

Crofton Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held 10th January 2023.

Present; Councillors; Trevor Chalkley (Chair), John Barnsley, Simon Bennett, Bob Hewitt, Helena Stennett, Glenda Towns, Sylvia Walker, Dwayne Walkington,

Clerk to the Council; Maureen Cummings

In attendance; District Councillors Maureen Cummings & Usman Ali
There were no members of the public present.

12/117 Report from W.Y. Police Officers working on Crofton Safe Scheme

No Police present. Members were circulated with the Safe Scheme report for December 2022. Burglary and speeding bikes through the village were the main items. Any items for the Police to be passed to the Chair.

ACTION The Chair has not yet contacted Inspector Glen Costello regarding the Safe Scheme and the service the Parish Council are receiving.

12/118 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 and Priory Ridge, clearing out of the Dyke Priory Ridge, potholes, and installation of flashing warning lights Harrison Road.

One issue was raised by Cllr Bennett regarding the kerb replacement Springhill, good job but already showing signs of breaking up because of vehicles running over the kerb.

12/119 Public Participation session

There were no public present.

12/120 Apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Cllrs Slater, Wilby & De Mello all reasons accepted.

12/121 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

12/122 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

12/123 Matters arising from previous minutes.

There were no matters arising.

12/124 To Accept Resignation

An email to the Chair from Cllr Hampshire has been received offering his immediate resignation due to work commitments. Following discussion, it was agreed that the resignation is accepted.

12/125 To Elect a Vice Chair

Following Cllr Hampshire's resignation, a new Vice Chair was required, nominations were requested Cllr Walker moved Cllr Stennett and Cllr Towns seconded the nomination the vote was unanimous. Cllr Stennett was elected as Vice Chair.

12/126 Community Facilities

a) Report Parish Centre and Library

Cllr Bennett reported that.

The application for the upgrade of the Parish Centre has now been advertised. The lottery bid has been rejected reason not enough consultation. New grant opportunities will be pursued. A meeting to discuss the Public Works Loan Application was arranged.

The Printer and the Clock in the library are now working.

ACTION Meeting to discuss the Public Works Loan Application arranged for Monday 16th January 2023 in the Parish Centre at 1pm all Councillors were invited to attend.

b) Report Crofton Village Association

Cllr Chalkley reported that.

The outstanding fees have now been paid. The Energy fees circa £4k are still outstanding

ACTION a) The Chair to find out when the security contract ends. b) The Chair to arrange a meeting with Crofton Village Association committee to discuss the way forward.

c) Report Allotments

Cllr Hewitt reported that.

The allotment charges are now due and a date to be arranged to collect the fees. There are a number of people indicated they will not renew and there is a possibility that one or two of the allotments could be split.

ACTION Cllrs Hewitt, Stennett & Walkington to arrange collection of fees Saturday 25th March 2023 10.30am.

d) Report Parish Cemetery

Cllr Stennett & Chalkley reported that.

Discussion have taken place about cemetery plots and how many could be interred in each. The Guidelines need to be updated in light of the discussions

The rules also need to include that 'it is illegal to scatter ashes in the cemetery or to bury ashes und the headstones.

ACTION Cllr Chalkley to write draft guidelines to include changes to internment and scattering of ashes.

e) Report Website

Cllr Walker reported that.

The council needs to decide what information is shared on the website, whether or not to use a logo and what other uses might be considered.

ACTION Councillor Walker to organise a meeting with Martin Walker and the Chair to discuss these issues.

f) Report Floral Display

Cllr Stennett reported that.

She is chasing the supplier for the early payment invoice.

12/127 To receive reports from any outside bodies.

Constable & Pinders Charity – Cllr Barnsley presented the year end accounts for the charity.

12/128 Cleansing & Environment Issues

Cllr Stennett talked about the recently issued Parks Audits, she has been in touch with Cllr Jack Hemingway who has agreed to meet and have a walk around the park once organised everyone welcome to attend.

12/129 Planning Notifications

Two application for Crofton received and discussed. Members were concerned about the high gates at the Doncaster Road development.

ACTION: the Clerk to seek clarity on whether these were permissible.

12/130 Financial matters

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

Invoices to agree:

Chairs receipts for refreshments	£18.42
Octopus Energy The Sidings	£1,077.17
Octopus Energy Parish Centre	£142.55

RESOLVED that these payments were agreed.

12/131 To Receive and Discuss Precept Application

The Acting RFO presented the proposed figures based on the quarter three figures for the Precept Application. Following discussing the figures were accepted. The Precept proposal application will be the same as 2022/23 so no increase proposed.

The Acting RFO Cllr Bennett was thanked for his continued efforts.

ACTION that the Acting RFO makes the application to WMDC for the 2023/24 Precept.

8.36pm Councillor Stennett with the permission of the chair left the building and played no further part in the meeting.

12/132 Parish matters (incl Traffic)

- a) Cllr Walker, was concerned about speeding traffic through the Village – ***The Chair will discuss with the Police.***
- b) Cllr Barnsley, reported that there was broken glass along a number of the footpaths in the village – ***The Clerk to report the locations.***
- c) Cllr Bennett, updated on progress with the Jubilee Tree a location needs to be identified.
- d) Cllr Bennett, informed that the bench outside the doctors surgery was in disrepair, no one seems to own it. ***The Clerk to find out and either request repair or ask if the Parish Council can replace, a suggestion was to replace with a Coronation themed bench.***

ACTION discussion around Coronation Bench to be placed on the February agenda.

12/133 Correspondence

- a) YLCA Website password for members
- b) Local Development Framework 2036
- c) YLCA Branch meeting details February 2023
- d) YLCA Transport Webinar 11.10.23 information
- e) List of YLCA meetings for the next 12 months

12/134 Date of next meeting

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

12/135 Members of the public and press were to leave before agenda item 19.
It was agreed.

Signed

Chairman Crofton Parish Council

Date.....

12/136 Matters to be discussed at the exclusion of the public and press.

Update on the Clerk Applications

Four applications have been received, following discussion it was agreed that two of the applicants are interviewed.

The Interview Panel will be:

Councillors Chalkley, Stennett, Hewitt & Bennett

It was agreed that there should no more than 10 questions plus supplementary, scoring system to be used.

Interviews will take place Monday 23rd January in the Parish Centre as follows:

6.30pm Tara Ball

7.30pm Rebecca Maindonald

ACTION The Chair will provide all the paperwork for the panel.

Signed

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Chairman Crofton Parish Council

Date.....

