
Monthly Meeting of the Sharlston Parish Council held on Monday 4th January 2010 at Sharlston Community School at 7.00 p.m.

Present: Councillor J Cliffe
Councillor P Loosemore
Councillor J Goodfellow
Councillor K Shingles
Councillor B Berry
Councillor S Ward
Councillor M Ashworth

Also Present: District Councillor P Guy
Mr. G Balaam

190. Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were accepted from Councillor A Devey, Councillor M Pearson, Councillor D Ranson.

191. Disclosure of Personal Interests

No disclosures of interest were made at this time

192. Co-option of New Member

A Nomination was made to fill the vacancy on the Parish Council arising from the resignation of Cllr. Oldroyd. Members unanimously approved the co-option of Mr. George Balaam onto the Council.

Mr. Balaam signed the declaration of acceptance of office and was welcomed to the Council.

193. Minutes of the Meeting held on Monday 7th December 2009

Resolved that: Subject to the amendments below the minutes of the meeting held on Monday 7th December 2009 be signed as a true record. (*moved Councillors Berry/Ward*)

Minute 176. Community Centre. Should read "the Parish Council were not charged for using the room at the back of the Community Centre for *any* meetings".

Minute 176. Post Office Car Park. It was to be noted that the photograph and write-up had been in the Normanton & Castleford edition of the Wakefield Express.

Minute 188. Fly Tipping. This was on Weeland Crescent rather than Woodside.

194. Progress Report on items from Meeting on Monday 7th December 2009

Community Centre

Cllr. Goodfellow reported that quotes for the repair and renewal of underground pipework at the Community Centre would be sent to the Parish Council as soon as these had been organised and that the Community Centre accounts would be made available at the end of the financial year.

Additional Matters:

3 Eastfield Road

The Clerk reported that this house was not owned by Wakefield District Housing Association. The clerk was to write to the home owner.

Jubilee Crescent

The clerk reported that she had contacted WMDC regarding the build up of rubbish on Jubilee Crescent. A rapid response team had been sent out but no rubbish could be seen.

Woodside

Fly tipping should be reported through the 24 hour hotline number (0845 8 505 506). More details of the exact site and nature of the rubbish were to be obtained.

195. Ongoing Projects

<p>Library and PCT site</p>	<p>(a) New Road and landscaping project.</p> <p>Val Kripp had been contacted again prior to the meeting. He was to contact the Planning Officer again and also Lawrence Deegan re funding. He is concerned that if we apply for access and landscaping only – the question will be raised as to why access is required, if there is to be no building on the site.</p>
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It was decided at this point that the following items on the Agenda should be dealt with at the end of the meeting, and without press and public present:

Precept 2010-11

Fernside Allotments.

196. Grants

Discussion regarding the awarding of a grant to the Sharlston Playgroup took place. Cllr. Loosemore suggested that the playgroup should be contacted again. If the majority of children attending were from Sharlston then a grant of £150.00 should be awarded. It should also be suggested to the playgroup that if children came from another area, perhaps that Parish Council could be contacted as well with regard to funding.

Moved: Councillor Loosemore, agreed unanimously.

197. Yorkshire Local Councils Association

The letter received from YLCA regarding the “larger increase in subscription than usual” to be made this year was discussed. It was decided to await the final figure from YLCA before deciding if subscription should be continued. Cllr. Loosemore asked if belonging to the YLCA was useful. The clerk and chairman described the benefits and information available to the Council through membership of YLCA.

198. Hanging Baskets

After discussion, it was decided to continue with the hanging baskets for a further year, using the same lamp posts as before, including the four for New Charlston.

199. Planning Applications.

There were no planning applications to consider.

200. Planning Decisions

The Planning decisions were noted.

Cllr. Ashworth asked if more details could be obtained regarding the refusal of the planning application for a bungalow on 35 Grime Lane.

201. Attendance at Meetings

No meetings had taken place during December.

202. Correspondence

All correspondence and actions were noted.

Cllr. Balaam asked if the e-mail received from YLCA regarding healthy bees, could be forwarded on to him as he is a bee-keeper.

203. Accounts

The following accounts were approved for payment

To	Details	Amount	Category
Talk Talk	Line rental, call charges	£22.99	Admin: telephone charges

204. Additional Matters

1. Councillor Ward reported that she had contacted WMDC regarding grit bins which were empty. They have now been refilled. Several new sites for grit bins were discussed and WMDC were to be informed of these suggestions next year. (Footpath from play area to Fernside, also top of High Street)

2. Councillor Ward also stated that there had been callers knocking on doors in the evenings, claiming to be from British Telecom, wanting to enter the house to check the phone line. PC Pearson had said in the past that she could be contacted at any time – 24 hours a day – via a dedicated phone number. Councillor Ward rang to report these callers and it took 3 days for her to get a response.
3. Councillor Balaam reported that people were parking on the left hand side of Crossley Street, on the pavement and pedestrians were having to walk on the road. He was notifying the Road Safety Committee. The councillors suggested that the Highways Department be contacted on the 0845 number.

Under standing order 67, The Chairman proposed that the press & Public be excluded for the next two items, due to the confidential nature of the business:

205. Fernside Allotments

The clerk gave an update on the progress of the purchase of allotment land.

206. Budget & Precept 2010-11

The clerk circulated the draft budget for the next financial year. Variations from last year were discussed.

Purchase of allotment land & expenses attributable to this were discussed. Also money had been set aside towards a Christmas tree for New Charlston for Dec. 2010. No funding was to be included for the Parish Plan this year.

It was noted that while in the past the precept had been kept at a low level it was now necessary to increase it.

The Budget was accepted and precept agreed. The necessary paperwork would be completed at the forthcoming finance meeting.

207. Date & Time of Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be on **Monday 1st February 2010 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

