
Monthly Meeting of the Sharlston Parish Council held on Monday 1st March 2010 at Sharlston Community School at 7.00 p.m.

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

Also Present: District Councillor P Guy K. Arkless - VOX
Don Mort – Wakefield Express Mr. & Mrs. K. Lawson

223. Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were accepted from Cllrs. Ranson & Pearson

224. Disclosure of Personal Interests

No disclosures of interest were made at this time

225. Minutes of the Meeting held on Monday 1st February 2010

Resolved that: the minutes of the meeting held on 1st February 2010 be signed as a true record.
(*moved Cllrs Balaam/Berry*)

226. Minutes of the Special Meeting held on Tuesday 16th February 2010

Resolved that: the minutes of the Special Meeting held on 16th February 2010 be signed as a true record. (*moved Cllrs Berry/Cliffe*)

227. Progress Report

3 Eastville Road (Minute 212)

WD Housing contacted the clerk to say they did not think the trees were a problem and did not feel able to ask the householder to cut them back. The matter was raised again on the Audit Walk and it was hoped this would produce a better outcome.

Fly tipping (Minute 212)

The rubbish has now been cleared from this site. The matter of fly tipping was also discussed on the Audit Walk.

Audit Walk (Minute 218)

Action had been taken on several of the sites highlighted on the Audit walk. Progress on the remaining sites was to be monitored.

Long Row/Crossley Street (Minute 220)

The clerk reported that outline planning permission has been granted for 1 bungalow. Original plans expired 2005. Re-submitted 2008. Work must start on the site before 2011. The owners are only allowed to live on site if work has started. It was agreed that this would be monitored.

Netheroyd Court

It was reported that a meeting had taken place between Councillor Guy, Parish Councillors and Wakefield District Housing.

Councillors were concerned about the planned development, the rehousing of current residents and the apparent lack of local consultation. Plans to put 3 bedroomed houses next to existing bungalows, and the lack of parking facilities were of particular concern. It was agreed that any planning applications for this site must be monitored carefully.

228. Ongoing Projects

<p>Library and PCT site</p>	<p>(a) New Road and landscaping project.</p> <p>The clerk reported that the library site had been made free of litter and generally tidied by Neighbourhood Enforcement.</p> <p>Also WMDC had agreed to further tidying of the site, leveling and seeding.</p> <p>It was agreed that this was a satisfactory short-term solution but that the Parish Council would apply again in the future for planning permission for the new road and further landscaping.</p> <p>The possibility of the Parish Council leasing this land from WMDC was also to be considered.</p>
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229. Community Centre - Pipework

Discussion took place regarding the sum the Parish Council would contribute towards the repair/replacement of pipework for the community Centre.

Following this discussion it was proposed that the Parish Council should make a contribution of £500.00 towards the work. *(proposed: Cllr Cliffe, seconded Cllr. Balaam) (Agreed by a majority)*

230. Community Centre - Library

Cllr. Guy reported that she had attended an All Libraries Information Review drop-in. WMDC were hoping to widen the scope of libraries and make them more accessible and she was asked for suggestions for the Sharlston Area. She had suggested a room at the community centre could possibly be used.

Cllr. Guy had asked Jane Callaghan to attend this Parish Council meeting to talk about this possibility but unfortunately she had been unable to attend.

Cllr. Goodfellow said he thought the community centre committee would agree to this but that a contract would be required with payment in advance to cover the cost of heating/lighting etc. It was suggested the library could be combined with providing computer access.

Cllr. Guy was attending a further meeting on Thursday 4th March and would again ask Jane Callaghan to attend a PC meeting.

231 . Internal Auditor

It was agreed to appoint Mr. Ken Stephenson as internal auditor again for the financial year 2009/10.

232. Annual Open Day

The date of the Annual Parish Meeting/Open Day was confirmed as Tuesday 18th April, 2010 from 2.00 p.m. onwards.

It was agreed the following organisations would be contacted, with a view to them participating.

Cricket Club, Rugby Club, Male Voice Choir, Neighbourhood Action, Coalboard Regeneration Trust, Road Safety Group, Wakefield District Housing, U.K. Coal, Fire Fighters, Wakefield Community Engagement, Police, English Heritage.

233. Planning Applications

Application No. 10/00103/FUL – 81 West Lane, Sharlston Common. – No objections were raised.

234. Planning Decisions

There were no planning decisions to consider.

235. Attendance at Meetings

YLCA – Wakefield Branch – Cllr. Cliffe was to attend.

236. Correspondence

All correspondence and actions were noted.

The clerk drew the meetings attention to Sharlston Male Voice Choir – Wakefield Cathedral, 22nd May. 2010. 7.00 p.m. “Help for Heroes” fundraising concert.

237. Accounts

The following accounts were approved for payment

To	Details	Amount	Category
Talk Talk	Line rental, call charges – Direct Debit	£22.99	Admin: telephone charges
Staples	Stationery	£15.79	Admin: clerks expenses
Zurich Insurance	Annual Insurance Premium	£1326.45	Risk Management: Insurance

238 . Additional Matters

Parking – Crossley Street

Cllr. Balaam reported that a lorry has been parking on the pavement, facing uphill on Crossley Street, opposite the old chapel. The rear side of the wagon is on the pavement. It is not only facing the wrong direction for oncoming traffic it is also likely to damage the pavement and drains.

Potholes

It was pointed out that there were still dangerous potholes at the top of Northfield Road and between the Dam and the Wheel.

Fly tipping

It was reported that a mattress had been tipped on Cow Lane (close to lamp standard No. 17).

The Heathers

Cllr. Cliffe reported that there was a large amount of rubbish under the fence, on the edge of the rugby field, opposite the Rovers Club car park. A new rubbish bin was required.

Meeting

Residents had reported that a meeting was to be held at the Children’s Centre. Councillors were concerned that this might be about Netheroyd Court and once again the Parish Council had not been invited.

Crossley Street

Cllr. Balaam reported that cars were travelling along Crossley Street at too fast a speed and that four cars had come off the road within the last month. He was to put that matter to the Road Safety Committee. Excessive speeding was also reported to be the cause of two incidents on The Green.

Fencing

It was reported that a broken fence at No. 16 Northfield Road was hanging over the pavement. It was a Wakefield District Housing property.

Trees

During the audit walk it had been mentioned that trees/shrubs were to be removed on Sharlston Common to try to open up areas and prevent youths using these as cover for anti-social behaviour. Cllr. Cliffe reported that Yorkshire Archeological Society must be informed and have representation present if this was to be done, as Sharlston Common is classed as an Ancient Monument.

Under standing order 67, The Chairman proposed that the press & Public be excluded for the next item, due to the confidential nature of the business:

239. Fernside Allotments

An update on the purchase of land on Fernside was given by the clerk.

240. Date & Time of Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be on **Monday 12th April 2010 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

PUBLIC FORUM

Katherine Arckless, from VOX attended the meeting.

She wanted to encourage the Parish Council to continue to attend the VOX meetings. She explained that she had taken over at the end of last year and she was hoping that the VOX meetings could be more proactive in the future.

She explained that she had been speaking to a community transport company to come up with some solutions to the transport problems of smaller villages. Regular providers seemed unable to help. A member from that community transport company would be at the next VOX meeting, along with District Councillors.

It was reported that Pontefract/Castleford/Normanton/Crofton/Sharlston are public transport blackspots.

Mr. & Mrs. Lawson, residents of Crossley Street attended.

They expressed their appreciation of the new road surface and the landscaping of the pit site. However, there is now a problem with rats.

They asked if WMDC could be contacted to report this matter and the clerk agreed to do this.