
Monthly Meeting of the Charlston Parish Council held on Monday 8th June 2009 at Charlston Community School at 7.00 p.m.

Present:

Councillor J Cliffe	Councillor D Ranson
Councillor J Goodfellow	Councillor S Ward
Councillor A Devey	Councillor K Wager

Also present: Louise Hall, Wakefield Express
District Councillor P Guy
Mrs. M. Ashworth, Resident
Dr. Bruce Berry, Resident
Mr. Mick Taylor, Charlston Rovers

82. Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were accepted from Councillor M Pearson and Councillor K Shingles

83. Disclosure of Personal Interests

No disclosures were made at this time

84. Co-option of New Member

Dr. Bruce Berry was unanimously co-opted on to the Parish Council

85. Minutes of the Meeting held on Tuesday 5th May 2009

Resolved that: The minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 5th May 2009 be signed as a true record. (*moved Councillor Cliffe/Ward*)

86. Progress Report on items from Meeting on Tuesday 5th May 2009

a. Fernside (Minute 71)

The Parish Clerk has received no further information from British Telecom but at the Parish Open Day a resident said that some of them had received notification from British Telecom that they were unable to lay the cables underground. It is understood the residents may challenge this.

b. Charlston Dovecote (Minute 71a)

No further update was available

c. Rugby Club (Minute 74)

Clerk awaiting Mandate from Barclays Bank as unable to cancel standing order for rates until this is done. Rugby Club hopefully taking over payment of rates from July.

Clerk has also notified Zurich Insurance about the tenancy agreement so that this can be noted on the policy. The insurance is the responsibility of the Parish Council.

d. Village Boundary Sign

The Parish Council has now been reimbursed by Zurich Insurance for £707.00 – Excess and VAT deducted.

87. Ongoing Projects

Library and PCT site	<p>(a) New Road and landscaping project.</p> <p>Work did not start by the proposed date. Groundworks contacted but no information back as yet. Councillor Binnersley had contacted the Valuation Surveyor who suggested the PC proceed on a short-term lease to allow quick access onto the land. Once PC had firm proposals a longer lease could be discussed at that time. It was decided that meeting should be arranged between Val Kripps of Groundworks and Parish Council.</p>
Parish Plan	<p>A meeting of the working group is to be arranged once more detail on the above has been obtained.</p>

88. Appointment to Committees and Outside Bodies

It was confirmed that Councillors not present at the previous meeting agreed to still stand on the Committees listed.

89. Fernside Allotments

The Clerk had written to Councillor Jeffery, Deputy Leader of the Council, outlining details of the sale of the allotments. She has acknowledged the letter and will contact the Clerk at a later date. Copies of the requests from residents requiring allotments had also been sent to her.

Councillor Goodfellow said he understood the allotment holders would have to be given 12 months notice to quit.

Concern was expressed over two horses being kept in the field behind the allotments as in the hot weather they had no water or shelter and there was an unpleasant smell from the field as nothing was done to clear the field. It was also noted that rubbish was being left in the field which could be a danger to the horses. The Clerk was asked to contact the Environmental Health Department at WMDC.

90. Sharlston Dam

At Open Day the Parish Council heard that a representative from Yorkshire Wildlife Trust along with Richard Jaques from English Heritage, had visited the Dam and the Common, with the permission of Mr. Cooling, to see if it would be feasible for YWT to purchase the land.

Yorkshire Wildlife Trust asked if a letter in support of this could be sent by the Parish Council. After receiving agreement from the Chair this letter had been sent.

At this stage, no details were available as to how this was progressing.

91. Annual Return

The annual return for 2008-09 was approved.

92. Open Day

The clerk reported that Open Day had been a success.

Details from the Comments Book were noted:

A resident had complained about parents parking outside school and the Children's Centre down both sides of Wood Street and on the corners. She was concerned about the restricted access this gave emergency vehicles and the danger to the children themselves crossing the road.

A further resident complained about the two week rubbish collection as she had to dispose of rubbish herself every other week as the bins became too full.

The Clerk was asked to send a letter to the Community School and Children's Centre asking that parents be contacted again re indiscriminate parking. Councillor Cliffe agreed to take this matter forward to the Road Safety Committee.

The complaint regarding rubbish collection was passed onto Environmental Health.

93. Community Centre

It was reported that the church were having to replace damaged underground pipes and had also to excavate behind the Community Centre. The Parish Council had given their permission for this to be done. They were also looking for donations towards this cost. The Parish Council are unable to donate to religious organisations and suggestions had been made to them as to where funding may be available.

There was a need for the replacement of some of the external security lighting at the Community Centre. The Parish Council had agreed previously to fund this. An estimate for the cost would be put forward at the next meeting.

94. Doctors Surgery

It was agreed a letter would be sent to Dr. Leading, informing him of residents' complaints regarding the new appointment system.

95. Post Office Car Park

Councillor Cliffe had been contacted by the post mistress, with regard to safety and security issues on the old post office car park, which is now owned by Mr. Simon Greenwood and is being developed. Wire security fencing had been broken down and children were congregating on the land. Fly tipping was also taking place.

The Councillors asked for a letter to be sent to Mr. Greenwood asking for the site to be made more secure and possibly screened as it is unsightly.

96. Planning Applications

The following planning applications were discussed and no objections raised:

- a. 12 Fernside, Charlston – single storey extension to front
- b. Windmill Public House, Crofton – single storey extension to rear
- c. 710 Towers Lane, Crofton – two storey extension to side and rear and raising of roof.

97. Planning Decisions

72 Weeland Road – Change of use to take-away. This planning application had been refused and the applicant had gone to appeal. The clerk was asked to contact the Appeal Panel to object, noting road safety issues, smells, litter problems and that the village already had 3 take-aways.

98. Attendance at Meetings

- a) Yorkshire Local Council Association Wakefield Branch Annual Meeting, Thursday 2nd July 2009 **Councillors Cliffe and Devey**
- b) Society Local Council Clerks, Regional Conference, Tuesday 8th September. **Clerk to attend**
- c) Normanton Gala Weekend – contribution to Charity Appeal suggested.
- d) Yorkshire Local Councils Association Annual Training Conference. Await booking form.

99. Correspondence

All correspondence and actions were noted.

100. Accounts

The accounts listed on Appendix D were approved:-

Staples UK Ltd.	Stationery supplies	£37.94.	Clerks Expenses
J. Cliffe	Refreshments Open Day	£28,66	Information & Publicity
Wakefield MDC	Rolling & Spiking Rugby Ground	£34.50	Other Expenses – Rugby ground
Talk Talk	Connection Fee, line rental	£53.69	Admin. Telephone charges
Catteralls Solicitors	Professional Charges – Lease	£300.40	Admin
Harris Bros	Printing Newsletter & Annual Report	£702.60	Information & Publicity
David Siddans	Preparation of Annual report & 2008-09 accounts	£229.08	Clerk's Expenses
Yorkshire Internal Audit Services	Internal Audit of Accounts	£175.00	Admin. Audit fees

101. Additional Matters

- a. Councillor Devey had been approached by a resident that cars were congregating in the Dam car park. The occupants were throwing litter, smoking and possibly dealing illegal substances. Night fishing was also taking place and some of those fishing were drunk, acting in a disorderly fashion and were lighting fires.
- b. A resident reported that her garden furniture had been stolen overnight. It was reported that this had happened to a number of residents and hanging baskets had also been stolen. The police had been informed.

- c. Someone was reported to be firing an air rifle in the vicinity of Hammer Lane Flats and killing birds.
- d. Young people were again harassing Mrs. Lee who is 80 years old. Councillor Cliffe had mentioned this at the SANS meeting and the youths involved were known.
- e. At Open Day a resident had asked who was responsible for cutting the grass verges. It was reported that this was the responsibility of WMDC
- f. Rugby Presentation Evening – Councillors Cliffe and Shingles attended this event and reported that it was good to see so many young people playing rugby and achieving awards.

102. Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be **Monday 6th July 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