

Crofton Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held 14th February 2023.

Present; Councillors; Trevor Chalkley (Chair), John Barnsley, Simon Bennett, Bob Hewitt, Glenda Towns, Sylvia Walker, Dwayne Walkington, Kelly De Mello, Jayne Wilby

Clerk to the Council; Maureen Cummings
Visitor Rebecca Maindonald

In attendance; District Councillors Maureen Cummings & Usman Ali
There were 3 members of the public present.

02/136 Report from W.Y. Police Officers working on Crofton Safe Scheme

No Police present. Members were circulated with the Safe Scheme report for January 2023. Over the last few weeks there have been many ASB incidents, the Police have agreed to extra patrols in the cemetery and at the top of the village. A lengthy discussion took place about the value of the SAFE Scheme.

ACTION The Clerk to contact Insp Costello to arrange a meeting as soon as possible to discuss the Parish Councils issues.

02/137 Wakefield MDC District Councillors Report

District Councillor Cummings provided a written report feeding back on issues raised at the last meeting, these included footpath resurfacing Harrison Road, warning lights Harrison Road. Lights out Harrison Road & the Doncaster Road development

District Councillor Ali provided a verbal update on the grates along Hare Park Lane, Doncaster Road and informed the council that the Police were closing the information desks in Wakefield and Pontefract and he would be raising this at the Police & Crime Panel

02/138 Public Participation session

A number of issues were raised regarding Private Landlords and HMO's, also the lack of investment in Crofton.

02/139 Apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Cllrs Slater & Stennett reasons accepted.

02/140 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

02/141 Minutes of the previous meeting

The minutes of the meeting held 13th December 2022 with two alterations to Cllr Walkington & Cllr Walkers names were agreed as a correct record and signed by the Chair

02/142 Matters arising from previous minutes.

There were several matters:

- 12/126(a) The meeting regarding the Public Works Loan went ahead 16/1/23
- 12/126(b) A meeting between the PC and the Village Association has not yet take place.
- 12/126(c) Confirmation that the allotment collections will take place 25/3/23 at 10/30am
- 12/126(d) This action is ongoing; the Chair requires more information of internment
- 12/126(e) Website meeting to discuss layout and pages yet to be finalised, the website needs to be user friendly.
- 12/129 Doncaster Road planning gate heights confirmed as ok.
- 12/131 The Precept has now been submitted.
- 12/132 Coronation Bench on the agenda.

Action Clarity is required from Cllr Stennett regarding the Coppers Lake meeting with the Deputy Leader of the Council Councillor Jack Hemingway

02/143 Coronation Bench

A vote of thanks was proposed by the Chair to the resident who repaired the bench outside the doctor's surgery Slack Lane, the bench is looking much better.

The Council as still unaware who owns the bench investigations are ongoing.

02/144 Community Facilities

a) Report Parish Centre and Library

Cllr Bennett application for Public Works Loan now complete £250k the balance of the works will be paid for from the Parish Council's reserves.

No issues relating to the library. Awaiting outcome of Capital Grant Fund application for new shelves for the library.

b) Report Crofton Village Association

Cllr Chalkley reported that.

No Issues. New doors required; this is an ongoing issue.

c) Report Allotments

There have been two emails one applying for an allotment and one giving notice these were handed to Cllr Hewitt to deal with.

Someone has purchased a heavy-duty lock for the gate and is issuing keys, Cllr Hewitt to investigate and report back.

d) Report Parish Cemetery

Discussed under Matters Arising, no further issues.

e) Report Website

Discussed under Matters Arising, no further issues

f) Report Floral Display

Application for sponsorship discussed and agreed.

02/145 To receive reports from any outside bodies.

Constable & Pinders Charity – Cllr Barnsley reported that the AGM had been held and that they were still in the process of changing the bank account. A new Constitution is in place.

02/146 Cleansing & Environment Issues

People are litterpicking around the village. Kits can be requested from WMDC. 1 each requested for Cllrs Chalkley & De Mello, 2 requested for the library.

Action: the Clerk to request 4 kits from WMDC

102/147 Planning Notifications

Five application for Crofton received and discussed.

02/148 Financial matters

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

Invoices to agree:

Octopus Energy The Sidings	£1,046.84
Octopus Energy Parish Centre	£191.01
Water Bill	£857.77
Police SAFE Scheme	£1,500.00
WMDC Lease Cricket Pitch	£72.50
WMDC Lease Playing Field	£232.50
Zurich Insurance	£4,358.09

RESOLVED that these payments were agreed.

There was one further payment.

First Impressions	£5,741.28 (payment due April 18 th)
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RESOLVED that this payment is paid on its due date and that the contract with First Impressions is discussed again at the September meeting of the Parish Council.

02/149 IT Equipment

RESOLVED following discussions it was agreed to purchase a new laptop, printer and mobile phone for the new Clerk. The Chair will arrange.

02/150 Correspondence

All correspondence has previously been circulated.

9.10pm Cllr Walkington left the meeting

02/151 Parish matters (incl Traffic)

- a) Cllr Bennett asked that Coronation spend/items be added to the next agenda to include Memorial & Jubilee Tree

02/152 Date of next meeting

RESOLVED; that the next Parish Council meeting would be held on Tuesday 14th March 2023 at 7pm in Crofton Parish Centre, High Street, Crofton.

02/153 Members of the public and press were to leave before agenda item 18.

It was agreed.

Signed

Chairman Crofton Parish Council

Date.....

02/154 Matters to be discussed at the exclusion of the public and press.

Ms Rebecca Maindonald has been offered the position of Parish Clerk she will commence on 1st March 2023.

Cllr Simon Bennett will continue in the position of Temp RFO until 1st August 2023 during that time he will work with Ms Maindonald ensuring a smooth transfer of the Parish Councils finances.

RESOLVED all agreed that this was the way forward.

Signed
Chairman Crofton Parish Council

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