
Meeting of the Sharlston Parish Council held on Monday 5th December 2011 at Sharlston Community School at 7.00 p.m.

Present: Councillor J Goodfellow Councillor B Berry
Councillor A Devey Councillor K Shingles
Councillor G Balaam Councillor S Ward
Councillor J Cliffe

119. Apologies for Absence

No apologies were received.

120. Disclosure of Personal Interest

No disclosures of interest were made at this time.

121. Minutes of the Meeting held on Monday 7th November 2012

The minutes of the meeting held on 7th November 2011, were accepted as a true record, with the following amendment: Councillor Ward's apologies to be added.

(moved Cllrs. Devey/Balaam)

122. Progress Report

Parish Council Vacancy

It was reported that Cllr. Pearson had not responded to the letter regarding attendance and had not attended this meeting. WMDC Electoral Services were to be contacted. No other applications had been received with regard to the other two vacancies on the Parish Council

Weight restriction – Cow Lane Bridge

The evening bus service to Sharlston terminates at 7.00 p.m. causing problems, especially during the dark evenings when people are having to walk home. A petition was passed from John Trickett's office to the District Councillors and the petition is now being circulated around the village.

Long Row

The meeting scheduled with UK Coal has been cancelled by Anton Fix. Anton was now waiting for Eddie Peat to contact him so that a new meeting could be arranged. Residents still have concerns with regard to UK Coal land which they fear is being sold off to Travellers. Travellers' vehicles have been seen on the land. Gates have also been installed on each public footpath.

A meeting with UK Coal is to be arranged with some urgency.

Traffic, The Green

The police have monitored the speed of traffic on one occasion. However, this was with a police car, and drivers were able to spot the car and reduce speed. The fastest car was doing 38 m.p.h. Two residents had spoken to the police officer and emphasised the problem with speeding cars.

The traffic is to be monitored further with an unmarked car.

Tree, Rugby Field

The clerk reported that it would cost £60 - £70 to replace the damaged tree. It was felt there might be a problem with drainage pipes in that area, causing the tree not to thrive. Cllr. Goodfellow was to discuss this with the Rugby Club.

Crossley Street

The house on Crossley Street with the unsafe wall has been reported to WMDC but no feed back has been received. The clerk was to contact them again.

The Dam

A meeting had been requested between the Parish Council, Mark Cranmer WMDC and the police with regard to anti-social behaviour around the area of the Dam in Sharlston.

This meeting took place on the 1st December. Cllrs. Goodfellow, Ward and Devey were in attendance along with the clerk.

The police and councillors walked the area of the Dam and pointed out the "hot spots" for anti-social behaviour. The police were to come back to the area to make spot checks when youths were likely to have congregated. The police also asked if the gate to the car park could be kept closed during the evenings. The clerk spoke to a member of the fishing club who was present and he said that all members were given a key to the barrier but they never found the gate locked.

Cllr. Goodfellow was to raise the question of the gate with the fishing club.

The litter bin at the Dam had been replaced by WMDC. The replacement and/or repair of the seating around the Dam was to be looked into further.

123. Ongoing Projects

Library and PCT site	The business plan had been forwarded on to Martin Womersley. Mark Cranmer had spoken to Cllr. Devey with regard to the request by the PC for a lease on the library land. He felt this was a possibility but mention was made of a 5 year lease. It was to be pointed out that no funding could be obtained with such a short lease in place. 25 years was the minimum required.
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124. Precept 2012-13

A Finance Committee meeting was held on 29th November 2011. The precept for 2012-13 had been discussed at length at this meeting and it was recommended to the full Council that the precept should be set at £23,000 once again this year. Following discussion this was agreed by Council.

A recommendation was also made by the Finance Committee that Plot 3 of the allotment land should be purchased by the Parish Council early in 2012. The Parish Council are now in a position to be able to allocate £15,000 to the purchase of this land from the Residents Association. It was suggested that £10,000 be transferred from the Business Account towards this purchase. The clerk was to contact the Allotment Association and the Solicitor outlining this course of action. This was agreed unanimously by full council.

125. Grit Bins

The clerk reported that the grit bins were due to be delivered shortly. The siting of the grit bins was discussed and a full list was to be supplied to Mr. Wildman.
The increase in the insurance premium was also approved, to include the 9 new grit bins.

The Council agreed in principal that Mr. Wildman be offered remuneration for storing the grit bins and rock salt and for keeping the bins filled. This was to be decided at a later date and would depend on the weather throughout the period.

126. Grant

The application for a grant received from Karen Palmer towards her work as a Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinator was discussed by the Council. It was agreed that on this occasion the Parish Council were unable to offer her a grant. The area she covered was quite small and it was felt that this grant could set a precedent to all other Neighbourhood Watch co-ordinators in the village. The Parish Council also agreed it was unable to offer grants to individuals. The clerk was to suggest some other sources of funding for Ms. Palmer.

127. Hanging Baskets

The floral displays for Sharlston and New Sharlston were confirmed for 2012. It was agreed that the displays would be on the same lamp standards as in previous years. It was noted again that a limited number of Spring baskets would be provided by First Impressions as compensation for the problems with the fungal disease in the displays last year. These Spring baskets would only be along Weeland Road.

128. Queen's Diamond Jubilee

Following discussion it was decided that the Parish Council would not organise any events for this occasion. However, it was felt that perhaps the PC would be able to support any events organised by WMDC. It was also suggested that Commemorative mugs etc. could perhaps be provided. The clerk agreed to let the Council know as soon as she received details of any events, commemorative items etc.

129. Planning Applications

No objections were raised to the planning applications listed on appendix B (late item)

130. Planning Decisions

No planning decisions were listed on appendix C

131. Attendance at Meetings

Details of the Help for Heroes Cabaret Dinner were circulated.

Cllr. Goodfellow was to attend the meeting of Wakefield Together.

132. Correspondence

All correspondence was noted.

The clerk drew attention to those items of correspondence that were of interest.

It was agreed that a letter would be sent in support of the Fire Brigade Union's request for a public meeting to discuss cuts to the fire service.

133. Accounts

The following accounts were approved for payment.

To	Details	Amount	Category
Talk Talk	Telephone/Broadband Direct Debit	£26.70	Admin: Telephone charges
Staples	Stationery	£20.28	Admin: clerks expenses
Ordnance Survey	Map Copying Licence	£65.70	Subscriptions: Map Copying
Cllr. Shingles	Plants	£5.50	Other Expenses: Flower Tubs.

134. Additional Matters

1. The drain cover behind 45 Clifton Road is missing, leaving a large hole. A resident contacted Cllr. Cliffe, who then informed Cllr. Goodfellow who reported this and the clerk agreed to follow this up.

2. It was reported that the fence was again broken down on the Pit site land. A 4 x4 vehicle had been seen on the land and horses were still being grazed on the land. These matters would be raised at the meeting with U.K. Coal

3. There was a problem with dogs being allowed to foul on the pavement area around the shops. This is thought to be caused by residents walking their dogs in the evening and thinking that as it was dark no-one would see if they did not clean up after their dogs.

4. It was reported that a petition was being circulated throughout Charlston with regard to the night bus service.

5. It was noted that on refuse collection days a lot of rubbish was being left on the road. This was a particular problem on Long Row, New Charlston.

6. It was reported that the Kibble, in New Charlston had closed but the building was being vandalised/stripped. It was suggested this should be reported to WMDC as it was unsafe and also that a representative of CISWO would be contacted.

135. Date & Time of Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held on **Monday 9th January 2012** 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