

Present; Councillors; Bennett, Chalkley, Gordon, Hampshire, Hewitt, Kimbley, Ripley, Robinson and Schofield.

Clerk to the Council; Barry Riley

In attendance; 2 members of the public

District Councillor: Cummings.

1 Police Officer and 2 PCSO's.

05/884 Appointment of Chairman 2019/2020

Cllr Ripley was nominated as Chairman by Cllr Kimbley, it was seconded by Cllr Hampshire.

It was RESOLVED; that Cllr Ripley be elected Chairman for 2019/2020

05/884a Declaration of Office

Having been elected, Cllr Ripley duly signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office.

05/885 Appointment of Vice Chairman 2019/2020

Cllr Hampshire was nominated as Vice Chairman by Cllr Robinson, it was seconded by Cllr Kimbley.

It was RESOLVED; that Cllr Hampshire be elected as Vice Chairman for 2019/2020.

05/885a. Agree to the co-option of John Barnsley.

Resolved; the nomination be accepted, he duly signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office and was therefore able to fully participate in the meeting.

05/886 Resolution to adopt existing Standing Orders/Financial Regulations

It was RESOLVED; to adopt the existing Standing Orders and Financial Regulations

05/887 Appointment of Working Parties

The following Parish Councillors agreed to oversee these community facilities;

Parish Centre;

Cllrs Bennett and Chalkley.

Village Association;

Cllrs Bennett, Chalkley and Kimbley.

Cllr Robinson would have specific responsibility for the PHS Contract.

Allotments;

Cllr Hewitt, Hampshire and Robinson

Cemetery;

Cllrs Schofield and Barnsley.

Website

Cllr Gordon.

05/888 Representation of the Parish Council on other group meetings.

Cllr Ripley would attend any Biodiversity Group meetings.

Cllr Bennett would arrange HS2 meetings.

Cllr Bennett would be the contact concerning the Crofton Community Library.

Cllr Bennett was on the School Governing body for the Crofton Academy.

Cllr Barnsley would attend any Constable & Pinders Charity meetings.

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05/889 Report from W.Y.Police Officers working on Crofton Safe Scheme

PS Jackson, presented the Safe Scheme report for May 2019.

He introduced the two new PCSO's who had been appointed to the village.

They had previously worked in Featherstone and would introduce plans to Crofton to tackle youth problems that had been applied successfully in Featherstone.

Cllr Ripley commented on the times and days that anti-social behaviour occurred to establish a pattern that they could target.

05/890 Wakefield MDC District Councillors Report

Cllr Cummings was congratulated on being elected a Ward Councillor again.

Cllr Cummings proceeded to give an update on previous matters raised;

Cllr Kimbley was informed that Cllr Manifold was to arrange a further meeting regarding the attenuation ponds on the Sidings.

Cllr Ripley was provided with a report concerning Japanese Knotweed.

Climate Change was to be added to the next WMDC Agenda.

Following the recent work carried out on Slack Lane a number of snagging issues were still to be carried out.

Cllr Cummings duly noted the following;

The couch had still not been removed from the ditch in the Sharlston fields (03/848).

The road surface on Ashdene Crescent was breaking up and needed urgent repairs.

Enforcement was needed to stop the practice of cars parking on Yellow lines (whilst using the shops), opposite the academy. The owner of one shop had been identified as doing so.

05/891 Public Participation session

A resident whose house was on High Street opposite Sainsbury's, commented that her garden wall had been knocked down (her neighbours had also been damaged), as a result of speeding cars in this area.

It was suggested that the installation of CCTV cameras on nearby lampposts would deter speeding, it was also suggested that the Clerk send a letter to the WMDC Traffic Department, however Cllr Cummings stated that she would arrange a meeting with them instead to debate the matter.

05/892 Apologies for absence

District Councillors; Manifold and Heptinstall.

05/893 Declarations of Personal and/or Pecuniary interest

None declared.

05/894 Minutes of the previous meeting

The minutes of the previous meeting held on 10 April 2018, were subject to change prior to approval.

05/895 Matters arising from previous minutes

Following previous comment about the use of the Parish Council car park, it was thought that teachers from the Academy were parking there all day, although it was meant for a short stay of two hours. In response to the Clerk being asked to send a letter to the Headmaster, Cllr Bennett stated that more information was required to confirm the above and would liaise with the Chair going forward.

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Community Facilities

Report Parish Centre

Cllr Chalkley reported that he had opened and closed the building for the recent Elections on 02 May, he would also do so for the European Election on 25 May.

Report Village Association

Cllr Bennett reported that;

Following the vandalism to the container used by the Scouts and football teams, a number of items had been taken from it, it was suggested that CCTV be placed on the Pavilion to deter any further instances and identify those responsible, however it was thought that the culprits would wear a disguise.

He had experienced problems with Crofton Juniors Football Club, they had decided to delay payment of their annual fees to the CVA and would be reducing the amount required till their demands were met. Following a number of suggestions that could be introduced to resolve the situation, it was decided to hold a meeting involving the Football Club, the CVA and the Parish Council. The Clerk was asked to arrange a meeting for all the above mentioned to attend at the Parish Centre on Sunday 26 May at 6.30pm. Cllr Bennett would provide the Clerk with information on what discussions had transpired for circulation to members.

Report Allotments

Cllr Hewitt informed members that payments had been received from recently allocated plots.

It was confirmed that no further work had been carried out by allotment tenant 48 at Hare Park (see minutes 03/854 and 04/873), in accordance with Section 1(1) of the Allotment Act 1922, the tenancy would be terminated, The Clerk would write to the tenant to confirm this.

Report Parish Cemetery

Having taking into consideration the information provided and previous rulings, it was decided that permission could not be granted for the burial of ashes following an enquiry from a relative of the deceased..

After giving due consideration to the circumstances concerning the request for a burial from a Non-Resident, permission was granted.

Report Website

Cllr Gordon reported that the social media page was quite active.

With regard to website engagement, he intended working closely with the Village Facebook page.

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Traffic issues

Nothing to report.

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Cleansing/Environment

The Clerk was asked to arrange the cleaning of the Sub Station.

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Planning Notifications

Members duly noted the applications received.

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Financial matters

The Clerk provided members with a list of payments for the month of May 2019;

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

Cheque Number; Payee; Details; Amount;

Page 4.	102791	Falon Nplts	Plaque	161.16
	102792	T&D Cntrs	Grass Cutting	2682.00
	102793	YIAS	Internal Adtr	300.00
	BACS	WMDC	Lease	232.50
	BACS	WMDC	Lease	72.50
	BACS	Radu	Locksmith	80.00
	BACS	Npower	Electric	956.66
	BACS	NPower	Electric	256.32
	BACS	PWLB	Loan	2726.72
			Total	£7467.86

Members noted the content of the monthly budget monitor document for appropriate governance.

The presiding Chairman, Cllr Ripley, duly signed the Annual Governance Statement.
The presiding Chairman, Cllr Ripley, duly signed the Accounting Statements.

05/902 Consider and discuss correspondence received

Members noted the content of the information received in particular;
Note 1. The Clerk confirmed that he had sent a response to the WMDC Flood Risk Management Team regarding riparian responsibility for the Beck in the Cemetery. He had provided them with documentary evidence confirming the Parish Council's area of responsibility which was not that stated by WMDC.

05/903 Parish matters

Cllr Barnsley sought clarification that HS2 were purchasing houses in Crofton, this was confirmed.

Cllr Bennett informed members that he had been left a message from someone regarding the use of Parish Council facilities, but the person enquiring had failed to state which facility.

Following the public consultation for residents regarding the design of the new Parish Centre, it was agreed that a follow-up discussion group be arranged, this would take place on Sunday 02 June at the Parish Centre at 6.30pm.

Cllr Hewitt stated that a Black Fox had been seen on the Hare Park allotments.

05/904 HS2

Cllr Bennett asked members if they wanted another meeting arranged, they confirmed that they did.

05/905 Date of next meeting

The next meeting would be held on Tuesday 11 June 2019 at 7pm in Crofton Parish Centre, High Street, Crofton.

05/906 Members of the press and public were to leave before agenda no.25

It was agreed

05/907 Matters to be discussed at the exclusion of the press and public

Cllr Chalkley suggested that discussion should take place between the Parish Council, the stone mason and the family who were refused permission for a memorial stone.

Signed
Chairman Crofton Parish Council

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