

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held 08 January 2019.

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

In attendance; 1 member of the public.
1 Police Officer.

01/809 Report from W.Y.Police Officers working on Crofton Safe Scheme

PS Jackson, presented the Safe Scheme report for January.

Comment was made about the number of incidents involving off road vehicles (quad bikes), further comment was made that there was increased activity on the weekends particularly in the afternoon, PS Jackson duly noted the comment and added that PCSO'S would be deployed to assist with the problem (see also minute 11/771).

Cllr Gordon commented on the number of youths congregating at the Spar Store on Ashdene Drive between 5.30 and 9.30pm, he asked PS Jackson to patrol the area on a regular basis. Comment was also made that there were insufficient CCTV cameras. Cllr Kimbley commented on speeding cars which were becoming a regular problem, PS Jackson asked members to try ascertain any information to enable identification.

01/810 Wakefield MDC District Councillors Report

District Councillor Cummings was unable to attend the meeting but had sent the Clerk a report in response to enquiries made individually by Parish Councillors and matters discussed at previous meetings. An extract from the report is detailed below;

Parking on yellow lines on Slack Lane, this has been investigated and officers found that the restriction signs at the junction of Slack Lane/High St were missing so parking fines could not be enforced, the signs will be replaced asap, I did notice today when I came through Crofton that two Highways operatives were fiddling with the sign so it may have been mended.

Gullys Hare Park Lane, drainage engineers have been out and arrangements have been made to cleanse the gullies once again

Knotweed, council confirm that knotweed is treated in line with EU guidance, hope this helps

Overgrown Hedge Cock & Crown, apparently the work has been complete

Litterbins High Street outside shops, following investigation the bins apparently are emptied on a daily basis, the volume from the sandwich shop during school lunch times is excessive and accumulates quickly, the cleansing team has reported some of the waste from the bins could have come from the Post Office as there were many window flyers in the waste.

Attenuation pond, the work was programmed in for December, can Dave confirm whether it has been done?

General

Fly tipping occurred on Hare Park allotments during the holiday period there was evidence located in the tipped items, the address found was visited and I believe a fine has been issued.

Just to remind that the LDF consultation period runs from 10th January to 20th

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February.

Following representations from residents, we have arranged for a litterbin to be located on the lamp column along High Street opposite Manorfields Court, opposite where the Post Office used to be.

Cllr Bennett noted that the report did not provide an update from WMDC concerning the s106 money.

01/811 Public Participation session

A resident who voluntarily conducted a litter collection throughout the village informed members he was arranging a community litter collection in March. The Parish Council would offer its support to the initiative.

01/812 Apologies for absence

District Councillors; Cummings, Heptinstall and Manifold.

01/813 Declarations of Interest

None declared.

01/814 Minutes of the previous meeting

The minutes of the previous meeting held on 11 December 2018, were subject to change and would be approved and signed at the next meeting.

01/815 Matters arising from previous minutes

Members were informed that a response to the consultations on the working draft Environmental Statement and working draft Equality Impact Assessment Report for HS2 Phase 2b, had been submitted to HS2 and Jon Trickett MP.

01/816 Community Facilities

Report Parish Centre

Cllr Bennett reported that;

He and Cllr Ripley were still awaiting drawings from the Architect (see minute 12/797).

Report Village Association

Cllr Bennett reported that;

He had attended a Cricket Club presentation the previous evening.

He reminded members that a meeting to discuss changing the existing constitution and rules governing the CVA, had still to take place, it was agreed to arrange this in due course.

Cllr Kimbley informed members that he had now purchased the wood to enable the building of the fence (see minute 12/797).

Report Allotments

Cllr Hewitt reported that;

Following many items of rubbish that had been left on the Hare Park allotments, he had taken action to deal with the problem.

The Clerk confirmed he had issued letters for the rental payments.

Report Parish Cemetery

Cllr Chalkley commented on the future development of the unused part of the cemetery grounds (lower section), that belonged to the Parish Council, he suggested

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that rules to govern this section be reviewed.

Report Website

Cllr Gordon reported that the web site was now live.

01/817 Traffic issues

Nothing to report.

01/818 Constable & Pinders Charity

The Clerk reported that he had received the quarterly bank statements that day. Arrangements would be made to hold a meeting in February.

01/819 Cleansing/Environment

Nothing to report.

01/820 Planning Notifications

Members duly noted the applications and decisions received.

01/821 Financial matters

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

The Clerk informed members he had received an invoice for payment that evening;

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

<u>Cheque Number:</u>	<u>Payee:</u>	<u>Details:</u>	<u>£</u>
BACS	J.Earnshaw	Fencing	377.06
Total £			377.06

Members duly noted and approved the quarterly accounts.

The Clerk provided information to members regarding the tax base for the calculation of the Precept. A further discussion regarding this and the preparation of the budget for the next financial year would take place on Sunday 13 January at 6pm in the Parish Centre.

01/822 Consider and discuss correspondence received

Members noted the content of the information received, in particular;

Note 1; Cllr Kimbley was given the documentation concerning the next Town & Parish Council Liaison meeting.

Note 2; Cllr Barnsley expressed his views concerning the Police and Crime Commissioner's budget for the policing precept. He suggested that the Council strongly oppose any increases in the precept that are above the annual rate of inflation. Following discussion Cllr Chalkley agreed to submit a response on behalf of the Council, having noted the deadline for submissions.

01/823 HS2

Nothing to report.

01/824 Parish matters

The Clerk had contacted WMDC and a national contractor concerning the future provision of the Hanging Baskets, he had received a response from both but did not have the necessary information for members to progress matters. The subject would

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be added to next month's agenda.

01/825 Date of next meeting

Resolved; that the next meeting of the Parish Council would be held on Tuesday 12 February 2019 at 7pm in Crofton Parish Centre, High Street, Crofton.

01/826 Members of the public and press were to leave before agenda no.19

It was agreed

01/827 Matters to be discussed at the exclusion of the public and press

The Clerk was asked to leave the meeting.

Signed
Chairman Crofton Parish Council

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