but commented that as it was not WMDC owned there was little that the authority could do about the land being made available.

District Councillor Ali provided members, with an update on matters discussed at previous meetings in particular;

There was a delay to work on the drain on Hare Park Lane due to a change in the WMDC service provider.

He was dealing with several residents' concerns reported directly to him.

He was informed that tree roots were causing damage to the footpaths on Hare Park Lane and Ash Street, he duly noted the information.

Cllr Bennett asked that he provide an update about water discharge which was reported previously.

10/62 Public Participation session

Following the issue to members of documents in support of the resident's enquiry to site their coffee trailer business on the land next to car park in the village, the Clerk confirmed that the lease for the land did not permit this. Further consideration would be given to the use of the Parish Centre car park, subject to further information being provided by the resident.

10/63 Apologies for absence

Councillors; Barnsley and Wilby.

Apologies were accepted.

Cllr Chalkley confirmed that he had received the resignation of Cllr Schofield, the Clerk would inform WMDC Electoral Services,

10/64 Declarations of Interest

None declared.

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10/65 Minutes of the previous meeting

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

10/66 Matters arising from previous minutes

No matters arising.

10/67 Community Facilities

Report Parish Centre and Library

Cllr Bennett reported that the library now had 561 members.

Members were also informed that planning permission for the new centre would expire in December 2022, a meeting was therefore needed with the architect to discuss the options to extend the permission, such as starting foundation work. Following the news that the application for funding from the National Lottery was unsuccessful, Cllr Bennett commented that he had attended a fundraising event (along with Cllr Barnsley), which provided information on how to proceed with a re submission of the application.

Report Village Association

Cllr Chalkley reported that

All invoices had been issued to the members of the CVA, to date, only payments had been received from the Cricket Club and the Guides.

An enquiry had been received from the Cricket Club concerning the cutting of the Cricket pitch (see also minute 10/75).

Cllr Hampshire informed members that due to work commitments, he was unable to attend any future meetings or be present for services provision, relating to PHS and Mayfair Security. He pointed out that agreements to provide such services were not being met by PHS. Following discussion, PHS would be informed that if service provision could not be provided to an agreed day and time, the service would be cancelled.

Report Allotments

Cllr Hewitt reported that;

A water leak had been identified as the responsibility of Yorkshire Water.

Report Parish Cemetery

Cllr Stennett would send to the Clerk, a copy of the revised Regulations Rules and Fees document, concerning the procedure for the new casket area.

Report Website

It was agreed at the September meeting to accept external support to create a page on the Facebook profile and to allow for the updating of the website.

A Facebook Group for Crofton Parish Council was now up and running.

Report Floral Display

Nothing to report.

10/68 To receive reports from any outside bodies.

Nothing to report.

10/69 Traffic issues

It had been noted that an articulated lorry had been parking on occasions by the mini roundabout on High Street, resulting in chaos to highway users. Members were asked to obtain a photograph so that it could be reported to WMDC Highways.

10/70 Cleansing/Environment

Nothing to report.

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10/71 Planning Notifications

Members duly noted the applications and decisions received.
Regarding application 22/01821/FUL, following discussion it was agreed that an objection be submitted against increasing the height of the wall as it was not appropriate in this area and would set an unwanted precedent.
Regarding application 22/01662/CPL, the planning officer would be asked to ensure that permitted work times were enforced and construction traffic controlled to avoid any inconvenience.

10/72 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 October

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	Crofton Juniors	Grass Cutting	3556.00
TOTAL			£ 3556.00

It was agreed to accept the quarterly accounts.

Members were still awaiting the quotes for security patrols.

A formal quote had not been received for the grass cutting/maintenance of the casket area, it was agreed that the previous contractor be requested to do the work as an interim measure.

It was agreed at the previous meeting to cancel Zoom provision.

It was agreed to not accept the provision of Xmas trees for attachment to lampposts.

It was agreed to accept the quote received for Floral Displays; Cllr Stennett was asked to confirm this to the contractor.

10/73 Consider and discuss correspondence received

The proposal received from the resident was discussed at agenda number 10/62.

10/74 HS2

It was noted that the new Prime Minister was in favour of the scheme, a report on the viability of the project was still awaited.

10/75 Parish matters

Cllr Bennett commented on the recent document received for the Wakefield District Council – Local Plan 2036, which stated that most of the cricket pitches across the district require quality improvements, also that there was a shortfall of cricket pitches.

10/76 Date of next meeting

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

10/77 Members of the public and press were to leave before agenda item 19.

It was agreed

10/78 Matters to be discussed at the exclusion of the public and press

The Clerk would confirm that the acceptance of co-opted members was within the time frame allowable before an election.

Signed
Chairman Crofton Parish Council

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