

Minutes of the Monthly Parish Council Meeting

Held at the Community Centre Monday 29th January 2018.

Present Cllrs. D North (Chair), P Ford (vice chair) J Giles, R Booker, D Dyson, B Lee. P Makinson. K Wicks, C Barnett, J Walker (clerk) Ward Cllrs J Ennis, D Higginbottom, A Hampson, J Timlin (Barnsley Chronicle) and 17 Members of the public.

73. Apologies for absence none were received.

74. Minutes of the previous meeting. Held Monday 27th November 2017 were read.

Ward Cllrs questions brought to top of agenda.

74 A. Cllr D Higginbottom showed a map which highlighted the area of the highway maintenance along the High Street. The area of maintenance extends from the traffic lights to the junction of High Gate Way and is planned to be carried out during the schools half term. Cllr P Ford said it needs to go further on to the junction with Poplar Avenue. Cllr D Higginbottom said she would ask if it could be extended to the junction of Poplar Avenue. A member of the public asked if traffic calming measures could be installed. Cllr J Ennis said we are taking them out due to issues with pollution.

74 B. Cllr P Makinson asked if BMBC highways could look at the uneven road surface along Redthorne Way. An even road surface would reduce the noise of lorries which used this road. A member of the public said all the drains are blocked along Redthorne Way. The ward Cllrs said they would raise the issues with BMBC highways.

74 C. A member of the public said lorries are running in and out at 03.00am. The chair said we have requested information from the licensing authority we'll print it off and show you.

74 D. A member of the public said he had seen information relating to a number of new housing developments in and around Shafton and asked where the houses were going to go. Cllr J Ennis these are in a consultation period at the minute not planning applications. The consultation is for a six week period from 29th January to 12th March 2018. You can find more information on the local plan website at www.barnsley.gov.uk/local-plan-examination or you can read and respond to the inspectors' matters, issues and questions using the online system <http://consult.barnsley.gov.uk/portal/> the documents can also be viewed as paper copies at Barnsley central library in Wellington House. You can access the internet for free at all Barnsley libraries.

74 E. Cllr J Ennis informed the meeting that BMBC are funding a first time gas central heating scheme within the Barnsley area. Which will be made available to public and private landlords for properties with coal fires.

74 F. Cllr J Ennis said he sits on an ex-servicemen's group which has a fund to assist ex-service personnel who may find themselves needing help to purchase household white goods etc.

74 G. The chair thanked the three ward Cllrs for attending, they left the meeting at 07.30pm.

75. Matters arising from the minutes of the previous meeting.

31 A. A member of the public said the footpath leading to Collier Way is almost covered with ivy. The chair has reported this to BMBC.

The chair reported that a resident has cleared this area. The meeting thanked the resident.

59 A. Cllr D Dyson asked if BMBC could be asked to carry out repairs to the fencing at The Singing Man. Which was damaged by a vehicle. Then the parish could complete its work that funding was provided for.

68 C. Cllr B Lee reported that the 8 broken kerbs on High Gate Way haven't been replaced.

68 D. Cllr B Lee reported that the fence around Plumpton Park play area hasn't been repaired and one swing has been removed. The chair said he has reported it to BMBC parks dept.

76. Ratification of the minutes of the previous meeting.

76 A. Ratification proposed by Cllr D Dyson seconded by Cllr J Giles the minutes of 27th November 2017 are ratified.

77. Police Matters

77 A. The police have said they won't be attending Parish meetings anymore. We can still raise issues at the crime sub group and PACT meetings.

77 B. A member of the public said the amount of thefts in the area are ridiculous, I have been broken into twice with the items stolen and damage caused it has been a substantial cost to me and my family. The police eventually sent a scenes of crimes officer, I have complained to the chief constable. My wife made enquires on social media and has had a response of 200 incidents in Barnsley. The police say these are victimless crimes but there is a cost to people affected.

77 B. A representative of Neighbourhood Watch said following issues of drugs going into a house we have been in touch with Berneslai Homes and got the offender evicted. Issues are now going to the police instead of Neighbourhood Watch and local issues passed to us.

77 C. The chair said we can invite Dr A Billings to attend another meeting. The clerk was asked to send an invite.

78. Roads/ Footpaths/ Lighting.

78 A. Cllr B Lee said the footpath sign opposite Rabbit Ings is missing again. The clerk will report to the footpaths officer.

78 B. The chair said we have had meetings with BMBC highways officers and the cabinet member responsible for highways regarding road safety on Sandybridge Lane. To ask for more signage and road markings to advise drivers of the speed limits and bends. They are all of the opinion that there is nothing required. We have prepared a petition to collect signatures of concerned residents which will be handed in to Barnsley Council. If anyone wants to take a copy of the petition to collect signatures there are copies available.

79. Community Centre/ Playing Fields/Allotments.

79 A. The chair reported that the community centre is being used regularly with Shafton Play Group and Play Works. The ladies section have a regular session and the astro turf and football field are well used. We have a waiting list of four for the allotments.

80. Correspondence.

80 A. We have received a thank you letter from Shafton Brownies for our donation towards their funds.

80 B. We have received a thank you letter from Shafton Methodist Church for our donation to their funds.

81. Any other business.

81 A. A member asked if any progress had been made on obtaining signage to direct people to the recreation ground / community centre. Cllr P Makinson said we have made enquiries and there are funds available so it is ongoing.

81 B. A member of the public there is a coffee morning at Shafton Methodist Church on the first Saturday of each month where you can a tea / coffee and hot sandwich.

81 C. The chair thanked members of the public for voicing their support whilst being interviewed on radio Sheffield.

81 D. A member of the public said there are no signs to tell people not to drive vehicles on to the green at Millside, where they get stuck due to the boggy ground. The chair said the land belongs to BMBC parks and asked the clerk to write to BMBC parks officers.

81 E. A member of the public said there is a lot of tipping on the left hand side of Sandy Bridge Lane. The chair said he will ring the environment tomorrow.

82. Date of next meeting Monday 26th February 2018 at 07.00pm.

There being no further business brought for discussion the Chairman closed the meeting at 08.10pm.