
Monthly Meeting of the Sharlston Parish Council held on Monday 4th April 2011 at Sharlston Community School at 7.00 p.m.

Present:

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

Also Present:

1. Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were accepted from Councillor M Ashworth, Councillor P Loosemore, District Councillor R Taylor and District Councillor P Guy.

2. Disclosure of Personal Interests

No disclosures of interest were made at this time

3. Minutes of the Meeting held on Monday 7th March 2011

Resolved that the minutes of the meeting held on 7th March 2011 be signed as a true record .
(*moved Cllrs Balaam/Berry*)

4. Progress Report

Rugby Club

The clerk reported that the tree pruning had been carried out at the Rugby field.

A new valuation for the clubhouse had been received from Abson Blaza, the insurance company had been informed and the policy amended accordingly.

Litter

The need for a larger litter bin in the shop area had been recognised by WMDC. The cost of these bins was high, but on the audit walk Cllrs. were informed that WMDC would be willing to install a larger bin at no cost to the Parish Council. The siting of this was being looked into. In the meantime, overflowing litter bins continues to be a problem.

Noticeboard

The clerk reported that she had been contacted by Richard Jackson and work on the new noticeboard had been delayed but it would be ready by the end of the month.

School Caretaker

At the beginning of the meeting, the caretaker had been presented with a card and flowers in recognition of the work she had undertaken to allow the Parish Council to hold evening meetings in the school. The Parish Council wished her well in her retirement.

Election Nomination Papers

The clerk reported that after several revisions, the nomination papers had been delivered to WMDC Electoral Services within the deadline. Briefing packs were distributed.

Weight restriction – Cow Lane Bridge

The clerk had received a letter from Claire Lingard, Traffic Technician at WMDC. The Highways department and Wakefield’s Bus Partnership were to discuss this issue in w/c 4th April 2011. The Parish Council would then be contacted again.

Hanging Baskets

It was confirmed that the bracket for the hanging basket previously obscured by trees at New Sharlston had been placed on the correct lamp standard.

Resignation Cllr. Ranson

The clerk reported that she had sent a letter of thanks to Cllr. Ranson in recognition of the work she had undertaken during her time on the Parish Council.

Community Centre

Cllr. Cliffe reported that John Trickett MP had attended a coffee morning at the Community Centre and had said he enjoyed meeting everyone.

5. Ongoing Projects

<p>Library and PCT site</p>	<p>No progress had been made with regard to the note in past records that the Library site could only be developed for community use.</p>
<p>Twinning</p>	<p>Very little feedback had been obtained from the coffee morning. However, Twinning was to be an item in the newsletter and also at Open Day. Cllr. Devey informed the meeting that £150 had been raised at the coffee morning for the community centre. She also reported that the school had asked to be kept informed of this project.</p>

6. Royal Wedding

It was confirmed that a buffet for 40-50 people would be provided by the Parish Council and it was unanimously agreed that a donation of £150.00 would be made by the Parish Council towards the Royal Wedding celebrations at the Rugby Club. A cake had been ordered by Cllr. Cliffe. The Rugby Club would provide the music for the evening dance. The rugby club would be open from 10.00 a.m. on the day of the wedding so that the ceremony could be watched on the big screen. Tea/Coffee and a buffet lunch including “wedding cake” would be provided. The evening dance would be from 7.30 p.m. to 10.00 p.m.

The clerk agreed to produce posters advertising the event.

7. Open Day

The clerk reported that arrangements for the Parish Open Day, to be held on 17th May were going ahead.

Tea, coffee and sugar were already available as they were left over from the Coffee Morning.

The annual report was almost completed and would be sent to the printers so it could be available for the Open Day.

The newsletter was hopefully to be available by the next meeting (May 9th) in order that it could be passed on to Cllrs. for distribution.

Cllr. Cliffe reported that the flag and banner would be available.

The clerk was to obtain display boards and contact contributors from last year and also suggested that Spawforths be contacted regarding the new development at New Sharlston, and see if it would be possible to provide a display on the Digital Switch-over.

8. Risk Assessment

The risk assessment strategy was presented to the meeting and following a slight change (with regard to allotment holders and visitors being responsible for their own safety) it was accepted by a unanimous vote.

9. Clerk's Salary

At this stage the clerk was asked to leave the meeting while the councillors discussed the details of the clerk's salary from 1st April 2011.

Following this, the clerk was informed she would be receiving one increment on the salary scale,

10. Planning Applications

The planning applications on Appendix B were discussed and noted. After discussion with the Chair, a letter had been sent to the planning department objecting to application Number 11/00465/FUL as the date for sending objections had expired before the meeting.

11. Planning Decisions

The planning decisions on Appendix C were noted.

12. Attendance at Meetings

The Royal British Legion, National Armed Forces Day celebration in June was to be noted again on the May agenda.

The clerk was asked to obtain 4 places at the Mayor & Mayoress "At Home" on 28th April 2011.

13. Correspondence

All correspondence was noted.

The request from Crimestoppers for a donation was discussed but it was decided not to go ahead with this donation.

14. Accounts

The following accounts were approved for payment

To	Details	Amount	Category
Talk Talk	Telephone Charges Direct Debit	£26. 47	Admin: Telephone
Yorkshire Local Councils Association	Annual Subscription	£614.00	Subscriptions
WMDC	Provision of Christmas Tree and associated works – New Sharlston	£3,651.45	Christmas Tree New Sharlston
Clerks & Councils Direct	Subscription renewal	£110.00	Subscriptions
Cllr. Goodfellow	Travelling Expenses	£23.60	Councillors Expenses
Abson Blaza	Insurance re-instatement valuation – Rugby Club	£120.00	Insurance
S. & D. Landscapes	Crown Reduction – Ash Tree Rugby Field	£72.00	Playing field – Tree maintenance

15. Additional Matters

Cllr. Ward reported that her wrought iron gate had been stolen. The police had been notified and residents should be made aware that there has been a spate of such thefts.

Cllr. Pearson drew attention to an article in the March issue of Clerks & Councils with regard to possible funding for sports facilities. The sports ground in New Sharlston, behind the Kibble was in need of updating particularly with regard to providing an all weather pitch. The clerk agreed to look into this further.

Cllr. Balaam had been unable to attend the Audit Walk but passed on three areas of concern in New Sharlston, details of which the clerk was to forward to Neighbourhood Action by e-mail.

16. Date & Time of Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be on **Monday 9th May 2011 at 7.00 p.m.** at the Community School.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 8.30 p.m.

Signed Chairman

Date