
Monthly Meeting of the Sharlston Parish Council held on Monday 5 January 2009 at Sharlston Community School at 7.00 p.m.

Present:	Councillor J Cliffe	Councillor D Ranson
	Councillor A Devey	Councillor K Shingles
	Councillor J Goodfellow	Councillor K Wager
	Councillor P Loosemore	Councillor S Ward

Also present: Louise Hall (Wakefield Express)

1. Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were accepted from Councillors Oldroyd and Pearson.

2. Disclosure of Personal Interests

No declarations were made at this point.

3. Minutes of the Meeting held on Tuesday 2 December 2008

Resolved: that the minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 2 December 2008 be signed as a true record (*moved Cllrs Devey/Wager*)

4. Progress Report on Items from the Meeting on Tuesday 2 December 2008.

4.1. Sharlston Common (Minute 174.2)

It was confirmed that the "holes" referred to were the depressions created by biking activity on the "Blackpool Hills" north of the dam.

4.2. Sharlston Playing Field – Tree Planting (Minute 174.3)

It was confirmed that all the trees requested have been planted.

4.3. Christmas Lights (Minute 174.7)

The Clerk confirmed that he had contacted Amey about securing four columns adapted for Christmas features in New Sharlston, but has not yet had a response. It was reported that a fourth column had been provided on High Street (approx opposite no 80). It was also noted that the provision for Christmas 2009 should be discussed and agreed before July this year.

4.4. Sharlston WMC (Minute 174.8)

The uncertainty over the future of the club has still not been resolved.

5. Ongoing Projects

Library and PCT site	No work has commenced on site. Groundworks is to be contacted to ascertain the current situation.
Parish Plan	The next meeting of the working group is to be arranged in March / April

6. Sharlston Playing Field

The Clerk circulated copies of the current licence and a paper setting out draft outline terms of a possible lease.

Resolved: approve the terms set out in the paper with the addition of the following additional requirement:

“By agreement, the Football Club to allow occasional use of the playing field by the parish council or other parties approved by the parish council.”

Also Resolved: to appoint Catteralls solicitors to draw up the lease agreement

7. Grants

The Clerk circulated copies of part of the Rules of the Sharlston Colliery Miners Welfare and Social Club. It was agreed that the rules were compatible with eligibility for a grant from the council. Concern was raised that no further estimates have been provided.

Resolved: to defer further consideration of this application pending the receipt of further quotations for the work involved.

8. Sharlston Miners Welfare Club – Bowling Green

It was confirmed that arrangements have been made for a meeting with the bowling club and the secretary of the Welfare Club trustees to discuss the future of the bowling green. This will take place on Monday 12 January after the SANS meeting.

It was agreed to provide notes of the meeting and report back to the next council meeting.

9. Planning Applications

No applications have been notified.

10. Planning Decisions

The following decision notices were noted.

<i>Application no.</i>	<i>Location</i>	<i>Details</i>	<i>Decision</i>
08/02486/FUL	765 Doncaster Road	Demolition of existing garage. Replacement garage with roof space.	APPROVED 8 Dec

11. Attendance at Meetings

Attendance was approved at the following events:

- (a) Crofton, Walton and Sharlston Neighbourhood Network, Thursday 8 January, 7pm. Walton. **Councillors Devey and Ward.**
- (b) Town and Parish Council Liaison Group, Wednesday 21 January, County Hall. **Councillors Cliffe and Devey**
- (c) NALC Stepping Stones conference, York, Sat 21 February. **No nominations**

12. Correspondence

All correspondence and actions were noted.

13. Accounts

The following accounts were **approved**:

<i>To</i>	<i>Details</i>	<i>Amount</i>	<i>Category</i>
Society of Local Council Clerks	Annual subscription	£94.00	Subscriptions: SLCC
S&D Landscapes Ltd	Tree planting, Charlston playing field	£299.00 inc VAT	Playing field
Post Office Ltd (for HMRC)	National Insurance – Employer's contributions	£11.20	NI contributions
Zurich Insurance Company	Annual insurance premium	£1304.07	Risk management: insurance
Staples UK Ltd	Photocopying charges	£10.08 inc VAT	Clerk's expenses
Wakefield MDC	Ground preparation and labour for bulb planting	£343.28 inc VAT	Other expenses: bulb planting

14. Additional Matters**(a) Former Library/Clinic site**

Members wished to know what progress was being made with the proposed lease of the land. The Clerk will make enquiries.

(b) Hammer Lane

It was reported that some drivers were being confused by SatNav equipment to think that Hammer Lane provided a through route to High Street. It was suggested that a "No through road" sign might be beneficial.

(c) Litter

It was reported that there was a significant amount of litter in the village, particularly in the area of the footpaths from Weeland Road to Coronation Road, Clifton Road and the doctor's surgery. Also fly tipping was reported on the site of the former Hammer Lane flats.

(d) The Clerk

The Clerk reported that he will be resigning the post, but will stay on until a replacement is appointed. Arrangements are being made to advertise the post in the Wakefield Express and elsewhere.

15. Date and Time of Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held on **Monday 2 February 2009** at 7.00 pm in Charlston Community School.

There being no other business, the meeting closed at 8.30 p.m.

Signed

Chairman

Date