

Minutes of the Monthly Parish Council Meeting

Held at the Community Centre Tuesday 30th May 2017.

Present Cllrs. D North (Chair), P Ford (vice chair) R Booker, D Dyson, B Lee. P Makinson. C Barnett, J Walker (clerk) J Timlin (Barnsley Chronicle. 10 Members of the public.

Mr Lee Glover and two colleagues Michele and Paul from Virgin media. Sarah Hubbard from BMBC fostering services.

11. Apologies for absence were received from: - Cllrs J Giles and K Wicks.

12. Mr Glover handed out a hard copy of a brief presentation. Giving an outline of the works that will be carried out during Virgins network expansion into Shafton. As safety is paramount residents will receive letters from contractors in advance of works taking place in their street. All work areas will have barriers and information boards with emergency contact numbers and dates of ongoing local works. A member of the public asked how long it would take. Mr Glover said 50m per day is the normal progress so disruption outside an individual's home will normally be two days. A member of the public said our street isn't on the list. Mr Glover said the list provided isn't exhaustive and we do intend to supply as many properties within Shafton as possible. If anyone wants to express an interest they can do so by registering on cablemystreet.virginmedia.com A member of the public asked if they had any costings. Mr Glover said not at the present because different properties have different packages. We are currently arranging a community event which will be held in Shafton WMC. We haven't finalised a date for this but we are looking at the middle of July 2017. The chair thanked Virgin Media representatives for attending and taking the time to make the community aware of the planned works.

The Virgin Media representatives left the meeting at 07.20pm.

13. Sarah Hubbard from BMBC Fostering unit gave a talk on how they are promoting fostering in the North East of Barnsley. To get Barnsley carers for Barnsley children which will enable the children to stay at their own schools and within existing friendship groups. We are currently looking to increase the carers by 68 in 2017 / 2018. Carers go through an assessment period which takes around twelve months, they don't go through the assessment period alone they will have a fostering buddy to support them throughout the assessment period. Cllr P Makinson said in other areas you can see banners with information regarding the payments made to foster carers. Sarah said we are aware of this but we have budget restraints. Cllr P Makinson could you consider businesses sponsoring banners Cllr B Lee said if the company name could be on as well it would be publicity for them too.

Cllr R Booker asked are people looking for specific age groups. Sarah said initially they do but we have carers who asked for specific ages and have then gone on to care for children of all ages. Cllr P Makinson asked if there was an age limit for the carers. Sarah said no there isn't as long as people are suitable for the role.

Sarah left the meeting at 07.40pm.

14. Minutes of the previous meeting. Held Monday 24th April 2017 were read.

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

59 C. Cllr D Dyson said patrons of The Singing Man are parking on the grass areas churning up the area. Cllr P Makinson said he would asked at the next North East Ward Alliance meeting if there is any funding available to extend the fence.

Cllr P Makinson will be attending the next North East Ward Alliance on Wednesday 1st March 2017.

Cllr P Makinson said he has now secured funding to install two bollards and this money will be received shortly.

Cllr D Dyson and P Makinson said we have got the money from the North East Alliance but now need more money because a car has been through the fence.

15. Matters arising from the minutes of the previous meeting. (Continued)

85 B. Cllr J Giles asked if anything could be done to stop vehicles parking on the pavement between Shafton WMC and the traffic lights and the area of Brierley Road around the pedestrian crossing. The PCSO officers said they could look at the obstruction issues. Cllr J Giles said there had been no change.

The problem is getting worse. At The Brickyard the pavement is frequently completely blocked. The chair asked a member of the public to bring pictures to the next crime sub group meeting.

16. Ratification of the minutes of the previous meeting.

16 A. Ratification proposed by Cllr P Ford seconded by Cllr P Makinson. The minutes of 24th April 2017 are ratified.

17. Police Matters

17 A. No representative from the police. Cllr P Ford asked can we write to Dr A Billings to see what's happened to the PCSO officers. The clerk said he would email him.

18. Roads/ Footpaths/ Lighting.

18 A. Cllr P Makinson said to help with the parking problems on the High Street will Berneslai Homes clear The Square behind Manor View and put up garages for the tenants. Cllr C Barnett said BMBC have sold off all its unused garage sites. A member of the public said it has been done behind Sainsburys. The chair said that is on private land. But I will ask J Taylor for a site meeting to see if anything can be done.

19. Community Centre/ Playing Fields/Allotments.

19 A. Cllr D Dyson said the patient panel had been cancelled so nothing to report back. Barnsley Healthcare Federation had informed the clerk that this meeting would be cancelled due to them receiving so many apologies for absence.

20. Correspondence.

20 A. Invitation to the mayor's civic service which will be on Thursday 15th June 2017 at St Marys Parish Church at 06.30pm.

20 B. Information regarding Sandy Bridge Lane footpath.

20 C. Monthly planning information from BMBC. There are no planning issues within the Shafton area.

21. Any other business.

21 A. The chair said a lorry has fly tipped a load of rubbish on the footpath off Collier Road. The chair said it has been reported to BMBC.

21 B. A member of the public asked if we had any feedback on the mobile CCTV cameras. The chair said we will bring it up at the crime sub group meeting. Although we have concerns they might be stolen.

21 C. A member of the public asked can you mark a yellow box in front of the gates to the park to deter cars from parking there. Cllr Ford said we can do it in white.

22. Date of next meeting 26th June 2017 at 07.00pm.

There being no further business brought for discussion the Chairman closed the meeting at 08.15pm