
Monthly Meeting of the Sharlston Parish Council held on Monday 7th February 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 D Ranson

Also Present: District Councillor R Taylor

398. Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were accepted from Cllr. M. Pearson, Cllr. P Loosemore, Cllr. M Ashworth and Cllr. Balaam

399. Disclosure of Personal Interests

No disclosures of interest were made at this time

400. Minutes of the Meeting held on Monday 10th January 2011

Resolved that the minutes of the meeting held on 10th January 2011 be signed as a true record .
(*moved Cllrs Devey/Berry*)

401. Progress Report

Rugby Club

Cllrs.were reminded once again of the Opening of the new extension to the Rugby Club to be held on 11th February at 2.00 p.m.

The clerk reported that a re-build valuation needed to be obtained for the new extension, in order to update the insurance. Stephen Abson has been asked to carry this out.

Calender of Meetings

The date for the Parish Council Open Day was confirmed as 17th May 2011. Arrangements for Open Day were to be an item on the agenda for the March meeting.

Town & Parish Council Liaison Committee

It was reported that Cllr. Goodfellow and the clerk had attended the meeting held on 26th January.

Cllr. Peter Box and Joanne Roney (Chief Exec.) had attended the meeting, during which the localism Bill was discussed along with the forthcoming elections.

The clerk gave the Councillors a report on what had taken place.

Minutes from the Town & Parish Council Liaison Committee will be circulated at a later date.

Planning

Cllr. Taylor reported that a decision had been made by the Planning Committee, over the planned new development at New Sharlston, Cllr. Taylor had to declare an interest but two colleagues had spoken at the planning meeting on behalf of the residents.

Outline planning permission had been granted. Speed tests and traffic tests had been carried out and it was felt that a roundabout was not justified.

The matter could be raised again, however, when full planning permission is applied for.

The 3 storey houses were to be located at the Streethouse side of the site, and because of the lie of the land would not be obtrusive.

Litter

Paul Hargreaves had been contacted about the litter problem, particularly around the shops. He reported that the bins are emptied once a week and that probably larger bins were needed, particularly in the shop areas. However, WMDC were not supplying any new bins. It may be possible for the Parish Council to purchase larger bins, which WMDC would then empty.

Paul Hargreaves was to contact the clerk with a quote for larger bins.

Grit Bins

The clerk reported that 6 new bins were ear-marked for Charlston but as potholes were the priority, they could not be delivered at the present time. The clerk had been assured that should the weather deteriorate they would be delivered.

It was proposed that the clerk contact the Chief Executive with regard to this matter, which it was felt, had been going on for too long, in fact since last November. *(Cllrs.Devey/Ward)*

The Heathers

The clerk was told that it would take a full week for a gang to repair the damaged speed humps on the Heathers and the cost of this could not be met until the new financial year. The Council no longer use bricks on speed humps because of problems with them breaking up. However, on this occasion as the bricks had already been purchased they would be used to repair the speed humps one more time. If these again failed, tarmac would be used.

A technician is said to be making regular visits to the site to make sure the speed humps are safe, until the time they can be repaired.

402. Ongoing Projects

<p>Library and PCT site</p>	<p>In line with WMDC policy of valuing all assets, the library site has been valued at £115.000 as a residential site. Mark Wheater, Service Manager (Property and Asset Management) is to take the matter to cabinet to see if the land could be leased to the Parish Council at a peppercorn rent.</p> <p>Councillors asked that they be kept informed of the decision.</p> <p>Cllr. Cliffe thought that the land was only to be used for community use and asked the clerk to check in past correspondence. If this was found to be the case, Mark Wheater would be informed.</p>
<p>Parish Charter</p>	<p>It was reported that the Parish Charter in its present form was to be put before Cabinet.</p>
<p>Twinning</p>	<p>The coffee morning is to be held on Saturday 19th March 2011. Posters were to be circulated. It was hoped to be able to ask for support from the school, rugby club, male voice choir and other village organisations.</p> <p>Cllr. Ashworth was to be contacted with regard to the "Charlston in Bloom" initiative with the possibility of incorporating that into the Coffee Morning.</p>

Allotment Committee	Cllr. Cliffe reported that she had provided the Sharlston Allotment Association with a copy of the Parish Council's agreement form and details of the fees charged. It was felt that Plot 3 should be administered in the same way as Plots 1 & 2, so that when the Parish Council took over Plot 3 the transition would be smooth.
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403. Noticeboard

The clerk provided the meeting with quotations received for a new Parish Noticeboard. It was decided to accept the quotation from Richard Jackson (R.J. Joinery) of Crigglestone.

Mr. & Mrs. Davey had agreed to the Noticeboard being sited outside the Post Office and Cllr. Cliffe and the Clerk had visited the site and agreed with Mrs. Davey on an acceptable size for the board.

It was agreed that Cllr. Cliffe and the clerk would meet with Mr. Jackson on site, to discuss final details.

The clerk also agreed to contact Cllr. Balaam again with regard to the erection of the Noticeboard at New Sharlston.

404. Community Centre

Cllr. Goodfellow reported that the Insurance for the Community centre had been discussed at the last management meeting. The Parish Council had insurance for the building and some fixtures & fittings. The Community Centre were taking out Public Liability Insurance and some further cover for fixtures and fittings.

The clerk was asked to find out what information needed to be displayed at the Community Centre with regard to Insurance cover.

Cllr. Goodfellow also reported that professional cleaners were to be brought in to the Community Centre to clean the inside of the building, as well as the tables and chairs.

The clerk reported that she had contacted WMDC with regard to the rates for the Community Centre and was able to confirm that they were exempt from paying. The form that had been received was purely a matter of routine and only to keep records up to date.

405. Royal Wedding

Details had been received from WMDC with regard to possible events being arranged to celebrate the Royal Wedding, pointing out the legal requirements and risk assessments etc. to be followed.

After several suggestions and discussion it was decided that celebrations would perhaps be best if confined to one building in the village and that street parties etc. were best avoided.

The Rugby Club was suggested as a venue and Cllr. Cliffe agreed to pursue this matter with John Lingard.

Cllr. Ward's suggestion of a dance on the evening of the wedding day, was met with enthusiasm. The possibility of events for the children in the village during the day was also suggested.

As neither councillor from New Sharlston were at the meeting, it was not known if New Sharlston would have their own celebration or would join together with the Parish Council.

The Royal Wedding was to be an item on the agenda of the next meeting in March.

406. Forthcoming Elections

Nomination papers were distributed to each Councillor, along with advice on how these are to be completed. The papers were to be completed and returned to the clerk at the next meeting (March) when they would be delivered by hand to the Electoral Services department at WMDC.

407. Planning Applications

No objections were raised with regard to the planning application on Appendix B.

408. Planning Decisions

There were no planning decisions to note.

409. Attendance at Meetings

The clerk reported that two places had been booked for the Groundwork Blue Sky Project, for the 18th February at Pontefract Racecourse, and for the Charity Concert on the 19th February at Featherstone Methodist Church

410. Correspondence

All correspondence was noted.

411. Accounts

The following accounts were approved for payment

To	Details	Amount	Category
Talk Talk	Telephone Charges r Direct Debit	£25.39	Admin: Telephone
Canon	Photocopying charges	tbc	Admin: Clerks expenses

The clerk reported that despite the meter reading being supplied to Canon, she was still waiting for an invoice to be sent.

412. Additional Matters

The clerk reported that the school caretaker was to retire in April. It was agreed that the Parish Council should mark her retirement with a card and possible gift and this was to be discussed at the next meeting.

Cllr. Ward reported a van driver had been seen looking around the church grounds. When approached he said he was working on the roof. However, it was not known that any work had been commissioned on the roof. Cllr. Ward had taken down the registration number of the van and details had been passed on to the Police Support Officer.

Cllr. Ward also asked for clarification of a planning matter raised by a resident and advice was given.

Cllr. Devey reported that she had been contacted by phone, and told she had a virus on her computer. Cllr. Cliffe had also been contacted in this way. This is known to be a scam and is to gain access to the records held on your computer.

Cllr. Ranson reported that the patch of land at the entrance to the Heathers had been purchased by the Charlston Forever Group from Wimpey for £1.00. Catteralls solicitors have agreed to do the conveyencing work free of charge. The land is to be used for outdoor activities for the Charlston Forever Group with possibly an allotment.

Should the group ever disband it was planned that the land would pass to the Parish Council.

413. Date & Time of Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be on **Monday 7th March 2011 at 7.00 p.m.** at the Community School.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 8.50p.m.

Signed Chairman

Date