

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held 11 September 2018.

Present; Councillors; Chalkley, Ripley, Barnsley, Gordon, Hampshire, Hewitt, Kimbley, Robinson and Schofield.
Clerk to the Council; Barry Riley

In attendance; 3 members of the public.
District Councillor; Cummings
Angela Chalkley for the Constable & Pinders Charity.

09/732 Report from W.Y.Police Officers working on Crofton Safe Scheme

The Safe Scheme report for August/September was circulated to members.
Cllr Chalkley commented on the 'Burglary Dwelling' section of the report that involved the theft of cars from properties on Priory Ridge and Santingley Lane.

09/733 Wakefield MDC District Councillors Report

Cllr Cummings informed all present;
The pot hole on the bus turning circle by the Academy had been dealt with by WMDC Highway Maintenance.
Following a meeting at the Hare Park Sidings concerning anti social behaviour, access to the area had been restricted, however Cllr Kimbley stated that an off road vehicle was still gaining entry.
A 'litter pick' of the village had taken place in August with another arranged for September. Cllr Gordon requested that the area between Slack Lane and the Cock and Crown be included, Cllr Cummings duly noted the request.
A number of fund raising activities had been undertaken by the Youth Club and they now had a membership between 25 and 35 children attending the Club.
The Fun Day recently held had once again proved a success.
A PACT meeting had been arranged for the 25 October at 7pm in the Parish Centre.
Following a recent street surgery, residents in the Manorfields raised their concerns about a cold store that was to be installed in the premises of the Funeral Director.
Cllr Kimbley asked Cllr Cummings to report a Buddleia bush at 10 Thorntree Avenue that needed to be cut back as it was causing an obstruction to pedestrians, the property was thought to belong to WDH.
Cllr Kimbley also informed members that a user of the cycle track on the Sidings had been involved in an incident with a number of cyclists speeding on the track, it was suggested that the introduction of speed bumps would deter this.
Cllr Ripley commented that Japanese Knotweed and Hogweed was growing on the grass verges along sections of Doncaster Road. Cllr Hampshire stated that the bin requested for the new gate at Priory Ridge had not yet been installed.
Cllr Cummings would report both matters.

09/734 Public Participation session

Two residents made a representation to members following the refusal by the Clerk to allow a memorial stone application. They were informed that the design and size did not comply with the current rules, members agreed to discuss the matter in further detail under agenda item 19.

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09/735 **Apologies for absence**
District Councillors; Heptinstall and Manifold.
Councillor; Bennett.

09/736 **Declarations of Interest**
None declared.

09/737 **Minutes of the previous meeting**
The minutes of the previous meeting held on 10 July 2018, were signed as a true record by the Chairman.

09/738 **Matters arising from previous minutes**
Nothing to report.

09/739 **Community Facilities**

Report Parish Centre

Cllr Ripley reported that;

He and Cllr Bennett had analysed the drawing from the Architect, following which, information had been sent to the WMDC Planning Officer to seek agreement on whether a single storey or two storey building would be permitted.

Report Village Association

Cllr Chalkley reported that;

Following the issue of the document detailing what was owed by the CVA to the Parish Council (see minute 07/720), Cllr Bennett had disputed the figures presented. It was suggested and agreed that Cllr Robinson would undertake an audit to establish if the figures were accurate.

Report Allotments

Cllr Hewitt reported that;

There had been a surge in the number of people requesting allotments.

Members were informed that there had been no action taken by the tenant following the issue of the letter regarding the breach of the allotment policy. The Clerk was asked to issue a reminder letter.

Report Parish Cemetery

Nothing to report.

Report Website

Cllr Gordon reported that;

Progress was being made on the website, there was currently a provisional site which included the broad layout, he was working with the consultant to make some final additions and for text to be included where applicable.

Cllr Chalkley asked if other groups could host their websites on the Parish Council website, Cllr Gordon preferred to provide a link.

09/739 **Traffic issues**

The letter that was sent to Graham West WMDC Acting Service Director, Planning, Transportation and Highways, in February, was eventually responded to in August. Despite requesting a meeting with him and the Cabinet Member for Highways, to discuss the matters raised in the letter and issues relating to facilities for pedestrians and cyclists in Crofton, this had been ignored.

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09/740 Constable & Pinders Charity

It was agreed at the AGM for the Charity, that the Secretary would contact Mr Metcalfe of Metcalfe Farms and ask that he contact Trustee Angela Chalkley to arrange a meeting to clarify the land that was being cultivated and agree a fair rent. After they had met it was agreed that a fair rent would be £100 per acre for 1.75 acres (£175).

It was further agreed that a formal agreement, as opposed to a legally prepared lease, would be produced and reviewed every two years.

The Secretary would write to Metclafe Farms to request payment and send a copy of the agreement for signing.

The Clerk confirmed that remuneration for the surveys carried out, had been paid.

09/741 Cleansing/Environment

Cllr Schofield had noted that the Sub Station (next to The Royal Oak public house), needed the vegetation removing, the Clerk would report the matter.

09/742 Planning Notifications

Members duly noted the applications and decisions received.

A letter from WMDC Planning had been circulated to members concerning an application for a two storey side extension at 95 High Street (next door to the Parish Centre). The Clerk was asked to submit comments informing the Planning Officer that the Parish Council were having pre planning consultations about replacing the existing Parish Centre and that it could be replaced with a two storey one. The Parish Council wanted it to be recorded that if it was a two storey building, that no restrictions would be applied to their application, should the side wall facing the Parish Centre on this application request any windows.

09/743 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 information on invoices for payment by cheque for the month of September 2018;

Resolved: that the following be approved and passed for payment:

<u>Cheque Number;</u>	<u>Payee;</u>	<u>Details;</u>	<u>£</u>
102766	R.Hampshire	Windows	18.00
102767	Post Office	Stamps	7.50
Total £			25.50

Following discussion it was agreed to purchase the 'Tommy' war memorial statue. Having applied due diligence to the grant application received from the Crofton Silver Band, members agreed to make a payment of £1000 via s137.

Having considered the application from All Saint's Church it was agreed to make a Grant award of £1750.

09/744 Consider and discuss correspondence received

Members noted the content of the information received, in particular

Note 1; the WMDC Overview & Scrutiny report was given to Cllr Chalkley.

Note 2; it was agreed to wait for the initial draft document for the Service Level Agreement to be sent before any decision would be taken.

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09/745 HS2

Following the meeting held in July, a number of requests had been made to HS2 for consideration.

09/746 Parish matters

Cllr Schofield commented that there was a potential flood risk due to the amount of debris/waste in the beck at the lower end of the cemetery, the Clerk would report the matter to WMDC Flood Alleviation.

09/749 Date of next meeting

Resolved; that the next meeting of the Parish Council would be held on Tuesday 09 October 2018 at 7pm in Crofton Parish Centre, High Street, Crofton.

09/750 Members of the public and press were to leave before agenda no.19

It was agreed

09/751 Matters to be discussed at the exclusion of the public and press

The design for the memorial was refused (see agenda item 09/734).

Signed
Chairman Crofton Parish Council

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