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**Monthly Meeting of the Sharlston Parish Council held on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> December 2009 at Sharlston Community School at 7.00 p.m.**

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**Present:** Councillor A Devey  
Councillor J Cliffe  
Councillor J Goodfellow  
Councillor K Shingles  
Councillor B Berry  
Councillor S Ward  
Councillor M Ashworth

**Also Present:** Don Mort, Wakefield Express.  
District Councillor P Guy

**173. Apologies for Absence**

Apologies for absence were accepted from Councillor P Loosemore, Councillor M Pearson  
Councillor D Ranson.

**174. Disclosure of Personal Interests**

No disclosures of interest were made at this time

**175. Minutes of the Meeting held on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2009**

Resolved that: The minutes of the meeting held on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2009 be signed as a true record. (*moved Councillors Goodfellow/Ward*)

**176. Progress Report on items from Meeting on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2009**

**Post Office Car Park (Minute 159)**

It was reported that the Wakefield Express had written a piece regarding the state of the building site and photographs had been taken. This appeared in the Pontefract edition.

**Spring Bulbs**

Bulbs could not be planted at the proposed site in New Sharlston (near the wheel) because of the presence of moles and also the poor quality of the soil. Bulbs were therefore planted on the opposite side of the road.

Bulbs had also been planted at the corner of Netheroyd and Wood Street. Two residents came out while the bulbs were being planted to say how pleased they were.

**Community Centre**

At a meeting of the Community Centre Committee it was agreed that the Parish Council were not charged for using the room at the back of the Community Centre for meetings.

**Grants**

The clerk reported that new Grant Forms were now available at the Post Office and new posters had been placed on the notice boards outlining details of how to apply for a grant from the Parish Council.

**Volunteer Warden (Minute 161)**

The Clerk reported that following the volunteer warden’s presentation to the Parish Council, a letter had been sent thanking him for his work throughout the year.

**Doctors Surgery (Minute 162)**

A comprehensive letter had been received from the Practice Manager, outlining the benefits of the 0844 number and that it would remain in place. The letter was copied to each Councillor so that details could be passed on to residents.

F **Councillor Oldroyd (Minute 171)**

The Clerk reported that Councillor Oldroyd had been asked to put his resignation from the Parish Council in writing but as this was not forthcoming, the Electoral Services Office had accepted his resignation by e-mail. The vacancy would now be advertised. It was noted that Mr. George Balaam was still interested in becoming a Parish Council and he was to be notified of the vacancy.

**Crossley Street Allotments (Minute 135)**

A letter had been received from Mr. Richardson, owner of the allotments in Crossley Street.

He appreciated the site was unsightly and he would undertake to tidy the site when possible. He felt it would cost too much to try to return the site to allotments at the present time.

**177. Ongoing Projects**

<p><b>Library and PCT site</b></p>	<p><b>(a) New Road and landscaping project.</b></p> <p>After discussion it was agreed that the Architect should be asked to proceed with planning permission for the access road and landscaping only (phase 1) and therefore incur costs for phase 1. Since the project was first started in 2004, the need, demand and fundability for a new building has changed and it was felt best to commit to only phase 1 at the present time.</p>
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**178. Precept 2010-11**

The Clerk presented the proposed budget for the year 2010-11.

After discussion it was agreed to keep the Budget and precept in draft form until the January meeting, when costs for the purchase of allotments may be available.

It was agreed that £2000 should be added to the Budget for 2010 towards the cost of a Christmas Tree for New Charlston. *(moved Councillors Cliffe/Shingles and approved unanimously by the Council)*

**179. Christmas Tree New Charlston**

The Clerk reported that the offer of a free Christmas Tree had been made by Oakenshaw Grange.

It was also pointed out by the Clerk and District Councillor Guy, that District Councillor Bickerton had also offered a tree for New Charlston, free of charge and decorated, but with no lights.

After discussion with WMDC Building Services it was agreed that because of the lack of time and the cost, a Christmas tree could not be erected, or connected to an electricity supply for this year. It was felt that in view of Public Liability issues and Health & Safety, the erection of a Christmas Tree was not something the Parish Council should undertake on its own behalf.

The clerk was asked to contact Oakenshaw Grange and Councillor Bickerton, outlining the concerns of the Parish Council and while thanking them for the offer, the Councillors felt unable to become involved unless the tree could be safely installed and connected by authorised contractors – i.e. building services, WMDC.

It had already been resolved earlier in the meeting that money should be allocated towards providing a tree for New Charlston in 2010.

### **180. Community Centre**

Councillor Goodfellow reported that the main drain from the Community Centre to the road is damaged and is having to be cleared twice a year at a cost of £130 each time. They have been advised to renew the pipework to prevent this happening.

Councillor Goodfellow reported that he had asked for 3 quotes to be obtained for the work and that once they have been received the matter would be put before the Parish Council again for a decision to be made on whether the Parish Council could contribute and to what extent.

### **181. Register of Members' Interests**

After reviewing the Register of Members' interests it was concluded that no changes had occurred.

*Under standing order 67, the Chairman proposed that the press & Public be temporarily excluded for the next item due to the confidential nature of the business.*

### **182. Fernside Allotments**

The Clerk gave an update regarding the purchase of the allotment land.

### **183. Planning Applications.**

<i>Application No.</i>	<i>Location</i>	<i>Details</i>	<i>21 Day expiry</i>
09/02018/FUL	White Horse, 49 West Lane, Sharlston Common.	Residential Development 1 dwelling	25 <sup>th</sup> December 2009

No objections were raised.

### **184. Planning Decisions**

There were no planning decisions to consider.

**185. Attendance at Meetings**

It was noted that the PACT meeting was now to be held on the 14<sup>th</sup> December 2009.

Councillor Ward reported that following the recent W. Yorks Rural Accessibility Partnership meeting she felt more hopeful that they understood the problems encountered by outlying districts. There is still no direct service to Glass Houghton as yet.

**186. Correspondence**

All correspondence and actions were noted. Councillor Ashworth asked for more details regarding the e-mails on the Speed sign, and reported that she still had not heard from the Standards Committee.

**187. Accounts**

The following accounts were approved for payment

To	Details	Amount	Category
Janet Hull	Scarborough Conf.	£75.00	Training & Conf.
	Postage	£4.68	Admin. Clerks Exp
Talk Talk	Line Rental & Call Charges	£17.33	Admin. Telephone charges
Staples	Stationery	£28.27	Admin: Clerk's Expenses
Society of Local Council Clerks	Membership Renewal	£95.00	Subscriptions
Canon	Photocopying Charges	£41.12	Admin.Clerks Expenses
Catteralls	Search Fees	£300.00	Allotment Purchase
YH Regional Training Partnership	Working with Your Council – Induction Course	£50.00	Training
Councillor M Ashworth	Expenses	£8.91	Admin. Councillors Expenses
Royal British Legion	Poppy Wreath	£25.00	Grants: Section 137

**188. Additional Matters**

1. It was reported that the volume and speed of traffic on the Green was again increasing and it was becoming a "rat run". A traffic survey had been carried out in the past but if the problem persists it may become necessary to instigate a further survey.
2. It was reported that the conifer trees in 3 Eastfield Road, were well overgrown and blocking the view of traffic turning right into Northfield Road. It was unsure if Wakefield District Housing owned the property or if it was privately owned. Enquiries were to be made
3. A build up of rubbish on Jubilee Crescent was noted and it was suggested that the cleansing department be contacted so that the matter could be dealt with. (Dave Evans, Tel. 07825105935)
4. A report of fly tipping on Woodside had been noted by a resident but they had been unable to take the registration number of the vehicle concerned.

5. It was again reported that boys riding off road bikes were causing a problem in the village. The safety issue was raised as they were not wearing helmets or protective clothing and were indiscriminate in the areas they rode on. It was suggested this was raised at the next PACT meeting as it has been a long standing problem. The police have been made aware in the past.
6. Councillor Devey was concerned by an article in the Parish Magazine regarding bogus callers. It was reported that District Coucillors worked with the Parish Councillors "when available". It was pointed out that all Parish Councillors are readily available to be contacted on any matter.

**172. Date & Time of Next Meeting**

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be **Monday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2010 7.00 p.m.** at the Community School.

The calendar of meetings for 2010 was decided and details will be distributed.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 9.00 p.m.

Signed ..... Chairman

Date .....