
Monthly Meeting of the Sharlston Parish Council held on Monday 7th September 2009 at Sharlston Community School at 7.00 p.m.

Present:

Councillor J Cliffe	Councillor D Ranson
Councillor J Goodfellow	Councillor S Ward
Councillor M Pearson	Councillor B Berry
Councillor K Shingles	Councillor G Oldroyd

Also present: District Councillor P Guy, Mr. G. Balaam, Mrs. M. Ashworth
Mr. M. Taylor (Sharlston ARLFC)

120. Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were accepted from Councillor A Devey & Councillor P Loosemore

121. Disclosure of Personal Interests

No disclosures were made at this time.

122. Co-option of New Member

Mr. G. Balaam and Mrs. May Ashworth wished to be considered for the vacancy on the Parish Council. Following a written ballot, Mrs. May Ashworth was co-opted on to the Parish Council.

123. Minutes of the Meeting held on Monday 6th July, 2009

Resolved that: The minutes of the meeting held on Monday 6th July 2009 be signed as a true record. (*moved Councillors Ward/Goodfellow*)

124. Progress Report on items from Meeting on Monday 6th July 2009

Post Office Car Park (Minute 106)

The clerk reported that she had contacted the Health & Safety Executive. Their guidance was that the use of barbed wire or razor wire needed careful consideration and accidental contact needs to be prevented. Where it is used around a perimeter there should be warning signs to make sure people know where it is. However, HSE only enforce over the health and safety at work legislation therefore if no-one is at work the HSE are unable to investigate.

The WMDC Planning Department were also contact by the clerk. They thought that the developer was acting within guidelines but agreed to make a site visit.

Councillor Goodfellow suggested that a copy of the HSE e-mail and any reply from WMDC Planning Department be forwarded on to the owner of the site.

Planning Decisions (Minute 106)

A letter had been received from the Planning Inspectorate regarding 72 Weeland Road, and the appeal had been dismissed.

75/77 Crossley Street – it was reported that small car transporters were still being used at the site, which is now full of vans. Councillor Cliffe asked if photographic evidence of this could be obtained.

Gate into Rugby Field (Minute 106)

This has now been installed further away from the main road.

Speed Restriction (Minute 109)

A reply had been received from the Highways Department. No action is to be taken. The Road Safety Committee are to be contacted regarding the possibility of extending the size of the speed bumps. The Parish Council agreed to support the Road Safety Committee over this matter.

125. Ongoing Projects

<p>Library and PCT site</p>	<p>(a) New Road and landscaping project.</p> <p>A site meeting took place on the 20th July between representatives of the Parish Council, the Clerk, Val Kripps from Groundworks and Lauren Cadeegan, from WMDC. It was agreed that this project should go ahead as soon as possible. The clerk drew their attention to a letter in the file which stated that planning approval was in force only until 23rd July 2009. It was thought this would have to be re-applied for but should be only a “paper exercise”. Val Kripps wants to oversee this project personally but is on holiday for two weeks. He would contact the clerk on his return.</p> <p>Councillor Oldroyd asked for details of the plan and the clerk agreed to send copy plans to him. Councillor Ashworth asked why the library had been lost to the village and it was explained that it was because of the state of the original building.</p>
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126. Christmas Lights

The Councillors reported that they were disappointed with the Christmas Lights in Charlston last year, including some put on the wrong columns. When a Councillor tried to point this out at the time she was treated very abruptly and her advice ignored. It was suggested that a representative from WMDC be invited to the next meeting to discuss the lights.

It was reported that Streethouse and Charlston have a Christmas Tree but that New Charlston does not. The actual tree would be free but electrical connection would cost £5000. Councillor Guy reported that there was no money in the Community Chest at present to cover this. It might be possible to apply next year if the Parish Council would be prepared to pay half towards this.

127. Sharlston Dam

Due to the absence of the Chair through illness, no report from the volunteer warden was available.

It was noted that the grass around the Dam had been cut but that the cuttings from grass and surrounding foliage was left on site making it untidy. There was also still a problem with litter.

Councillor Guy reported that she had driven around the village on the day of the meeting and she was still not satisfied all had been done to rectify the problem. She was contacting WMDC again.

There was also reported to be a problem with young people lighting fires on the Common. Fire appliances had been called out on the day of the meeting. Councillor Guy said the 0845 number for WMDC should be used to report these incidents so they were logged and preventative action taken.

128. Flower Baskets

After discussion the Parish Council decided against providing spring baskets. The Parish Council will continue to order hanging baskets for the summer months as they were pleased with the display this year. The possibility of including the bus stop on West Lane next year was discussed.

At this stage of the meeting it was decided to move item 10, Fernside Allotments to the end of the meeting as members of the public and press would be excluded.

129. Planning Applications

The following planning application was considered:

Application No.	Location	Details	21 Day expiry date
09/01217/FUL	Sharlston Colliery Site	Removal of former colliery tip embankment and re-instatement of land for continued existing uses	7 th September 2009
05/99/33099/L	Sharlston Colliery Site	Variation of conditions 28, 39 & 43 – restoratory drainage, footpaths and bridleways	4 th September 2009
09/01278/FUL	Sharlston ARLFC	Single Storey extension to side	28 th August 2009
09/01730/FUL	School Farm, 11 The Green, Sharlston Common	Extension to existing garage block to provide garage for residential property, installation of rainwater, installation of air source heat pump	2 nd October 2009

The Clerk was asked to get clarification regarding the application for School Farm and report back to the Chair, who would make the decision on behalf of the Parish Council.

Colliery Site – concern was expressed that this may mean footpaths being moved. The Clerk was asked to get clarification on this also.

It was noted that as there was no Parish Council meeting in August, the Chair had taken the decision to approve the application from Sharlston ARLFC and Sharlston Colliery Site – removal of embankment.

130. Planning Decisions

The following planning decisions were noted:

Application No.	Location	Details	Decision
09/00029/FUL	72 Weeland Road	Change of use to take-away	Appeal Dismissed
09/01010/FUL	733 Doncaster Road	Change of use to taxi booking office	Approved
09/01107/FUL	11 Jubilee Road, Sharlston Common	Two storey extension to side	Approved
09/01217/FUL	Sharlston Colliery Site	Removal of former colliery tip embankment and re-instatement of the land for continued existing uses	Approved.

131. Attendance at Meetings

Attendance was approved at the following events:

- a) Normanton Gala Saturday 12th/Sunday 13th September. – Councillors Devey and Cliffe to attend.
- b) Normanton & Altofts Agricultural Show, Saturday 19th September – Councillors Devey and Cliffe to attend.
- c) Mayor's At home, Saturday 12th September 12th – Councillors Ward and Ashworth to attend.

Under standing order no.67 the Chairman excluded public and press for the next item due to the confidential nature of the business

132. Fernside Allotments

A report on the progress of the purchase of Fernside allotments by the Parish Council was given.

133. Correspondence

All correspondence was noted.

Councillor Ashworth agreed to be nominated for the vacancy on the YLCA, and the forms were passed on to her.

134. Accounts

To	Details	Amount	Category
Staples UK Ltd	<i>Stationery supplies</i>	£39.09	Clerk's Expenses
J.E. Hull	Postage June/July/September	£24.53	Clerk's Expenses
Sharlston Community Centre	For hire of community centre for open day and meetings	£70.00	Open Day Expenses
Society of Local Council Clerks	Practitioners Guide	£22.00	Clerks Training
Talk Talk	July charges, telephone broadband and calls	£23.78	Admin. Telephone
Talk Talk	August charges (error on bill - £29.99 to be reimbursed)	£54.43	Admin. Telephone
Abson Blaza	Valuation of land/allotment site	£86.25	Other Expenses
Society of Local Council Clerks	Regional Conference 8 th September	£56.35	Clerks Training

All accounts were approved except for the Community Centre Invoice. It was noted that the two meetings listed had been called by the residents of the village and not the Parish Council. As leaseholders the Parish Council do not pay for the use of the hall. Usually a donation is sent to cover the cost of the hall for Open Day.

Councillor Goodfellow agreed to bring this up with the Committee at the Community centre.

135. Additional Matters

1. Following the resignation of Councillor Wager, Councillor Cliffe asked how long he had been on the Parish Council. Councillor Ward agreed to find this out. The Clerk confirmed that she had written to thank Councillor Wager for his services to the Council.
2. Councillor Oldroyd asked why a container cabin was parked on the Community Centre car park. It was explained that it was being used by the workmen repairing underground pipework at the church.
3. Councillor Pearson reported that permission for housing on the Chapel Site had previously been applied for but the plot of land had now been sold on again. Rumours were circulating that storage containers were going on the site. Obviously further planning permission would have to be applied for and the Parish Council agreed to monitor the situation.

4. It was reported that the fences around the allotments opposite Crossley Street were down and the area was looking unsightly. It was suggested the owner of the land be notified of this.
5. Councillor Ranson drew attention to the grass around the play area which was now long. It was suggested that this could be put on the contract held with the MDC for grass cutting. The matter would be added to the Agenda for the next meeting.

136. Date & Time of Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be **Tuesday 6th October 2009 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

Record of Public Forum

Mr. Mick Taylor (Sharlston ARLFC) passed a letter to the clerk which she read to the Parish Council.

There had been rumours in the village that the Parish Council were passing around a petition against the opening hours of the club but that no specific member of the Parish Council was identified. Mr. Taylor expressed disappointment if this was the case and outlined how much the Club had improved recently, to the benefit of the village.

Mr. Taylor said that £3000 had been spent on security cameras inside and outside of the club and that youths no longer congregated at the rear of the old club and the car park was now clear and fit for use. Lighting had also been improved in the car park thus adding to the security of the club.

Councillor Cliffe reported that no member of the Parish Council had been instrumental in the passing round of a petition and that the Club continues to have the support of the Parish Council. She also said that she and Councillor Ward had visited the club and had been impressed with all the improvements made.