
Meeting of the Sharlston Parish Council held on Monday 10th October 2011 at Sharlston Community School at 7.00 p.m.

Present: Councillor A Devey Councillor B Berry
Councillor S Ward Councillor K Shingles
Councillor J Cliffe

85. Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Cllr. J. Goodfellow

86. Disclosure of Personal Interest

No disclosures of interest were made at this time.

87. Minutes of the Meeting held on Monday 5th September 2011

The minutes of the meeting held on 5th September 2011, were accepted as a true record. *(moved Cllrs..Berry/Ward*

88. Progress Report

Noticeboard

The clerk reported that the noticeboard had now been sealed against the rain.

Weight restriction – Cow Lane Bridge

A further letter had been received with regard to the weight restriction on Cow Lane. As well as public service vehicles, gritting lorries and refuse lorries would be included in the restriction.

Rugby Pitch

The clerk reported that no invoice had been received from Adrian Richardson with regard to the reseeded of the pitch. The cheque was being held by the clerk until an invoice was received.

Long Row

The clerk reported she was still to hear back from Taylor Wimpey with regard to the land at the end of Long Row. No-one had been available to help on the last occasion she had contacted them and they were to ring back. The clerk had suggested that someone from Taylor Wimpey should contact Cllr. Balaam with a view to making a site visit.

Allotments

The clerk reported that it had been increasingly difficult to get any further feedback with regard to the allotment land on Crossley Street. The enforcement section were said to be contacting the owner of the land but no more had been heard. Mandy Jenkins was the contact and she was only available by mobile. The matter had been reported again to the enforcement section in the hope that someone from that section would contact the clerk. The clerk was asked to send a letter rather than e-mail, outlining once again the problems with the old allotment land.

The clerk also brought to the attention of the councillors that the allotment committee had not yet had a meeting with regard to the allotments on Fernside and that the agreement had specified that meetings would be held 2-3 times a year. It was agreed that a meeting would be called in the spring, with a possible inspection of the site. Allotment holders were to be given two weeks notice of any inspection.

Antarctic Explorer

A letter had been sent on behalf of the Parish Council, to the Wakefield Civic Society, in support of Mr. Burrough's case for the erection of a blue plaque.

Cemetery Seating

It was reported that one bench had been returned by WMDH and was now repaired. The Keep Fit club had been provided with a grant from the Community Chest and it was understood this had been completed and sent off. If the grant for funding was successful then the money would be spent on providing further seating in the cemetery

Hanging Baskets

As far as the clerk was aware, no hanging baskets had had to be removed because of fungal infection. They had now all been taken down for the winter.

Dam Car Park

WMDC had been out to cut the vegetation around the car park and it was reported that it was now looking much better. Next year the car park was to be added to the contract for maintenance. The clerk was also asked to obtain a quote for a new larger litter bin for the car park as the one now in place was too small and in need of repair.

Public Right of Way

The clerk reported that David Holdsworth, footpaths officer, had now been out to Lidgett Lane. He said the council only had a duty to repair the footpath but that a compromise may be possible. If WMDC were to supply stone, and the farmers used their own vehicles to spread it, this would improve the walking surface and also the track for vehicles. He was asking if the Parish Council had any information about who owned and/or used this track for vehicles. Mr. R. Cooling, Hall Farm, 60 The Green and Mr. Easterby, Low Farm, 52 The Green were thought to be the regular users of this track and their names were to be passed to Mr. Holdsworth.

89. Ongoing Projects

Library and PCT site	The draft business plan was still with Mark Cranmer and although he had advised that the Parish Council would have his comments by this meeting, unfortunately nothing was forthcoming. The clerk agreed to contact him again.
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90. Community Centre Accounts

The community centre accounts were circulated and agreed by the Councillors

91. Parish Council Half Year Accounts

The clerk circulated the half year accounts to the Parish Council. Following discussion these were agreed unanimously by the Councillors.

92. Grit Bins

It was felt by the councillors that four further grit bins would be needed if the Parish Council agreed to go ahead with purchasing new bins. Several sites were considered. The clerk was asked to obtain a quote for grit bins from Civic Pride and WMDC and to find out whether the council would fill any grit bins owned by the PC.

93. Parking/Traffic on The Green

It was reported that vehicles were being parked on the common, with "for sale" signs displayed.

A resident was also constantly parking a van on the green, despite having been spoken to by a parish councillor.

It was suggested that Mr. Cooling be contacted with regard to this problem. It was suggested that the Parish Council could produce a letter, signed by Mr. Cooling, which could be sent to any resident parking on common land.

The problem with speeding cars on the road was again highlighted. Drivers were using the road, from Weeland Road to West Lane as a "rat run" and driving at excess speed. The clerk was asked to contact the Traffic Dept. on whether they would be prepared to monitor traffic/speed on this road. The worst times were at 8.00 a.m. and 5.30 p.m. when drivers were going to and returning from work.

94. Planning Applications

The planning applications on Appendix B were noted and discussed and no objections were raised.

95. Planning Decisions

The planning decisions on Appendix C were noted.

96. Attendance at Meetings

The meetings listed on the agenda were noted.

Councillor Cliffe reported that Councillors were invited to the Cricket Club presentation evening. She and Councillor Shingles were to attend.

Details of the Christmas Lights switch-on at Normanton and Featherstone were to be passed to the Chair.

The Chair and Clerk were to attend the Town & Parish Council Liaison Group and would report back at the next meeting.

97. Correspondence

All correspondence was noted.

The PC had been contacted by Eric Ball of Sharlston Cricket Club. He asked if the Parish Council would be prepared to write a letter in support of their endeavours to obtain funding for their new pavilion. Changing room facilities at the cricket club were at present very poor and badly in need of updating. This new building, with function room, would also be available for community use. It was agreed a letter of support would be sent.

98. Accounts

The following accounts were approved for payment.

To	Details	Amount	Category
Talk Talk	Telephone/Broadband Direct Debit	£26.70	Admin: Telephone charges
Janet Hull	Postage June/July/August	£23.41	Admin: Clerk's Expenses.
Campaign to Protect Rural England	Subscription Direct Debit	£29.00	Other Expenses: Subscriptions

99. Additional Matters

1. Anton Fix of UK Coal had cancelled the meeting with the Parish Council as he was still awaiting information needed. He was to contact the clerk again to arrange another meeting at a later date.
2. Councillor Devey reported that the drains on the Green, from Fernside to Weeland Road were blocked.

100. Date & Time of Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held on **Monday 7th November 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

