
Monthly Meeting of the Sharlston Parish Council held on Tuesday 6th October 2009 at Sharlston Community School at 7.00 p.m.

Present:

Councillor J Cliffe	Councillor D Ranson
Councillor J Goodfellow	Councillor S Ward
Councillor P Loosemore	Councillor B Berry
Councillor K Shingles	Councillor M Ashworth

Also present: District Councillor P Guy,

137. Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were accepted from Councillor A Devey & Councillor M Pearson

138. Disclosure of Personal Interests

Councillor D Ransom declared an interest in Item 9 on the agenda – Grants.

139. Minutes of the Meeting held on Monday 7th September 2009

It was pointed out that in the record of Public Forum – Councillors Shingles and Cliffe visited the Rugby Club and not Councillor Ward.

Resolved that: Subject to the amendment above, the minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 2009 be signed as a true record. (*moved Councillors Ward/Goodfellow*)

140. Progress Report on items from Meeting on Monday 7th September 2009

Post Office Car Park (Minute 124)

The clerk reported that she had contact the Planning Department who confirmed that a site visit had been made. A report on the site visit was not available in time for the meeting.

Sharlston Dam (Minute 127)

Councillor Pauline Guy had been in touch with Paul Nicholson of Neighbourhood Environment about the way the grass had been cut with all the litter on it. Paul had visited the area on September 8th and found everything to be O.K.

Planning Applications (Minute 129)

The Clerk had been asked to get clarification of the plans for the following applications:

Sharlston Colliery Site (Application NO. 05/99/33099/L. Anton Fix, of UK Coal explained that the revised restoration plan identified the public rights of way in “virtually” the same position as the approved restoration plan and includes some additional upgrades of footpaths and bridleways.

School Farm, 11 The Green (Application No. 09/01730/FUL The planning application should read – “Extension of existing garage block to provide garage for residential property, installation of underground rainwater harvesting tank, installation of air source heat pump.

This has now been installed further away from the main road.

Invoice from Community Centre (Minute 134)

Councillor Goodfellow reported that he had been unable to question the invoice for the use of the Community Centre by the Parish Council as there had been no meeting of the Committee at that stage.

Additional Matters (Minute 135)

Councillor Ward reported that Councillor Wager had been on the Parish Council for around 7-8 years. The Clerk was asked to find out exactly as if Councillor Wager had served two terms, it was customary for the Parish Council to make a presentation.

Land on Crossley Street – the owner of the land had been contacted about its overgrown and dilapidated appearance. It had also been pointed out to him that the Parish Council held applications from residents requiring allotments and that if he could restore the land to allotments (as it was previously) these applications could be forwarded to him.

141. Ongoing Projects

<p>Library and PCT site</p>	<p>(a) New Road and landscaping project.</p> <p>No progress had been made on the commencement of work on the Library Site. An email had been received from Val Kripp of Groundworks, outlining the position at present which was that they were still waiting for confirmation that funding was in place, and planning permission had to be applied for again. From having a starting date in April, confirmation of funding and an approximate time scale for completion of the project of 5 weeks, it appeared that the whole process was beginning again. The Councillors asked that Val Kripp be contacted and asked to attend the next meeting of the Parish Council, to be held on 2nd November 2009</p>
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142. Christmas Lights

Sketches regarding the positioning of the Christmas Lights had been received and were distributed. After discussion it was decided that:

High Street – no light structure on C5 as this is amongst trees and difficult to see, but should be placed on C7. No light on C8 but this should be moved to half way up Crossley Street if possible.

C15, C13, C14 – All in Streethouse and not responsibility of Charlston Parish Council.

The Clerk was asked to get clarification that the extra lighting features would not be at a cost to the Council.

143. Spring Bulbs

After discussion it was agreed that the offer of extra bulb planting would be accepted. The following areas were decided:

Planting of crocus by the wheel/Parish Council noticeboard at New Charlston. Also planting on Wood Street on the right hand side, junction with Netheroyd Court.

2 x 1000 crocus bulbs were to be ordered at a cost of £120.00.

144. Community Centre

Following discussion it was agreed to send a donation of £50.00 to the Community Centre as a donation towards the cost of using the hall for the Parish Open Day.

Proposed: Councillor Goodfellow, Seconded: Councillor Shingles.

145. Grants

Councillor Cliffe suggested that this item be deferred until next month. It was felt that the Application for Grant forms should be reviewed and procedures tightened. The Clerk was asked to research a “model” for these forms which could be adopted by the Parish Council.

146. Play Area

Nigel Malyan of Wakefield MDC, Neighbourhood Environment had suggested a site visit to review all areas maintained by them on behalf of the Parish Council. The Ground Maintenance invoice seemed to have increased this year and clarification was needed on exactly what it covered. The site visit was to be arranged.

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.

147. Fernside Allotments

The Clerk gave an update on the present situation regarding the purchase of the Fernside Allotments.

148. Planning Applications

The following Planning Application was considered and no objections raised.

Application No.	Location	Details	21 Day expiry date
09/01786/FUL	35 Grime Lane, Charlston Common WF4 1EJ	Residential Development – one bungalow	30th October 2009

149. Planning Decisions

The following planning decisions were noted:

Application No.	Location	Details	Decision
09/01278/FUL	Sharlston ARLFC	Single Storey Extension to side	Approved

150. Attendance at Meetings

Attendance was approved at the following events:

- a. Featherstone Town Council, Mayor's Annual Charity Ball, 25th November, Kings Croft Hotel, Pontefract. No councillor's were able to attend.
- b. South Elmsall Town Council, Help for Heroes, 6th October, Social Centre, South Elmsall. Councillor Cliffe had attended and she reported that £700 had been raised.
- c. Wakefield Speaks Event, Saturday 3rd October – No councillors had been able to attend.
Councillors had been informed of items b. and c. prior to the meeting.
- d. Featherstone Town Council – Christmas Lights switch on, Wednesday 25th November.
A poster for this event was to be displayed in the post office.
- e. Mayor of Wakefield – Charity Ball, 31st October 2009 – No councillor was able to attend.
- f. Wakefield MDC Remembrance Festival, Wakefield Cathedral, 6th November – Councillors Devey, Cliffe, Shingles and Ward to attend.

151. Correspondence

All correspondence and actions were noted.

Yorkshire Local Councils Association – Election of Parish Representative – voting form was completed..

152. Accounts

All accounts were approved except the invoice from Ground Maintenance which was to be deferred until next month, while clarification of the areas it covered was obtained.

To	Details	Amount	Category
Campaign to Protect Rural England	Renewel of Membership	£29.00	Subscriptions
Talk Talk	Charges, line rental <i>It should be noted that Talk Talk failed to reimburse overcharge in August of £29.99. They have been contacted again.</i>	£23.15	Admin. Telephone charges
SLCC	Local Council Finance	£12.75	Books & Publications

Staples	Stationery	£6.84	Admin: Clerk's expenses
Webfusion	Website	£88.93	Information & Publicity
WMDC	Ground Maintenance	£988.37	Playing Field – Ground Maintenance

154. Additional Matters

1. Councillor Goodfellow asked if the Parish Council should register the village green, as it would then be protected. Mention was made of an article in "The Clerk", issue 64. The Clerk agreed to find out more information.
2. Half Year Accounts and Risk Assessment – The clerk reminded Parish Councillors of the need for these to be reviewed and a Finance Meeting would be called for 19th October 2009 at 7.00 p.m. in the Community Centre. It was agreed that the Grant Application Form could be reviewed at this meeting.
3. Councillor Ward reported that on 26th September and 1st October the Fire Brigade had again been called to the Common because of youths lighting fires. It was suggested that these incidents should be logged with WMDC as they were becoming more frequent.
4. Councillor Cliffe had been contacted by a resident at 12 Jubilee Crescent about the overgrown and unsafe nature of a tree in her garden. This tree should be the responsibility of WMDC.

156. Date & Time of Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be **Monday 2nd November 2009 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

Record of Public Forum

Councillor Guy reported on items she had progressed since the previous meeting:

- a) The Dam – she had contacted Paul Nicholson of Neighbourhood Environment about the way grass had been cut with litter on it. Paul visited the area on Tuesday 8th September and found everything to be O.K.
- b) Cow Lane – Councillor Guy contacted Dave Evans, also of Neighbourhood Environment, about the way hedges had been cut, leaving a mess on the footpath. She asked for a mini-sweeper to attend and for something to be done about the cuttings which were narrowing the footpath.
- c) Christmas Trees – If Councillors wish to provide a tree for New Sharlston, at a cost of £5,000, it would have to be funded out of the precept.