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

Present:

Councillor J Goodfellow	Councillor K Shingles
Councillor A Devey	Councillor B Berry
Councillor J Cliffe	Councillor S Ward
Councillor M Ashworth	Councillor G Balaam
Councillor P Loosemore	

Also Present:

Before beginning the formal meeting the Chair read out a statement, compiled following advice from YLCA, with regard to the election of Vice-Chair. Cllr. A Devey was then re-instated as Vice Chair for the year 2011-12.

52. Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Cllr. M Pearson

53. Disclosure of Personal Interest

No disclosures of interest were made at this time.

54. Minutes of the Meeting held on Monday 6th June 2011

With the following amendment, the minutes of 6th June 2011, were accepted as a true record.
(*moved Cllr. Balaam/Cllr. Ward*)

Minute 36 – New Sharlston pub should read Sharlston pub.

55. Progress Report

Litter

The clerk reported that she had still not had a final date for the installation of the larger bin to be sited in the shop area.

It was reported that the existing bins were being emptied on a more regular basis and that the road sweeper had been around the village.

Noticeboard

New knobs had been installed on the noticeboard and the clerk reported that they were working perfectly.

Weight restriction – Cow Lane Bridge

No further information was available on this matter.

Sharlston Forever Group

No further details had been received from this group with regard to the letter from the Parish Council.

Rugby Pitch

It was reported that the rugby pitch had now been reseeded. The clerk was asked to contact WMDC as the pitch should now not be mown for 6 weeks. The rubble had now been cleared around the extension and cutting of that area could now take place.

Those Councillors who attended the Presentation Evening reported that it had been a successful evening and the Parish Council were thanked for their support of the Club.

Passageway Weeland Road

The problem with the barrier posts had been reported to the Traffic department, who agreed to check these and remove/restore. It appears these have now been taken out but have been left leaning on the wall which presents a further hazard.

Caroline Weeldon, Building Services, had given advice with regard to the anti-graffiti paint and would come out to give the Parish Council a quote. It was suggested that the wall of the Chinese Takeaway, adjacent to the library site could also be open to graffiti.

Cllr. Goodfellow agreed to make further enquiries with regard to the anti-graffiti paint and look into the possibility of the PC undertaking this job themselves.

The Heathers

Taylor Wimpey had been contacted by the clerk and they had agreed to continue to cut the grass on the spare land on the approach to The Heathers.

Grant Application Forms

The clerk reported that a further supply of these forms had been taken to the Post Office

Housing Development – New Sharlston

A complaint had been received from the resident of the house nearest to the development on High Street. It was reported that while pile driving was taking place, she could feel her house shake and she was concerned about damage. There was also mud on the road.

The site manager was contacted by the clerk. He explained that the pile driving had to take place while the infra-structure was put in place. He reported that road cleaners had been sent out from the site.

The Green

Cllr. Devey had received a complaint about youths congregating on the Green, parking cars on the Green and playing loud music. One had also been seen carrying a gun, outside of the shooting season.

The clerk had spoken to Mr. Cooling and also notified the police of this problem.

Grime Lane

The persisting problem of overhanging trees on Grime Lane had yet again been reported by the clerk. She was told that the trees had been inspected on 25/5/11 and had been cut back by a technician to the maximum allowed.

Appointments to Committees and Outside Bodies

Cllr. Loosemore confirmed that he would continue to serve on the Committees mentioned at the last meeting.

It was considered not practical for Cllr. Cliffe to provide a précis of the Parish Council's meetings for the noticeboard. Minutes are available to read on the website and a précis is already provided for the Wakefield Express and the church magazine.

Cllr. Cliffe asked that Stuart Hobbs, be asked to join the Allotment Committee as a representative from the allotment holders.

56. Ongoing Projects

<p>Library and PCT site</p>	<p>It was agreed that a meeting of the Planning Committee would be arranged for the 13th July 2011, at the Community Centre to discuss a Business plan to be submitted to WMDC with regard to initially obtaining a lease of the land.</p>
<p>Twinning</p>	<p>Cllr. Devey reported that she was still, via the internet, looking into suitable towns/villages in Europe.</p>
<p>Parish Plan</p>	<p>It was agreed that the Parish Plan Committee should also meet on 13th July at the Community Centre to review and update the Parish plan. At this stage Cllr. Ashworth gave her apologies as she would not be able to attend this meeting.</p>

57. Traffic

The clerk reported on a reply she had received from WMDC, (Claire Lingard, Traffic Technician) with regard to speeding vehicles on The Green. She had referred the matter to a Highway Enforcement Officer, John Whitworth. He will investigate the traffic on site and liaise with the local police force.

Cllrs. Cliffe & Balaam had spoken at the Road Safety Committee with regard to traffic problems throughout Charlston and New Charlston, and the matter was to be looked into further.

There had been no improvement in the parking around school, in fact some parents were double parking. The clerk was to report back to the neighbourhood policing team.

58. Planters

Advice had been obtained from Ian Jones, Street Scene Manager, with regard to the siting of planters throughout the village. Transportation & Highways would need to be consulted before any planters were placed on footways, verges etc. to ensure safety issues are considered.

Cllrs. Balaam and Ashworth are looking into possible sites for new planters.

The clerk was asked to contact the Normanton Clerk with regard to the new round planters seen in Normanton to ascertain how much they cost and where they were obtained from.

With regard to hanging baskets, Cllr. Balaam felt they had been installed later this year. This was because First Impressions also supply Spring baskets to some areas and they wait until these have finished flowering before installing the summer baskets. Cllr. Balaam asked if a quote could be obtained next year for spring baskets as these would be installed earlier and would possibly last throughout the summer without the need for summer displays.

59. Long Row

Cllr. Balaam met with Eddie Peat of U.K. Coal with regard to the resident of Crossley Street who was driving over U.K. Coal land and the play area to gain access to the rear of his property. U.K. Coal are going to replace the damaged section of fencing.

It was reported that the horses have been removed from the land.

60. HMRC Travel Expenses

The new figure of 45p. per mile for travel expenses was accepted by the full Council

61. Planning Applications

The planning application on Appendix B was noted was discussed and no objections were raised..

62. Planning Decisions

The planning decisions on Appendix C were noted.

63. Attendance at Meetings

The meetings listed on the agenda were noted.

The clerk was to confirm the meeting of the Town & Parish Council Liaison Committee as this is prone to cancellation.

Cllr. Devey said how much she had enjoyed the Armed Forces Day service, despite it being delayed for 15 minutes for a bride. Cllrs. Cliffe & Ward also attended.

64. Correspondence

All correspondence was noted.

The clerk informed the Parish Council about the various training opportunities available.

65. Accounts

The following accounts were approved for payment. It was agreed that the cheque for reseeding the playing field would be held over the summer break and paid on completion of the job.

To	Details	Amount	Category
Talk Talk Direct Debit	Telephone/Broadband	£26.22	Admin: Telephone charges
Staples	Stationery	£12.37	Admin: Clerk's expenses
Adrian Richardson	Reseeding, Rugby Club	£350.00	Other Expenses: Playing Field
Janet Hull	Postage Stationery (Open Day) Print Cartridges	£18.51 £2.24 £30.97	Admin: Clerk's Expenses

65. Additional Matters

It was reported that there had been no improvement in the allotments on Crossley Street. It was noted that the verges had not been cut on Cow Lane and High Street and that the hedge around the school field needed cutting. The clerk agreed to look into these matters.

The spare land between the doctor's surgery and the houses on Weeland Road has been overlooked when cutting and clearing the library site. Also Wakefield District Housing should be notified that the land around the garages at the back of the library site need clearing.

It was brought to the clerk's attention that there were no litter/dog bins along The Green and as far as West Lane.

Cllr. Goodfellow reported that the benches in the cemetery were in a poor state. There was nowhere to sit now, and that was important, especially for the elderly.

There had been a request from Mr. Derek Dooler to go on the waiting list for an allotment.

It was noted that the owner of the land adjacent to the allotments was still trying to gain access to his site and had contacted a home owner on the Heathers and also John Lingard in an effort to buy land which would give him access.

Cllr. Cliffe asked if the M.P.'s contact details could be displayed on the Parish Council noticeboard. It was agreed that his phone number and that of the District Councillors, would be displayed.

66. Date & Time of Next Meeting

There is no meeting of the Parish Council during August.

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held on **Monday 5th September 2011** at 7.00 p.m. at the Community School. The school and caretaker have been informed of this date.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 8.40 p.m.

Signed Chairman

Date

As the clerk would be on holiday, it was agreed to hold the October meeting of the Parish Council on **MONDAY 10TH OCTOBER 2011** at 7.00 p.m. at the Community School.