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**Monthly Meeting of the Sharlston Parish Council held on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> March 2011 at Sharlston Community School at 7.00 p.m.**

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**Present:**

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

**Also Present:** District Councillor R Taylor

**414. Apologies for Absence**

Apologies for absence were accepted from Councillor M Ashworth and District Councillor P Guy.

**415. Disclosure of Personal Interests**

No disclosures of interest were made at this time

**416. Minutes of the Meeting held on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> February 2011**

Resolved that the minutes of the meeting held on 7<sup>th</sup> February 2011 be signed as a true record .  
(*moved Cllrs Berry/Devey*)

**417. Progress Report**

**Rugby Club**

Cllrs. Cliffe, Ward, Goodfellow and Shingles attended the official opening of the new extension and reported to the Council how impressed they were by the new facilities.

The clerk reported that she was still waiting for the re-build valuation of the new extension, from Abson Blaza.

S. & D. Landscapes had also been in touch to say they were going ahead with the pruning of the tree on the rugby field.

**Litter**

The clerk reported that Paul Hargreaves had been contacted with regard to a costing for larger litter bins for the shop area on Weeland Road.

Cllr. Taylor reported that the litter emptying timetable (once a week) was not being adhered to and this was a district wide problem.

**Grit Bins**

Following the last meeting the clerk had contacted Paul Platts and told him that a letter was being sent to the Chief Executive with regard to the lost grit bins. Two days after this the grit bins were delivered to the various sites around Sharlston and were filled.

The clerk was once again offered a bulk supply of salt but as this deteriorates if left for long periods, she declined the offer until next winter.

## Noticeboard

The clerk and Councillor Cliffe had met with Richard Jackson at the post office to confirm the site and size of the new noticeboard. It is hoped this will be completed in the next 5 weeks.

## Community centre

The clerk had contacted Zurich Insurance who stated that the relevant page from the policy regarding the Community Centre was all that was required to be displayed. This has now been put up.

Cllr. Devey reported that she now has charge of the Community centre accounts.

## School Caretaker

The clerk had contacted school and the last day the caretaker will be working is the 8<sup>th</sup> April. It was therefore decided that a card and a plant would be given to her following the April meeting, in recognition of the help given to the Parish Council over the years.

## Working with your Council

The clerk reported that she had now completed and passed the course.

## Yorkshire Local Councils Association

The YLCA had asked for photographs from Parish Councils to be sent in, for use on their website. The clerk reported that she had sent a photograph of the Wheel on Weeland Road, taken by Danny Lees. As it was one of the first to be sent it is on the front page of the website ([www.yorkshirelca.gov.uk](http://www.yorkshirelca.gov.uk)).

## Attendance at Meetings

Cllrs. Cliffe & Shingles had attended the Charity Concert on the 19<sup>th</sup> February at Featherstone Methodist Church.

Cllrs. Ward & Shingles had attended the Wakefield Together meeting.

## 418. Ongoing Projects

<b>Library and PCT site</b>	The clerk reported that she was continuing her search through the correspondence, with regard to the land only being for community use. Cllr. Goodfellow was also searching through his files.
<b>Twinning</b>	Cllrs. Devey, Goodfellow and Berry had visited South Elmsall to speak to Chris Geeson for advice on Twinning. The Coffee morning was being held on the 19 <sup>th</sup> March and posters were to be displayed throughout the village.

#### **419. Forthcoming Elections**

Nomination papers were received from the Councillors and the clerk was to deliver these personally to the Electoral Services Manager after March 25<sup>th</sup>.

#### **420. Royal Wedding**

Cllr. Cliffe reported that she had spoken to John Lingard at the Rugby Club, who was in agreement to some sort of celebration taking place. Cllr. Cliffe had seen the room to be used, which had a large screen for watching the wedding ceremony but would also be suitable for a dance in the evening.

The Rugby Club could provide the music for the dance in the evening.

As the wedding starts at 11.00 a.m. it was suggested people could arrive by 10.30 a.m.

Refreshments could be provided and Cllr. Cliffe was to speak to Maggie at the Rugby Club about this.

Cllr. Taylor suggested that Linpac would provide the paper plates etc. for a small donation.

Cllr. Balaam reported that he was looking into setting up a big screen at Peter Pans, for New Sharlston residents, with the possibility of a bouncy castle for the children. However, he said he would also discuss with the residents the possibility of joining the celebrations at the Rugby Club.

#### **421. Weight Restriction Cow Lane**

The clerk reported that a letter had been received from Claire Lingard, Traffic Technician, WMDC regarding a proposed weight limit of 7.50 tonne over the railway bridge on Cow Lane. This was because of the weakened state of the railway bridge. This weight restriction would obviously badly affect the residents of New Sharlston, who rely entirely on facilities in Sharlston itself, namely doctors, pharmacy, shops and the school. The lack of a bus service to these facilities would affect all residents but in particular the vulnerable, eg. Elderly, infirm, young mothers. Older school children would also find it difficult to get to their schools in Crofton and Featherstone.

Cllr. Taylor reported that there were no plans to strengthen the bridge within the next 4 years. He also understood that the weight restriction was not to be implemented until an agreement regarding bus services had been reached. He had expressed his concerns to WMDC as had Cllr. Guy.

The clerk was asked to send a letter on behalf of the Parish Council to Claire Lingard setting out their concerns regarding this weight restriction.

#### **422. Internal Auditor**

The appointment of Mr. Ken Stephenson as Internal Auditor for the 2010/11 accounts, was confirmed. *(moved Cllrs Devey/Pearson)*

#### **423. Hanging Baskets**

The arrangement for hanging baskets was approved for summer 2011. The clerk was asked to ascertain which hanging basket in New Sharlston was obscured by the trees and get this changed this year, if possible.

**424. Christmas Tree**

Cllr. Cliffe reported that SANS Community Partnership still had £615.65 in their bank account, although the partnership was now in abeyance. The money has been accrued from interest from the funding received. It had been agreed to close the account and donate the money to the Parish Council as a contribution to the new Christmas Tree at New Sharlston.

The account had been closed and the money received by the Parish Council.

**425. Open Day**

The forthcoming Parish Open Day, to be held on 17<sup>th</sup> May 2011, was discussed. Cllr. Cliffe reported that she had booked the community centre for this date.

The various contributors were to be contacted, with some new demonstrations suggested.

Spawforths were to be contacted with regard to providing a display of the plans for the new development.

Cllr. Loosemore once again agreed to write the annual Newsletter and the clerk and Chair were to start preparing the Annual Report. It was agreed that the number of Annual Reports to be printed would be reduced this year.

**426. Planning Applications**

The planning applications on Appendix B were discussed and noted.

**427. Planning Decisions**

The planning decisions on Appendix C were noted

**428. Attendance at Meetings**

No Councillors were able to attend the Civic Sunday parade and service on Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> March.

Cllrs. Cliffe & Shingles were to attend the meeting of the Wakefield Branch of the Yorkshire Local Councils Association.

**429. Correspondence**

The clerk reported that a letter had been received from Cllr. Ranson, tendering her resignation from the Parish Council, due to other commitments.

The Parish Council expressed their sorrow at this resignation and asked the clerk to send a letter to Cllr.Ranson thanking her for her contribution and wishing her good luck with her new endeavours.

All other correspondence was noted.

**430. Accounts**

The following accounts were approved for payment

To	Details	Amount	Category
Talk Talk	Telephone Charges <b>Direct Debit</b>	£25.45	Admin: Telephone

Public Works Loan Board	Loan Repayment <b>Direct Debit</b>	£1,787.68	Loan Repayment Allotment Land
Janet Hull	Parking Postage	£3.60 £22.63	Admin: Clerk's Expenses
Dawn's Delights	Pie & Pea Supper Christmas Lights switch on	£80.00	Christmas Tree New Sharlston

The clerk reported that despite the meter reading being supplied to Canon, she was still waiting for an invoice to be sent.

**431 . Additional Matters**

Cllr. Ward reported that rubbish had been dumped behind the hotel on Weeland Road. There was a mattress and bags of rubbish. It was noted, however, that the hotel had been sold and the rubbish was on private ground.

It was reported that there was a problem with speeding cars, and parked cars on the approach to the doctors' surgery on the corner of Clifton Road.

**432 Date & Time of Next Meeting**

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be on **Monday 4<sup>th</sup> April 2011 at 7.00 p.m.** at the Community School.

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

Signed ..... Chairman

Date .....