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**Annual Meeting of the Sharlston Parish Council held on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> May 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 M Ashworth	Councillor G Balaam

**Also Present:** District Councillor R Taylor

**17. Election of Chairman**

It was proposed by Cllr. Devey and seconded by Cllr. Berry that Cllr. Goodfellow be elected as Chairman.

Cllr. Goodfellow signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office and took the Chair for the remainder of the meeting. On taking the Chair, he thanked Cllr. Cliffe for all her hard work during her year as Chairman.

**18. Election of Vice Chair**

Two nominations were received for the office of Vice Chair.

It was proposed by Cllr. Cliffe and seconded by Cllr. Shingles, that Cllr. Ward be elected as Vice Chair.

It was proposed by Cllr. Balaam and seconded by Cllr. Goodfellow that Cllr. Devey be elected as Vice Chair.

Following a ballot it was agreed that Cllr. Devey be elected as Vice Chair.

Cllr. Berry abstained from voting.

**19. Election to Committees & Outside Bodies**

As no list of current membership was available, it was agreed that this item would be placed on the agenda for the June meeting.

**20. Apologies for Absence**

Apologies for absence were accepted from Cllr. Loosemore and Cllr. Pearson

**21. Disclosure of Personal Interest**

No disclosures of interest were made at this time.

**22. Minutes of the Meeting held on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> April 2011**

Resolved that the minutes of the meeting held on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> April 2011 be signed as a true record (*moved Cllrs. Devey/Balaam*).

## **23. Progress Report**

### **Litter**

This is a continuing problem. WMDC had agreed to fund the purchase of a larger bin for outside the shop area and the clerk was being kept informed of the timescale. In the meantime, the clerk is continuing to report the overflowing bins.

### **Noticeboard**

The new noticeboard is now in situ. Concern was expressed with regard to the security of the board as it had been attached by wooden batons. The clerk agreed to contact Richard Jackson to see if metal batons could be used.

### **New Caretaker**

The clerk reported that she had made contact with the new school caretaker – Angela Cammack.

### **Weight restriction – Cow Lane Bridge**

The meeting between Highways and the bus companies did take place. Arriva have put forward a proposal which Highways are considering. A decision should be made by the end of May.

There was still concern about how the bus service was going to be maintained through New Sharlston. Cllr. Taylor reported that he was in touch with Highways about this issue but no decisions had been made at this time.

### **Sharlston Forever Group**

Dee Ranson had resigned from the Parish Council to concentrate her efforts on the Sharlston Forever Group. She had asked if the Parish Council could let her have a letter of support so that funding could be obtained for the group. The Councillors agreed in principal but asked for more details with regard to exactly what was required.

### **Royal Wedding Celebrations**

Despite small attendance numbers the celebrations had gone well. 29 free raffle tickets had been distributed during the evening dance. Those who attended agreed it had been an enjoyable event. The buffet was excellent and left over sweets had been saved for the coffee morning.

Cllr. Cliffe asked if a letter of thanks could be sent to the Rugby Club, thanking John Lingard, Maggie Whiteman and Jamie Hobbs for their contribution to the event and for allowing the rugby club to be used as the venue.

### **Audit Walk**

The clerk reported back on matters that had arisen during the audit walk, and the consequent actions by the departments involved at WMDC. As New Sharlston had not been included in the audit walk, problems arising there had been reported separately by the clerk.

It was reported that the old allotment land on Crossley Street had been visited by an Enforcement Officer who carried out an in depth audit of the area and felt that it had reached a level where they can take some action. A land search was being conducted to confirm ownership details.

Cllr. Balaam asked if the Neighbourhood Policing Team could be contacted with regard to the persistent parking of a 3 ½ ton van on the pavement on Crossley Street.

Cllr. Cliffe raised the matter of a car parking on the pavement on Weeland Road, at the top of Wood Street. There were double yellow lines on the road. An invalid motor scooter had been forced to go onto the road because the pavement was blocked.

Cllr. Balaam asked for progress on the report of loose bricks on the property at 37 Crossley Street, which were crumbling and falling onto the pavement.

The potholes on West Lane were to be repaired, work starting on 31<sup>st</sup> May. The road would have to be closed so 6 weeks' notice was required.



## 28. Planning Decisions

The planning decisions on Appendix C and under Late Items, were noted.

With regard to the Sharlston Public House, Cllr. Cliffe raised concerns about car parking as parking for Post Office users had been part of the planning agreement when the Post Office car park had been lost to housing. The Clerk agreed to look into this.

## 29. Accounts

The following accounts were approved for payment

To	Details	Amount	Category
Cllr. J Cliffe	Travel Expenses	£52.80	Councillor's expenses
	Royal Wedding celebration	£12.69	
	Caretaker retirement gift	£8.00	
Staples	Stationery	£21.92	Admin: Clerks Expenses
Talk Talk <b>Direct debit</b>	Telephone/Broadband	£25.70	Admin: Telephone charges
Zurich Insurance	Increase in premium for Rugby Club revaluation	£99.19	Insurance
G. Whiteman	<i>Payment for this item has already been made under Financial regulation para 6.4</i> Buffet Royal Wedding Celebration	£150.00	Other Expenses: Royal Wedding
First Impressions	Hanging Baskets	£2006.40	Other Expenses; Hanging Baskets
Richard Jackson	New Noticeboard	£750.00	Other Expenses: Noticeboard
Yorkshire Internal Audit Services	Internal Audit 2010/11	£200.00	Audit
J Hull	Parking expenses	£8.54	Admin: Clerks Expenses
	Royal Wedding	£6.00	
	Postage	£26.34	

**30. Attendance at Meetings**

National Armed Forces Day Celebration, Normanton 25<sup>th</sup> June at 1.00 p.m. – Chair & Partner  
Featherstone Annual Meeting and Mayor Making, Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> May at 7.00 p.m.

Invitations to both these events were passed on to Cllr. Goodfellow as the new Chair.

Cllr. Cliffe reported that she and Cllr. Ward had attended the Mayor's At Home, which they enjoyed.

**31. Correspondence**

All correspondence was noted.

The clerk read out the e-mail she had received from a resident with regard to the problems with youths on the common. Cllr. Ward said that the fire brigade had been called out 3 times over the Easter period.

It was requested that the clerk contacted the Neighbourhood Policing Team about this.

A reply had been sent to the resident pointing out that the common was privately owned and that it was classed as Ancient Monument so that approval had to be given by both parties before any work could be carried out on the common.

The clerk drew the attention of the meeting to the YLCA Regional Training Conference but it was decided not to participate this year.

**32. Additional Matters**

Cllr. Ward reported that the old mattress and litter was still in evidence at the Sharlston Pub on Weeland Road, and while the shutters to the cellar were closed they appeared to be very flimsy and still looked to be hazardous.

Cllr. Cliffe reported that she had been contacted by Mick Taylor, who informed her that the Rugby Pitch was worn because of the dry weather and needed reseeding. It was agreed that this item should be considered on the June agenda.

Cllr. Shingles reported that the overhanging trees on Grime Lane were still a problem.

Farm vehicles were catching the branches and breaking them off.

**33. Date & Time of Next Meeting**

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be on **Monday 6<sup>th</sup> June 2011 at 7.00 p.m.** at the Community School.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 8.40 p.m.

Signed ..... Chairman

Date .....

**Following the closing of the meeting, copies of the Annual Newsletter were distributed between Councillors, for delivery throughout the Parish.**

