
Meeting of the Sharlston Parish Council held on Monday 6th June 2011 at Sharlston Community Centre 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 M Ashworth	Councillor G Balaam

Also Present:

34. Apologies for Absence

No apologies for absence were received by the clerk

35. Disclosure of Personal Interest

No disclosures of interest were made at this time.

36. Minutes of the Annual Meeting held on Monday 6th May 2011

With the comments listed below, it was resolved that the minutes of the meeting held on Monday 6th May 2011 be signed as a true record. (*moved Cllr Devey/Cllr. Balaam*)

Cllr. Cliffe said she felt the election of vice-chair at the previous meeting had been flawed and she had taken advice. She had been told that the Chair should not have seconded the proposal that Cllr. Devey be Vice-chair, and therefore the election was flawed and the second candidate should become Vice-chair by default. (Cllr. S. Ward)

37. Progress Report

Litter

The clerk reported that she had no date yet for the proposed installation of a larger bin to be sited in the shop area of Weeland Road.

Regarding the litter problem at the New Sharlston pub, the enforcement section were progressing with a Litter Clearance Notice, so there should be some improvement in the near future.

Noticeboard

With regard to the security of the notice board, metal securing batons are now in place. Richard Jackson had also sanded the doors as they were difficult to open. However, this is still a problem and it was suggested that knobs should be placed on the doors to make it easier to pull the doors open.

Weight restriction – Cow Lane Bridge

Claire Lingard, Traffic Technician at WMDC had reported that possible future bus routes were currently being discussed with Arriva but were yet to be agreed.

Sharlston Forever Group

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

Audit Walk

The clerk reported that the Neighbourhood Policing Team had been contacted with regard to the parking problems at New Sharlston, Wood Street/Weeland Road and around the school. PC Sandi Pearson asked that she be contacted again in 3 weeks time to let her know if there had been any improvement.

38. Ongoing Projects

<p>Library and PCT site</p>	<p>Cllr. Goodfellow, Cllr. Devey and the clerk had a meeting with Mark Cranmer, to look through all the past correspondence on this project. It was agreed which documents would be copied and sent to Mark.</p> <p>Cllr. Goodfellow also reported that he had spoken to the Practice Manager at the surgery, and it was agreed they would back the proposal for phase 1 of the library site development and would provide a letter to that effect if required.</p>
<p>Twinning</p>	<p>Cllr. Devey informed the meeting that there was no response from the residents at the Open Day with regard to twinning. However, she reported that the school were still keen to be part of twinning.</p>

39. Appointments to Committees and Outside Bodies

The following appointments were confirmed:

Planning Committee	Cllrs. Loosemore, Cliffe, Devey, Goodfellow, Balaam
Finance Committee	Cllrs. Loosemore, Cliffe, Devey, Goodfellow
Parish Plan Group	Cllrs. Cliffe, Devey, Loosemore, Ward, Ashworth
Allotment Committee	Cllrs. Cliffe, Goodfellow, Devey, Ashworth
Twinning Working Group	Cllrs. Devey, Goodfellow, Berry
Church Magazine Contributor	Cllr. Cliffe
YLCA Wakefield Branch	Cllrs. Cliffe, Shingles
Sharlston Colliery Liaison Group	Cllrs. Devey, Balaam, Pearson
Sharlston Community Partnership	Cllrs. Cliffe, Goodfellow, Loosemore
Community Centre Management	Cllrs. Devey, Goodfellow, Ward
Town & Parish Council Liaison	Chair & Clerk
Featherstone Road Safety	Cllr. Cliffe
Sharlston Community School	Cllr. Loosemore
Normanton Freeston Foundation	Cllr. Cliffe

Councillor Cliffe asked if one of the allotment holders should be included in the Allotment Committee.

At this stage of the meeting, Cllr. Ashworth asked if the précis of Parish Council business, Cllr. Cliffe provided for the church magazine, could be copied and shown on the noticeboard.

It was agreed that these notes should be agreed by full council before they were displayed.

40. Open Day

The clerk reported that displays had been provided by 12 individual organisations, and that 43 residents had signed in.

It was agreed that the Open Day had once again, been a success.

Residents had raised several matters of concern, which the clerk was now looking into.

41. Parish Plan

It was agreed that the Parish Plan Committee should meet, to review the Parish Plan and decide on future progression.

The committee would look into a suitable date for this meeting.

42. Rugby Pitch

Quotes had been requested for the re-seeding of the Rugby pitch. Two quotes had been received and the clerk was still awaiting a third.

It was agreed to look into the quotation from Adrian Richardson in more detail.

Cllr. Cliffe also informed the Council that the Rugby Club Presentation evening was on Friday 17th June.

43. Traffic & Parking

Various parking and traffic problems had been raised within Charlston & New Charlston.

The large van parking on the pavement on Crossley Street had now gone (that problem had been raised with the Neighbourhood Policing Team) The parking around the school was also being looked into by the NPT.

Cllr. Devey raised the problem with speeding on The Green and asked if a further traffic census could be carried out.

Cllr. Cliffe had raised the problems of parked cars and excessive speed with Mark Cranmer.

44. Passageway – Weeland Road

The installation of a new lamp post on this passageway had raised the following issues:

Litter bin had not been re-instated and the barrier posts were in a poor condition.

Mark Cranmer had agreed to pass this problem on to the correct department.

Cllr. Goodfellow also raised the problem of possible graffiti on the wall of the new houses, which abuts the passageway. Cllr. Goodfellow had spoken to the builder but he was not prepared to take any preventative action. The clerk agreed to contact WMDC for advice regarding possible means of treating this wall, to prevent graffiti.

45. Planning Applications

The planning application on Appendix B was noted.

46. Planning Decisions

The planning decisions on Appendix C were noted.

47. Accounts

The following accounts were approved for payment

To	Details	Amount	Category
Talk Talk Direct Debit	Telephone/Broadband	£26.04	Admin: Telephone charges
Harris Bros.	Printing Annual Return & Newsletter	£577.75	Other Expenses: Open Day
Cllr. Cliffe	Travelling Expenses: Open Day	£14.80	Other Expenses: Open Day
Cllr. Devey	Refreshment Costs, Open Day	£31.37	Other Expenses: Open Day
Staples	Stationery	£40.79	Clerks Expenses:
Community Centre	Donation towards cost of room, Open Day	£50.00	Other Expenses: Open Day

48. Attendance at Meetings

National Armed Forces Day Celebration, Normanton 25th June at 1.00 p.m. Cllr. Goodfellow had been unable to attend and Cllr. Devey was attending in his place. Further Cllrs. expressed an interest in attending this function.

YLCA Wakefield branch meeting, 9th June – Cllr. Cliffe & Cllr. Shingles.

49. Correspondence

All correspondence was noted.

The clerk drew the attention of the meeting to the following correspondence received:

Code of Conduct Meeting, The Grove, South Kirkby

SLCC training.

50. Additional Matters

The clerk was informed that the grass on the patch of land at the entrance to the Heathers was again in need of mowing. The clerk agreed to contact the developers.

Cllr. Cliffe reported that more copies of the Grant Application forms were required by the Post Office.

It was reported that the Highways grass had not been cut yet at New Sharlston – the verges on Cow Lane, High street and around the Wheel.

Cllr. Ashworth raised once again the question of businesses on Weeland Road being contacted to see if they would be willing to sponsor planters, hanging baskets etc. so that the main road through Sharlston was more attractive.

The clerk pointed out that permission to site planters etc. on the footpaths would have to be obtained and she agreed to make initial contact with the planning department and highways to discuss this matter. Cllr. Ashworth & Cllr. Balaam were keen to progress this initiative.

Cllr. Balaam reported that he had received complaints about a resident of Crossley Street driving over pit site land and the play area to gain access to the back of his property. A portion of fence had also been taken down. There were also motorbikes being ridden over UK Coal land, as well as horses grazing. Cllr. Balaam asked if the clerk could contact UK Coal (Eddie Peat) for his comments on this problem.

51. Date & Time of Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be on **Monday 4th July 2011 at 7.00 p.m.** at the Community School.

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

Signed Chairman

Date