
Monthly Meeting of the Sharlston Parish Council held on Wednesday 11 February 2009 at Sharlston Community School at 7.00 p.m.

Present:

Councillor J Cliffe	Councillor K Shingles
Councillor A Devey	Councillor K Wager
Councillor J Goodfellow	Councillor S Ward
Councillor G Oldroyd	

Also present: Mr R Jaques English Heritage
Mr P Lockett Ackworth and District Heritage Group
Mrs P Lockett Ackworth and District Heritage Group
Mrs J Hull
Louise Hall (Wakefield Express)

16. Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were accepted from Councillors Loosemore, Ranson and Pearson.

17. Disclosure of Personal Interests

No declarations were made at this point.

18. Minutes of the Meeting held on Monday 5 January 2008

Resolved: that the minutes of the meeting held on Monday 5 January 2008 be signed as a true record (*moved Cllrs Devey/Ward*)

19. Progress Report on Items from the Meeting on Monday 5 January 2008.

19.1. Sharlston Common (Minute 4.1)

It was observed that the depressions and holes in the ground have been a feature of the area for many years, albeit caused by play activity, though the damage in places seems excessive. The local volunteer warden has photographed the damage and the countryside service is to be contacted for their comments/

19.2. Christmas Lights (Minute 4.3)

The Clerk reported that he has received an invoice for the installation of three Christmas feature columns that were ordered in February 2008. These are columns C15 (Crossley Street opposite Long Row), C36 (Weeland Road, St Luke's Church) and C51 (Weeland Road, east of Wood Street). This should bring the total of Christmas feature columns to twelve: eight along Weeland Road and four in New Sharlston.

19.3. Attendance at Meetings (Minute 11)

It was reported that the meeting of the Town and Parish Council Liaison group had been cancelled at short notice. Concern was raised that the venue at County Hall was extremely difficult to access for wheelchair users.

19.4. Hammer Lane (Minute 14 b)

The Clerk reported that Wakefield MDC Traffic and Engineering Manager has been contacted to draw his attention to this issue. The Chairman confirmed that the issue had also been raised at the Featherstone Road Safety Committee.

19.5. Litter (Minute 14.c)

It was observed that the grit bin at the Weeland Road - Coronation Road footpath was being used to deposit litter and the nearby lamppost-mounted bin was habitually full, hence there appears to be a need for an additional freestanding bin.

It was also commented that lamppost mounted bins are too high for children to use.

20. Ongoing Projects

Library and PCT site	<p>(a) New Road and landscaping project.</p> <p>Following news that the funding for the project had been withdrawn, a letter has been received from Wakefield MDC confirming that the project has been allocated funding in the 2009-10 budget.</p> <p>Email confirmation has been received from Groundwork that the contractor will start on 20 April.</p> <p>(b) Proposed Lease</p> <p>Confirmation of the council's intentions for the site is needed. The timetable for completing the process is estimated at 2 to 3 months.</p>
Parish Plan	The next meeting of the working group is to be arranged in March / April.

21. Sharlston Playing Field

The Clerk circulated copies of the draft tenancy agreement drawn up by Catteralls Solicitors.

Resolved: to seek the following changes to the draft agreement:

<i>Page</i>	<i>paragraph</i>	<i>line</i>	<i>delete</i>	<i>Add / insert</i>
6	1.3	2	"seven"	"twelve"
9	2.2	5		(After "of") "community functions"
9	New paragraph			"To pay the local authority council tax or business premises rates chargeable upon the Premises"
10	3 (e)		"or place any receptacle for them on it"	
10	New paragraph			"To provide appropriate litter bins for the use of those attending sporting functions and to ensure that such litter bins are emptied after each function."
10	3 (f)	2		(after "premises") "except the temporary parking of vehicles used by the tenant for the Permitted Use."
10	3 (k)	2	"in the final year"	"over the duration"

11	3 (m)	1	"of any" (once)	
11	3 (p)	1		(after "Premises") "without first obtaining the prior consent of the Landlord"
11	New paragraph			"Not to permit the bringing in or the consumption of alcoholic drinks on the Premises."
11	New paragraph			"Not to permit dogs to enter the Premises"
12	New paragraph			"To ensure at all times other than during supervised public access for sporting events that the entrances to the Premises are kept secured and locked."
13	5	4		(after "amount of") "£5 million"
14	9	1		(At beginning of paragraph) "Keyholders shall be limited to four in number, including the Landlord."
14	9	3	"at least 2"	"all"
14	9	3		(before "pavilion") "gates and"
15	12.3		Whole paragraph	
16	13.1	3	"it's"	"its"

22. Sharlston Dovecote

The Chairman welcomed Mr Jaques of English Heritage and Mr & Mrs Lockett of Ackworth and District Heritage Group and invited Mr Jaques to speak.

Mr Jaques described the history and condition of the dovecote near Sharlston Hall, which is a grade II listed building. It is in very poor condition and English Heritage is proposing an £80,000 restoration project which will cover both the repair of the building, ongoing maintenance, and a community outreach initiative. He was seeking the guidance and recommendations from members of the Council regarding the conservation of Sharlston Dovecote and especially how the associated outreach might best benefit the local community.

He was keen to set up a schools project based on Christ Church Junior School (Sowerby Bridge) as a model, but had had no response from Sharlston School.

Resolved: that the Parish Council warmly welcomed the proposal and would have discussions with the school on ways in which schoolchildren could be involved. It was also agreed to consider promoting the project at the Annual Parish Meeting.

23. Annual Parish Meeting / Open Day

The Clerk reported that a provisional date of Thursday 2 April had been included in the 2009 calendar of meetings. He also expressed concern that staging an Open Day event as in previous years may be difficult this year because he will be leaving the Council around that time. He advised that the legal requirement is for a council to hold a parish meeting between 1 March and 1 June each year.

It was agreed that the Parish Meeting / Open Day should take place on Tuesday 7 April 2009 and that a meeting will be arranged of the Parish Plan Working Group to determine the format and content of the event.

It was also agreed that the Working Group should consider publishing a newsletter to inform residents of the event.

24. Grants

The Clerk said that further quotations had not yet been received for the work at the Miners Welfare Club.

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

25. Sharlston Miners Welfare Club – Bowling Green

It was agreed to defer this item to the next meeting of the Council

26. Planning Applications

The following applications were considered:

<i>Application no.</i>	<i>Location</i>	<i>Details</i>	<i>Decision</i>
09/00003/FUL	75-77 Crossley Street	Change of use from overflow parking and materials storage to car/vehicles storage.	Object
09/00029/FUL	72 Weeland Road	Change of use to take away	Object

Resolved: (a) to object to 75-77 Crossley Street on the grounds of environmental impact and road safety concerns.

(b) to object to 72 Weeland Road on road safety grounds arising from lack of parking.

27. Planning Decisions

The following decision notices were noted.

<i>Application no.</i>	<i>Location</i>	<i>Details</i>	<i>Decision</i>
08/02767/FUL	31 Northfield Road	Two storey extension to side and canopy to front	APPROVED 12 Jan

28. Attendance at Meetings

Attendance was approved at the following events:

- (a) Crofton, Walton and Sharlston Neighbourhood Network, Thursday 12 February, 7pm.
Crofton Parish Rooms. **No nominations.**
- (b) YLCA Wakefield Branch, Thursday 5 March, South Elmsall. **Councillors Cliffe and Devey**
- (c) West Yorkshire Rural Transport Conference, Wednesday 18 March, Metro offices, Leeds.
Councillor Ward

29. Correspondence**Hanging baskets**

A discussion was held on the letter dated 3 January 2009 from Wakefield MDC regarding the annual application to install hanging baskets. The letter states that consent is required before attaching baskets to street lighting columns.

It was agreed to request the hanging basket contractor to supply a list of columns currently being used, so that further discussion can take place at the next meeting of the council.

All other correspondence and actions were noted.

30. Accounts

The following accounts were **approved**:

<i>To</i>	<i>Details</i>	<i>Amount</i>	<i>Category</i>
Johnson Publishing (North)	Advertisement in Wakefield Express	£159.95 inc VAT	Information & Publicity: Advertising
D R Siddans	Postage stamps (July 08 – Jan 09)	£55.68	Clerk's expenses
Amey LG Ltd	Three replacement lighting columns (Christmas feature)	£2715.64	Other expenses: Christmas Lights

31. Additional Matters**(a) Hammer Lane**

It was reported that water was accumulating at a low spot on the footpath to High Street, causing problems for pedestrians.

(b) Grit Bins

It was reported that the grit bin at the southern end of Crossley Street is missing

(c) Dog Fouling

It was reported that persistent evidence of dog fouling is occurring on Eastville Road and Northfield Road.

(d) Sharlston Dam

Members queried whether emergency lifebelt posts should be provided around the Dam.

(e) Police meetings

Concern was expressed that no information is available about the next PACT meeting in Sharlston. The last PACT meeting was held at Sharlston Community centre on the 18th November 2008.

32. Post of Clerk to the Council

Members discussed the arrangements for the selection of candidates for the post of Clerk to the Council.

Resolved: to form a Selection Committee comprising the following members: **Councillors Cliffe, Devey, Goodfellow, Ward.**

33. Date and Time of Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held on **Tuesday 10 March 2009** at 7.00 pm in Sharlston Community School.

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

Signed

Chairman

Date