
Monthly Meeting of the Sharlston Parish Council held on Monday 6th July 2009 at Sharlston Community School at 7.00 p.m.

Present:

Councillor A Devey	Councillor D Ranson
Councillor J Goodfellow	Councillor S Ward
Councillor P Loosemore	Councillor B Berry
Councillor J Cliffe	Councillor G Oldroyd
Councillor K Shingles	

Also present: District Councillor P Guy
Mr. J. Ball

103. Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were accepted from Councillor M Pearson

104. Disclosure of Personal Interests

No disclosures were made at this time

105. Minutes of the Meeting held on Monday 8th June 2009

Resolved that: The minutes of the meeting held on Monday 8th June 2009 be signed as a true record. (*moved Councillor Cliffe/Shingles*)

106. Progress Report on items from Meeting on Monday 8th June 2009

Fernside (Minute 71)

The clerk reported that she had received a letter from Open Reach BT. They could not give any assurance that the poles will be replaced by underground wiring because Open Reach BT are only responsible for low wire and D poles and any major changes to the network would be the responsibility of the local planning group.

Sharlston Dam (Minute 90)

No further details were available from Yorkshire Wildlife Trust regarding their interest in purchasing Sharlston Dam & Common.

Open Day (Minute 92)

The clerk reported that no response had been received from either the school or the Children's centre regarding parents' parking.

Post Office Car Park (Minute 95)

The clerk had received a phone call from Mrs. Greenwood, the owner's wife. She stated that they were well aware of the problems from the site. They had wanted to leave the site as a car park until they were ready to develop it but WMDC and planning rules prevented that.

Children were coming to the site armed with screw drivers to unscrew security fencing. The owner had now drilled out the screw heads so the only way the fencing could be taken down was by sawing through it. They were also looking into placing barbed wire on top of the fence panels.

It was reported that barbed wire had now been put round the fencing. Councillors voiced concern whether this was legal. It was resolved that the clerk contact the Health & Safety executive asking them to examine this site for its legality and safety.

(Proposed: Councillor Cliffe. Seconded Councillor Goodfellow.)

Planning Decisions (Minute 97)

75/77 Crossley Street – A letter has been received from the Planning Inspectorate to say the appeal has been dismissed.

72 Weeland Road – A letter of objection from the Parish Council had been sent to Planning Inspectorate. The clerk reported that she was still waiting to hear the decision on this.

Record of Public Forum

Gate into Rugby Field – The suggested site for the gate had been three fence panels down from the main road. It was thought by Councillors that this was too close to the main road and the gate should be situated further down the road. It was also reported by Councillors who had visited the site that an elder tree on the boundary needs cutting back.

Councillors Cliffe & Goodfellow agreed to arrange a site meeting with Mike Taylor to discuss these matters.

107. Ongoing Projects

<p>Library and PCT site</p>	<p>(a) New Road and landscaping project.</p> <p>The meeting between Councillors Cliffe/Shingles/Berry and Goodfellow, & Val Kripps of Groundworks had taken place but unfortunately the representative from WMDC did not arrive.</p> <p>It was reported that Groundworks could not do anything with regard to starting work until the lease had been agreed. The councillors reported that phase 1 had been paid for and work should be started. Councillor Goodfellow pointed out that the site was an eyesore in the centre of the village and action needed to be taken. Councillor Oldroyd reported that he had taken a photograph of the library site 12 months ago which showed the state of the site at that time and in the interim no progress had been made with regard to tidying up the site.</p> <p>A second meeting with Val Kripps of Groundworks and Lauren Cadeegan from WMDC has been arranged for 20th July 2009 at 2.00 p.m. on site. If raining it was arranged the meeting would take place at the Community Centre.</p> <p>It was also resolved that the clerk should send a letter to Joanne Roney, Chief Executive WMDC with a copy to Councillor Jeffery, pointing out the delay over the work on the library site and the eyesore this was creating in the village. A copy of Councillor Oldroyd's photograph was to be sent along with the letter.</p>
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108. Hanging Baskets

Councillor Cliffe had contacted the clerk after it was noted that First Impressions had not put the hanging baskets on the agreed poles.

After contacting First Impressions and expressing dissatisfaction with their service, the matter had been put right.

It was noted that the hanging baskets due to be put on pole 58 had to be re-sited as it may have covered up a speed restriction sign.

109. Speed Restrictions, Crossley Street

A letter had been received from Featherstone & District Road Safety Committee regarding the problem of speeding on Crossley Street, New Sharlston.

The Road Safety Committee had decided to try to obtain a 20 mph speed restriction on that particular stretch of road and asked if the Parish Council would be willing to support them in their decision.

It was resolved that the Parish Council would support this and a letter would be sent to the Highways Department. *(proposed Councillor Cliffe, seconded Councillor Ward)*

Concern was expressed about the safety of children using the road. Houses along Crossley Street have no driveways or garages and cars were parked on the road, which made visibility of pedestrians more difficult. The road is also used by a lot of farm traffic.

110. Sharlston Common & Dovecote

E-mail correspondence from Richard Jaques of English Heritage was passed round to Councillors.

It was suggested by English Heritage that they work with either the Parish Council or Yorkshire Wildlife Trust to secure funding for the purchase of both the Dovecote and the Common.

It was agreed that the Parish Council would offer support to English Heritage in their efforts to obtain the Common and Dovecote but that the Parish Council could not be involved in the purchase of the land. It was pointed out that the Parish Council could not commit itself to any financial outlay at the present time and it was very restricted in what funding could be applied for. It was felt that it would be best if English Heritage or the Yorkshire Wildlife Trust purchased the land.

111. Bank Mandate

A bank mandate form was signed at the meeting, enabling the new clerk to administer the accounts of the Parish Council.

112. Planning Applications

The following planning application was considered:

Application No.	Location	Details	21 Day expiry date
09/01107/FUL	11 Jubilee Road, Sharlston Common	Two storey extension to side	9 th July 2009

No objections were raised.

113. Planning Decisions

The following planning decision was noted:

Application No.	Location	Details	Decision
09/00551/FUL	Cow Lane, New Charlston	Stable block	Approved.

114. Attendance at Meetings

Attendance was approved at the following events:

a) Town & Parish Council Liaison Group, Wednesday 22nd July 2009, Kingswood Suite, Town Hall.

(Councillor Cliffe & Clerk)

b) Yorkshire Local Councils Association, Joint Annual Meeting, - sent for information only

c) Yorkshire Local Councils Association, Annual Training Conference, Scarborough. 30th October/ 1st November 2009. **(Councillor Cliffe & Clerk)**

115. Correspondence

All correspondence and actions were noted.

116. Accounts

The following accounts were approved:-

To	Details	Amount	Category
Royal Mail	Redirection Service <i>Payment already made under Financial regs. Para 6.4</i>	£26.00	Clerk's Expenses
J.E. Hull	Postage	£13.73	Clerk's Expenses
Normanton Gala	Gala Programme	£10.00	Section 137
Councillor Devey	Printing Ink	£10.00	Information & Publicity – Open Day
Talk Talk	Line rental, broadband & Call charges	£21.75	Telephone – <i>paid by direct debit</i>
Staples	Stationery	£11.15	Clerk's Expenses
YHRTP	Scarborough Conference	£598.00	Training

Under standing order No.67 the Chairman excluded public and press for the next item, due to the confidential nature of the businnes.

117. Special Meeting – Friday June 19th 2009

Progress on the sale of Fernside Allotments by Mr. Cooling was discussed.

118. Additional Matters

1. Mrs. May Ashworth had contacted the Clerk regarding her interest in becoming a member of the Parish Council. She reported she had applied to be on the Standards Committee and if successful would be unable to be a Councillor. She therefore asked that her application be held back for the time being.
2. Councillor Shingles reported that a resident had complained about the long grass and overhanging trees on the path around the Dam. The clerk reported that she had contacted WMDC about this but agreed to contact them again over the problem.
3. A letter of resignation had been received from Councillor Wager. The clerk was asked to pass on the thanks of the Parish Council for his years of service as a Councillor.
4. Coucillor Goodfellow reported that a piece of land at the edge of the rugby field, owned by Wimpy, has been left and is now overgrown.
5. Councillor Goodfellow also reported that fencing at 39 Coronation Road is missing and has left a drop at the side of the footpath which residents felt could cause accidents. The clerk agreed to check whose responsibility this was.
6. A resident had reported that a bridle path on the Open Cast site had been blocked. Councillors reported that all footpaths and bridle paths would be restored to their original position once landscaping was completed.
7. Councillor Ward reported that there had been an incident on Weeland Road when a sugar tanker had tried to turn in the road and its gears locked. The road was then completely blocked. The traffic department and police had been alerted but did not respond as no emergency had taken place. However, traffic had built up quite considerably and people were taking risks trying to get round the tanker. Eventually the tanker was towed away. Councillor Ward expressed concern that the police did not attend this incident to help in the safe dispersal of the traffic build up.
8. Councillor Devey reported that rubbish bins were full and overflowing in several locations throughout the village. The clerk agreed to contact the relevant department at WMDC.

119. Date & Time of Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be **Monday 7th September 2009 at 7.00 p.m.** at the Community School.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 9.00 p.m.

Signed Chairman

Date

Record of Public Forum

A resident reported problems with cars being driven at reckless speed and without care on Fernside. He asked if the Parish Council would be in agreement to him erecting a warning sign, saying "Children Playing in Area". He had seen signs elsewhere he wished to copy.

As it is an unadopted road the Parish Council felt residents should be able to erect any signs they felt necessary as long as they stayed within the boundaries laid down and were put in a position which would be safe for other road users. The resident was reminded to avoid placing the sign on common land.

Councillor Cliffe said she would pass details onto the Road Safety Committee.