
Monthly Meeting of the Sharlston Parish Council held on Monday 30th March 2009 at Sharlston Community School at 7.00 p.m.

Present:	Councillor J Cliffe	Councillor D Ranson
	Councillor J Goodfellow	Councillor K Shingles
	Councillor P Loosemore	Councillor K Wager
	Councillor G Oldroyd	Councillor S Ward
	Councillor A Devey	Councillor M Pearson

Also present: Louise Hall, Wakefield Express
17 Members of the Public

50. Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were accepted from District Councillor P. Guy

51. Disclosure of Personal Interests

Councillor Pearson declared an interest in item 8 on the agenda (New Sharlston Welfare Club)

52. Minutes of the Meeting held on Tuesday 10th March 2009

Resolved: that, subject to the amendment below, the minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 10th March 2009 be signed as a true record (*moved Cllrs Oldroyd/Ward*)

Amendment: Minute 50 to be deleted in its entirety – entered in minutes in error.

53. Progress Report on Items from the Meeting on Tuesday 10th March 2009

a. Litter (Minute 37.1)

It was reported that the total number of grit bins stolen in the Wakefield area was 28, one of these from Sharlston. The delivery of new stock is awaited.

b. Sharlston Dovecote (Minute 37.2)

Councillor Loosemore reported that the Sharlston Community School is interested in being involved in this project. It was suggested that the school should contact English Heritage direct to co-ordinate this involvement.

c. Parish Open Day (Minute 37.3)

A meeting of the Parish Plan Working Group was arranged for Wednesday 8th April at 7.0 p.m. at the Community Centre to discuss the Open Day in more detail.

d. Sharlston Bowling Club – Minute 37.5)

It was reported that trees had been cleared and the bowling green was in much better condition now. It was hoped that the first game may be held within the next few days.

e. Planning Applications (Minute 37.6)

The resident of 75-77 Crossley Street is to appeal against the refusal of planning permission.

f. Dog Fouling (Minute 37.7)

As reported previously there are no bins on Grime Lane for dog walkers to use. WMDC were to be asked if a litter/dog bin could be placed half way up Grime Lane. The original bin was taken down when the street lighting was changed.

g. Attendance at Meetings (Minute 37.3)

It was reported that Councillor Cliffe had been unable to attend the meeting on the 12th March, due to other Parish Council commitments.

Councillor Ward reported that at the Yorkshire Rural Transport Conference the need for buses to connect villages in the area was still under debate.

h. Garden Fence (Minute 49b)

It was reported that the fence previously reported on had now been repaired.

54. Ongoing Projects

<p>Library and PCT site</p>	<p>(a) New Road and landscaping project.</p> <p>It is assumed that the start date of 20 April indicated previously is still on target.</p> <p>(b) Proposed Lease</p> <p>No further action had taken place</p>
<p>Parish Plan</p>	<p>A meeting of the working group is arranged for Wednesday 8th April 2009.</p>

55. Hanging Baskets

A list of the columns required for hanging baskets had been e-mailed to First Impressions, a total of 12.

56. Sharlston Dam

Councillor Goodfellow has had correspondence with John Trickett M.P. who had supplied information regarding the responsibility of the Parish Council with open water (Sharlston Dam).

It was reported that the owner of the land was Mr Cooling, the area is maintained by Wakefield MDC Countryside Services, who are paid for this work by the Parish Council and occupied by the Sharlston Angling Club. The Parish Council has no direct responsibility for safety but could make representations to the various parties.

Councillor Oldroyd passed details of life belts and safety aides to the Parish Clerk. As Mr. Cooling was hoping to sell this land, it was felt that once ownership of the Dam had been resolved the Parish Council should contact the new owner regarding the installation of life belts.

57. Grants

- (a) It was resolved to approve a grant of £200 to the Miners Welfare Club as a contribution towards the renewing/replacing of lights and electrics.
- (b) It was resolved that the Luncheon Club would be asked to resubmit their application for a grant once 12 months had elapsed since they were last awarded a grant.

58. Planning Applications

It was reported that there were no planning applications to consider.

59. Planning Decisions

It was reported there were no planning decisions to consider.

60. Attendance at Meetings

Attendance was approved at the following events:

Wednesday 1st April 2009, Mayor's At Home on Wednesday 1st April 2009 between 2.00 p.m. and 5.00 p.m.

61. Correspondence

Invitations to the Mayor's Civic Parade was passed on to Councillors Cliffe and Devey.

All other correspondence and actions were noted.

62. Accounts

The following accounts were **approved**:

<i>To</i>	<i>Details</i>	<i>Amount</i>	<i>Category</i>
First Impressions	Hanging Baskets – Summer 2009	£1922.80 inc.VAT	Other Expenses
Yorkshire Local Councils Assoc.	Subscriptions 2009-10	£513.00	Subscriptions
D.R. Siddans	Postage Stamps (Feb) £18.72 Redirection Service (14.85)	£33.57	Clerk's Expenses
J. Cliffe	Travelling Expenses	£77.57	Councillors Expenses
Wakefield MDC	Replacement of Village Boundary sign (High Street)	£928.05 inc. VAT	Other Expenses
Communicorp	Renewel of Subscription	£110.00	Books & Publications

63. Additional Matters

(a) School Playing Field

Councillor Wager reported that the hawthorne hedge around the school playing field had been cut to make a pathway through, to enable people to walk their dogs on the field. This is obviously not to be encouraged on a playing field. Councillor Loosemore agreed to bring this to the attention of the school.

(b) Dedicated phone line for Clerk

The new clerk reported that she would be applying for a dedicated phone line to be installed for Parish Council business and she would report on the new number as soon as possible.

(c) Soakaway, Junction Crossley Street/High Street

Councillor Cliffe reported that this soakaway was again blocked. It had been reported on in the past.

64. Date and Time of Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held on **Tuesday 5th May 2009** at 7.00 pm in Sharlston Community School.

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

Signed Chairman

Date