
Monthly Meeting of the Sharlston Parish Council held on Monday 1st February 2010 at Sharlston Community School at 7.00 p.m.

Present:

Councillor A Devey	Councillor G Balaam
Councillor J Cliffe	Councillor B Berry
Councillor J Goodfellow	Councillor S Ward
Councillor K Shingles	Councillor M Ashworth
Councillor M Pearson	Councillor D Ranson

Also Present: District Councillor P Guy
Don Mort – Wakefield Express

208. Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were accepted from Councillor P Loosemore

209. Disclosure of Personal Interests

No disclosures of interest were made at this time

210. Minutes of the Meeting held on Monday 4th January 2010

Resolved that: the minutes of the meeting held on 4th January 2010 be signed as a true record.
(*moved Cllrs Goodfellow/Cliffe*)

211. Minutes of the Finance Meeting held on 19th January 2010

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212. Progress Report

3 Eastville Road (Minute 194)

After some confusion it was ascertained that the problem conifers were at 3 Eastville Road. As this property belongs to Wakefield District Housing, they were contacted and agreed to look into the matter.

Fly tipping (Minute 194)

The clerk visited the site to ascertain the exact position and nature of the tipped rubbish. This was reported to WMDC Environmental Services

Grant – Sharlston Playgroup (Minute 196)

Mrs. Jackson, Leader of the playgroup confirmed that all the children except 2 reside in Sharlston. She was notified of the Council's decision to award a grant of £150.00 to the playgroup and reminded of the need for receipts to be sent to the PC with regard to equipment bought with the grant.

Planning Decisions (Minute 200)

The reasons given for the refusal of planning permission for a bungalow on 35 Grime Lane were, In brief: “Constitutes inappropriate building on Green Belt Land, detrimental effect on Green Belt Land and loss of amenity in neighbouring dwelling.”

Community Centre (Minute 194)

Three quotations had been received with regard to repairing and renewing of drainage pipes. An item was to be included on the Agenda for the meeting on 1st March 2010 to consider the Parish Council’s contribution to these works.

213. Ongoing Projects

<p>Library and PCT site</p>	<p>(a) New Road and landscaping project.</p> <p>Planning Officer at WMDC had advised that PC would have to submit an application for Full Planning Permission again (access + building + consultation process etc.) There is no justification for the access road unless a building is also to be on the site. It was suggested PC could send a pre-application letter detailing plans for just landscaping and access road but not going ahead with building. Planning Dept would then have to issue an official reply outlining what was required but it was still thought application would be unsuccessful.</p> <p>Tidying up of the site (trip rail, soil, seed and plant) could be carried out without planning permission and it was thought WMDC would fund this. However PC would have to take over maintenance of the site. It was resolved (unanimously) that as WMDC own the site they should maintain it. If the PC were given the land they would maintain it. The clerk was asked to pass this resolution on to WMDC/Groundworks.</p>
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214. Ground Maintenance

Cllr. Goodfellow proposed that grass cutting/maintenance for the rugby pitch, Sharlston Dam and the play areas be put out to tender again as there was concern over the cost at the present time.

It was resolved: that a special meeting of the PC be called for Tuesday 16th February 2010 at 7.00 p.m. at the Community Centre to discuss this further.

It was decided at this point that the following items on the Agenda should be dealt with at the end of the meeting, and without press and public present:

Fernside Allotments.

215 . Planning Applications

None

216. Planning Decisions

Refusal noted – White Horse, land at rear for one dwelling.

217. Attendance at Meetings

Roads & Transport Network – Cllr. Ward reported that she would be attending this meeting on 19th February at 9.15 a.m. in the Town Hall.

Town & Parish Council Liaison Committee – the clerk attended a meeting on 27th January 2010. Comments had been asked for on the Parish Charter by the next meeting.

It was agreed that the Parish Charter would be an item on the agenda for the next PC meeting and that the clerk would circulate copies.

218. Correspondence

All correspondence and actions were noted.

The clerk drew attention to the Audit Walk, which was to take place in Charlston at 9.30 a.m. on Monday 8th February 2010.

219. Accounts

The following accounts were approved for payment

To	Details	Amount	Category
Talk Talk	Line rental, call charges – Direct Debit	£23.73	Admin: telephone charges
Staples	Stationery & Postage	£19.43	Admin: clerks expenses
J. Hull	Postage	£13.32	Admin. Clerks expenses
J. Hull	Travelling Expenses WWYC	£24.50	WWYC - Training

It was resolved that: the Clerk's travelling expenses for journeys to Selby with regard to her training would be reimbursed in future. (Cllrs. Cliffe/Ashworth)

220 . Additional Matters**V.A.T**

The clerk reported that VAT had not been claimed since March 2008 and she was to put in a claim for the period up to 31st March 2010.

Annual Parish Meeting

The clerk asked if consideration could be given to the Annual Parish Meeting and whether this would take the form of an Open Day this year, and if so, when.

Finance Committee

Cllr. Devey reported that there was a vacancy on the Finance Committee following the resignation of Cllr. Oldroyd.

Long Row/Crossley Street

Cllr. Balaam reported that residents were concerned about two caravans that were now sited on the plot of land at the junction of Long Row and Crossley Street. Someone from WMDC Planning department had been on site and residents had been told that outline planning permission had been granted for one dwelling. Cllr. Balaam asked if the PC knew of such planning permission and whether permission had been granted for the caravans. Parish Councillors had no knowledge of such planning permission and the clerk was asked to look into this further.

Planters

Cllr. Devey asked if any Cllr's would agree to take over the planting and maintenance of various planters throughout the village. Cllr. Balaam agreed to take over the plantar at New Charlston. It was pointed out that money spent on plants would be reimbursed.

PACT meeting

Cllr. Ward reported that several points of concern in the village had been highlighted at the meeting and were to be looked into:

- a) Harrassment of Mrs. Lee, a resident of Weeland Road
- b) Cars going onto the Green
- c) Mr. Wager expressed dissatisfaction with the road sweeper.

VOX meeting

Cllr. Ward reported that the problems for students travelling to New College and for workers travelling to Normanton industrial estates had been highlighted. There are no buses from Charlston. This was to be taken forward to the next meeting.

Netheroyd Court

Cllr. Cliffe reported that she had been alerted by a resident to a meeting being held by WDH regarding the closure of Netheroyd Court. No official notification of the meeting had been received. It had been disclosed that Netheroyd Court was to be closed within the next few months and residents will be moved to Featherstone. It appears Netheroyd Court is to be demolished and the site developed with houses/bungalows to rent or buy. District Councillor Guy confirmed that none of the District Councillors had been notified of the meeting.

She proposed that a meeting of District Councillors, Parish Councillors and residents be arranged with WDH to discuss the matter further and with some urgency. Cllr. Guy agreed to contact the clerk with details of this meeting.

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

221. Fernside Allotments

The clerk gave the latest update on the purchase of allotment land.

222. Date & Time of Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be on **Monday 1st March 2010 at 7.00 p.m.** at the Community School.

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

Signed Chairman

Date

