
Meeting of the Sharlston Parish Council held on Monday 5th September 2011 at Sharlston Community School at 7.00 p.m.

Present: Councillor J Goodfellow Councillor B Berry
Councillor S Ward Councillor G Balaam
Councillor J Cliffe

Also Present: District Councillor R. Taylor,
District Councillor G. Isherwood

67. Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Cllr. M Pearson, Cllr. A. Devey, Cllr. P. Loosemore, Cllr. K. Shingles and Cllr. M. Ashworth

68. Disclosure of Personal Interest

No disclosures of interest were made at this time.

69. Minutes of the Meeting held on Monday 4th July 2011

The minutes of the meeting held on 4th July 2011, were accepted as a true record. (*moved Cllr. Balaam/Cllr. Berry*)

70. Minutes of the Planning/Parish Plan Committees meeting held on Wednesday 13th July 2011

The minutes of the meetings held on Wednesday 13th July 2011 were accepted as a true record. (*moved Cllr. Balaam/Cllr. Ward*)

71. Progress Report

Litter

The new larger bin is now in place outside the shops. With its large capacity and secure lid it has helped to cut down on the litter on the main road.

It was also reported that the dog bin adjacent to the Play Area had not been emptied for some time and youths had been throwing the bags of dog waste about. Cllr. Isherwood said he would deal with this matter.

Noticeboard

It was noted that the varnish is coming of the noticeboard and that there are also signs that water is penetrating the back of the board. The clerk is to contact the supplier.

Weight restriction – Cow Lane Bridge

A letter has now been received from WMDC with regard to the weight restriction to be placed on the bridge on Cow Lane, outlining the re-routing of the bus service. It was asked that a further letter be sent to WMDC expressing the Parish Council's concern over the lack of a direct link from New Sharlston to the facilities in Sharlston itself.

The clerk was also to ascertain if the restriction also included Waste disposal vehicles and if possible, what the timescale is for the repair to the bridge to be carried out.

Rugby Pitch

The clerk reported that the pitch has now been reseeded and mowing had again taken place.

Grime Lane

Councillor Shingles had still been receiving complaints about the overhanging trees on Grime Lane, so the clerk had contacted WMDC again. The overhanging trees have now been lopped to the satisfaction of the residents who complained.

Traffic

With regard to the speeding vehicles on The Green, the clerk had contacted John Whitworth, Highway Enforcement who said he had no authority to set up a speed trap, or help in any way. It was suggested that the police be contacted, (Tel. 375222 Traffic Dept. Carr Gate). It was agreed to delay this until the next meeting, when the Councillors who were particularly affected by these speeding cars would be at the meeting.

The parking of vehicles outside school was still a problem. The clerk had spoken to the Headmistress who said parents were now even double parking. The clerk had contacted the Neighbourhood policing team to ask if there could be a presence outside school at the beginning of the autumn term, to give advice and deter poor parking.

Long Row

The clerk had contacted Eddie Peat of U.K. Coal who said that Taylor Wimpey had now bought the land. Cllr. Balaam reported that the fence was still down and a land rover was still parked on the land. The clerk agreed to contact Taylor Wimpey. Planting had also been agreed with UK Coal and this was a matter that needed to be discussed with Taylor Wimpey.

Planning Decision

The clerk reported that the residents of 17 Redwood Grove, Charlston Common had appealed against the decision to refuse their plans to build a two storey extension to the rear of their property. It was reported that this appeal had been unsuccessful.

Allotments

The clerk reported that she had been unable to contact Mandy Jenkins, in Enforcement with regard to the allotments on Crossley Street.

The clerk had also spoken to the Allotment Officer at WMDC to ask what the policy was on providing allotments. She was told that WMDC have no direct involvement in allotment provision.

The Allotment Officer had provided a long list of funding sources for the purchase of allotment land but this would have to be through a residents association rather than the Parish Council.

As the Parish Council still have an outstanding loan for the purchase of the allotments on Fernside and are also committed to purchasing plot 3 from the residents, it was felt that provision of any further allotments was not possible at the present time, but could be part of a long term plan. However, it was agreed that the sale of the land adjacent to the existing allotments should be monitored closely.

72. Ongoing Projects

Library and PCT site	Following the meeting of the Planning Committee on Wednesday 13 th July a business plan was developed for initially obtaining a long lease on this land, before achieving phase 1 of the development. This had been forwarded to Mark Cranmer for his comments.
Twinning	No further progress had been made with regard to twinning.
Parish Plan	Following the meeting of the 13 th July the Parish Plan had been brought up to date and Councillors given a report. Subsequent meetings of the Parish Plan Committee may be held to progress actions still to be made.

73. Antarctic Explorer

The clerk had received an e-mail from a Mr. Richard Burrough with regard to a relative of his, Trevor Hatherton. Mr. Hatherton was a renowned scientist and Antarctic explorer, who had been born on Long Row, New Charlston. He had explored the Antarctic on foot, being awarded the Antarctic medal. He became the Chief Scientist at the Scott Base in Antarctica and had a glacier and the laboratories at Scott base named after him. Mr. Burrough was asking for the support of the Parish Council with regard to a request for recognition of Trevor Hatherton's contribution to science and for a "blue plaque" to be erected on his birthplace. An article on Trevor Hatherton had also appeared in the local paper. It was agreed that the Parish Council would send a letter to the Wakefield Civic Trust in support of Mr. Burrough's case for the erection of a blue plaque.

74. Cemetery Seating

The clerk reported that WMDC were not able to fund new seating in the cemetery but had quoted £1025.00 for the supply and fitting of a new bench. Anne Moran, Bereavement Service Manager visited the cemetery and one bench was removed as being unsafe. Two further benches were re-secured. It was felt by the Parish Council that one further bench, in the older part of the cemetery, was needed. It was suggested by Cllr. Isherwood that probably a local group (suggested Luncheon Club,) could apply for a grant from the Community Chest. The clerk was to look into this.

75. Grit Bins

The provision of further grit bins throughout the village was discussed and prices for the supply of these were noted. It was agreed to defer the decision with regard to this until the October meeting. In the meantime, the clerk was to contact WMDC with regard to the supply of salt and also to obtain a price for grit bins if they were purchased through Wakefield Council.

76. Hanging Baskets

A letter had been received from First Impressions with regard to a fungal disease which was affecting impatiens. This disease was now becoming transferable through air. There is no cure for this disease nor preventative chemicals.

Once a hanging basket became affected the plants were to be removed and burned to try to stop the spread of this disease.

First impressions were to provide compensation should any of the flowering baskets need to be destroyed.

1. A number of spring baskets were to be displayed along the main sweep of the village.
2. There would be a further reduction of 10% off next year's quotation, as well as a price freeze for a further two years.

As yet, none of the baskets in Charlston had been infected and First Impressions would inform the Parish Council should any have to be removed.

77. Dam Car Park

The clerk reported that complaints had been received with regard to the cutting of the footpath round the Dam. WMDC had been contacted and the cutting team were sent out again. Also the Street Scene Supervisor for Charlston, Gary Harland had been asked to inspect the work.

It was also agreed that the Car Park was now overgrown. This area is not at present covered by the contract with WMDC. A quotation of £75.00 was received for the cutting and spraying of this area immediately and the suggestion made that the Dam Car Park was added to the contract for 2012. This course of action was agreed to unanimously by the Councillors at the meeting.

78. Planning Applications

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

79. Planning Decisions

The planning decisions on Appendix C were noted.

80. Attendance at Meetings

The meetings listed on the agenda were noted. The following Councillors agreed to attend:

Normanton Gala – Cllr. Goodfellow

Full Area Delivery Group meeting – Cllr. Goodfellow

Macmillan Coffee Morning – Cllrs. Cliffe/Ward

Mayor's Charity Cabaret Dinner – Cllrs. Cliffe/Shingles

81. Correspondence

All correspondence was noted.

Emails from Dee Ranson and Gary Oldroyd were brought to the Councillor's attention.

82. Accounts

The following accounts were approved for payment. It was noted that no invoice had yet been received for the reseeding of the Rugby field. The cheque was being held by the clerk.

To	Details	Amount	Category
Talk Talk Direct Debit	Telephone/Broadband (July and August)	£27.81 £25.46	Admin: Telephone charges
Staples	Stationery	£3.08	Admin: Clerk's expenses
Cllr. S. Ward	Plants	£5.98	Other Expenses: flower planting
Mazars	External Audit	£342.00	Admin: External Audit
WMDC	Grounds Maintenance	£1328.04	Playing Field
Public Works Loan Board Direct Debit	Loan Repayment	£1787.68	Loan Repayments

83. Additional Matters

1. Anton Fix of UK Coal had requested a meeting with the Parish Council. It was agreed to suggest Wednesday 14th September 2011 at 7.00 p.m. in the Community Centre.
2. Cllr. Ward reported that the rocking horse in the playground off Weeland Road had been forcibly removed from its housing and thrown over the fence.
3. Cllr. Ward reported that cars were being parked on the Common with "For Sale" signs displayed.
4. Cllr. Cliffe reported that Mick Taylor from the Rugby Club had contacted her to let the Parish Council know that the Rugby Club had applied for a grant from the Coalfields Regeneration to cover the cost of solar panels being installed into the roof of the new extension. It was hoped this would cut down on the energy costs for lighting, heating and hot water.
5. Cllr. Cliffe also reported that the Road Safety Committee were to leaflet Grime Lane residents with regards to their traffic complaints.

84. Date & Time of Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held on **Monday 10th October 2011** at 7.00 p.m. at the Community School. The school and caretaker have been informed of this date.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 8.45 p.m.

Signed Chairman

Date

Please note the change of date for the October meeting, due to the clerk's holiday.