

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held 12 February 2019.

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

In attendance; 5 members of the public.
District Councillors; Cummings and Heptinstall.
1 Police Officer.
Angela Chalkley for the Constable & Pinders Charity.

02/828 Report from W.Y.Police Officers working on Crofton Safe Scheme

PS Jackson, provided members with information from the Safe Scheme report. Cllr Kimbley commented on the increased number of cars being parked on High Street resulting from the building work being carried out next to the Parish Centre. PS Jackson encouraged members to report any issues they had with the Safe Scheme operation.

02/829 Wakefield MDC District Councillors Report

Cllr Cummings gave an update on matters discussed at previous meetings in particular;

Work on the Attenuation pond was now complete.

With regard to the report of fly tipping, no action would be taken till April, Cllr Cummings would make a diary note to ensure the work would be carried out.

More trees would be planted to replace those moved from Kendal Drive (see minute 12/791).

The gully's on Hare Park Lane had now been dealt with (minute 01/810). Comment was made that the gully's on High Street opposite Manor Court were also blocked.

Cllr Cummings sought the views of the Parish Council concerning the housing proposals identified in the Wakefield District Local Plan 2036 Initial Draft Consultation, she was informed that a response would be sent objecting to it.

Following previous comment that Planning Enforcement was not legally enforceable, Cllr Chalkley asked District Councillors to raise the matter at a Cabinet meeting to question why it was not.

Changes to the current bin collections were to be introduced in March, all residents would receive information concerning this.

Cllr Heptinstall requested the availability of members to attend a meeting to discuss the allocation of s106 money for the benefit of Crofton.

Provisional dates were requested for the next PACT meeting.

Cllr Ripley asked for the specific details WMDC were using within EU guidance, for the treatment of Hogweed/Knotweed (minute 01/810).

Cllr Bennett asked District Councillors to invite the Cabinet Member for Highways Matthew Morley, to a meeting of the Parish Council to discuss issues not addressed by WMDC Highway Manager Grahame West.

Cllr Hewitt commented on the problems being faced by residents on Claremont Close with regard to bin collections, Cllr Cummings was aware of the matter.

Cllr Cummings was informed that cars were parking outside the Infants School on High Street despite a traffic regulation order being in force.

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02/830 Public Participation session

Two residents informed members about incidents of anti-social behaviour involving youths, which were regularly taking place in the ginnel at Priory Ridge/Manorfields Avenue. They had reported the incidents to the Police but were not confident about action being taken, PS Jackson noted their concern and would organise a response. Cllr Cummings stated that she would enquire about the installation of a street light in the ginnel.

A resident commented on an article in the Beacon about Climate Change and that not enough was being done to alleviate the situation, she challenged Councillors to make a representation to Wakefield MDC.

A resident circulated an information leaflet to members about an action group meeting to be held at Crofton WMC with the aim to enhance the village.

02/831 Apologies for absence

District Councillor; Manifold.

Councillor; Gordon.

02/832 Declarations of Interest

None declared.

02/833 Minutes of the previous meeting

The minutes of the previous meeting required changing prior to signature.

02/834 Matters arising from previous minutes

No matters arising.

02/835 Community Facilities

Report Parish Centre

Cllr Ripley reported that;

The drawings had now been received from the Architect. It was agreed that members would conduct a viewing of them on Sunday, with arrangements to be made for the public to view at a later date.

Report Village Association

Cllr Ripley questioned how extra money would be raised to cover the extra cost resulting from the WMDC Grounds Maintenance (see minute 02/840). Comment was made that some of the areas being cut were not the Parish Council's.

The fence when erected (see minute 01/816), would be owned by the Parish Council.

Cllr Kimbley commented on the changing of the lights in the Pavilion, the Clerk was asked to add it to the next agenda.

Report Allotments

Cllr Hewitt reported that;

He was still receiving payments following the collection day.

He had carried out work on the entrance gate to make it more secure.

Allotment tenant 48 at Hare Park (see minutes 11/778 and 12/797), had been asked on Collection Day to take action which he agreed to do. However he had not done so, the Clerk was asked to send another letter.

Report Parish Cemetery

Cllr Schofield requested that;

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A Notice Board to be placed on the garage with a copy of the rules displayed to avoid any misunderstanding by those wishing to use the Cemetery. Following discussion members agreed to the request.

Cllr Schofield provided members with information about the misuse of grave space, the Clerk was asked to write to those responsible.

Report Website

Cllr Gordon had sent the Clerk an update about the website, he was still in the process of increasing awareness about the site and developing it further. He was to review site usage (in line with the free Google analytics provided by MF Media), to track popular pages and look at continuing improvements and developments to the site.

Cllr Gordon would be asked to include the Cemetery rules on the web site.

02/836 Traffic issues

Nothing to report.

02/837 Constable & Pinders Charity

The Clerk reported that he was unable to continue as Secretary, Angela Chalkley stated that the Charity would undertake the work. The Clerk would arrange to have all documents given to her.

Cllr Kimbley informed members that Trustee Wendy Wrigg had told him that she had resigned from the Charity.

02/838 Cleansing/Environment

Nothing to report.

02/839 Planning Notifications

Members duly noted the applications and decisions received.

Members were encouraged to respond individually to the Wakefield District Local Plan 2036 Initial Draft Consultation (see minute 02/829).

The Clerk was also asked to submit a response on behalf of the Parish Council.

02/840 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 a list of invoices for payment for the month of February 2019;

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

<u>Cheque Number;</u>	<u>Payee;</u>	<u>Details;</u>	<u>£</u>
102777	WMDC	Grounds Maintn	11584.44
102776	Hampshire	Windows	18.00
102779	WY Police	Safe Scheme	1500.00
102778	P.Fletcher	Architect	745.00
BACS	NPower	Electric	205.03
BACS	WMDC	Leases	232.50
BACS	WMDC	Leases	72.50
BACS	B&Q	Lights	16.00

Total £14373.47

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Having received information about the discussions held to formulate the precept, members agreed to accept the figure.

02/841 Consider and discuss correspondence received

Members noted the content of the information received, in particular

Note 3. (see minute 02/839).

Note 4; The Clerk was asked to reply and state that there were no suitable locations under the Parish Council's control.

Note 5. Following discussion members were in agreement that match funding provided to the Community Foundation for Wakefield District for the Winter Fuel Grant Programme, could not be guaranteed to benefit the residents of Crofton.

02/842 HS2

Cllr Bennett informed members that the minutes from the last HS2 meeting had now been sent.

02/843 Parish matters

The Clerk was asked to arrange a meeting with national contractor Plantscape, regarding Hanging Basket provision (see minute 01/824).

Cllr Bennett informed members that the Notice Board outside the Parish Centre had been damaged.

Cllr Schofield commented that WMDC were actively making improvements to the Church Cemetery.

02/844 Date of next meeting

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

02/845 Members of the public and press were to leave before agenda no.19

It was agreed

02/846 Matters to be discussed at the exclusion of the public and press

Nothing discussed.

Signed
Chairman Crofton Parish Council

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