

Minutes of the Monthly Parish Council Meeting

Held at the Community Centre Monday 26th November 2018.

Present Cllrs. D North (Chair), P Ford (vice chair) J Giles, R Booker, D Dyson, B Lee. P Makinson. K Wicks, J Walker (clerk), 4N^o Members of the public.

64. Apologies for absence were received from Ward Cllrs D Higginbottom and J Ennis.

65. of the previous meeting. Held Monday 29th October 2018 were read.

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

59 A. A SPC member asked if BMBC could be asked to carryout 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. The member, added he will now take this up with the ward Cllrs. The member has asked ward Cllrs to pursue this, but hasn't received any feedback at this time. Ward Cllrs, reported that BMBC parks department have taken ownership of the area and negotiations are taking place to get them to agree to repair the fence.

30 A. The Parish Council has received numerous complaints of persons incinerating animals on land off Sandybridge Lane. Ward Cllr J Ennis will look into this. The clerk reported that on 24th October, he had spoken to the land owner who said they had the required qualifications to operate a pet crematorium. The clerk has also spoken to BMBC planning department who are investigating.

52 A. The chair reported that, The Parish Council has received reports that there are people living in caravans on land at the side of Sandy Bridge Lane. Ward Cllr J Ennis said he would look into the complaints.

A Lady and gentleman attended the meeting to alleviate some of the rumours about Sandy Bridge Lane. We are now the owners of the piece of land. We are currently tidying the site, we haven't taken the fence down on the boundary with Rabbit Ings, as the majority of the fence was missing due to it being burnt in the past. The cabins we have removed, but again these were of no use because they had also been burnt at some point in the past. We will be doing some work to clean up the river and erecting a block wall with palisade fence to make a secure boundary. We intend to establish a recovery business on the site. We'll be working with insurance companies who may want us to store vehicles. We have planning approval for living accommodation from the previous owners. Cllrs asked have you got electricity or water on site. At present we are using an electric generator for power and a water tank which we fill at home. We are in the process of asking for connection to the services. Cllrs asked have you any planning approval. At the present time we haven't got everything back from solicitors.

67. Ratification of the minutes of the previous meeting.

67 A. Ratification proposed by Cllr P Ford seconded by Cllr D Dyson. The minutes of 29th October 2018 are ratified.

68. Police Matters

68 A. The chair asked the meeting if there were any issues which could be raised at the next PACT or crime sub group meetings.

69. Roads/ Footpaths/ Lighting.

69 A. A council member reported that one of the highway bollards has been knocked off its fixing and damaged on the High Street outside Sainsburys. The clerk was asked to pass on to BMBC highways.

69. Roads/ Footpaths/ Lighting. (Continued)

69 B. The chair reported that the Christmas motifs have all been erected and will be switched on this week.

69 C. Members discussed the poor condition of the road surface along Redthorne Way. The road surface is deeply rutted due to the large vehicles which used it for access. The clerk was asked to request an inspector from BMBC to visit the area and advise if it could be resurfaced.

69 D. A member of the council said although they had reported five issues to BMBC parks department relating to the Plumpton Park play area nothing has been done to remedy the issues. The items reported are: - Damaged litter bin, a missing swing, damaged perimeter fence, shrubs overgrowing the pavements and a missing street sign. The member added some of these issues have been reported several times over the last few months.

70. Community Centre/ Playing Fields/Allotments.

70 A. A member of the council reported that a section of the perimeter fence around the play area needs repairing. The clerk was asked to pass on to BMBC parks department.

71. Correspondence.

71 A. An invitation to the civic carol service. Which will be held at St Marys Church Barnsley on Thursday 20th December 2018 at 04.00 p.m.

71 B. Received from Shafton Primary Academy. Formal consultation on the proposal to reduce the Academies planned admission numbers (PAN). The current PAN is 40 the proposal is to reduce to 30 for the 2020 / 2021 admission year.

Following discussions. Cllr P Ford proposed that, The Parish Council support the proposed reduction in planned admissions numbers, on the proviso that Shafton children are given preference, Cllr J Giles seconded the proposal the meeting voted unanimously in favour, the proposal is passed. The clerk was asked to respond to The Academies consultation.

72. Any other business.

72 A. The chair said we need seven stewards to ensure public safety at the Christmas tree event on Thursday evening. The volunteers agreed to meet in the club at 04.00 p.m.

72 B. The meeting agreed that members shouldn't go to Cudworth Cllrs surgeries.

72 C. Cllr P Ford proposed recording a vote of no confidence in our ward councillors. Because of a total lack of action taken on any issues raised over the last three meetings. Cllr K Wicks seconded the proposal. The meeting voted unanimously in favour, the proposal is passed.

72 D. A member of the public said they would like to record their appreciation and thanks to the staff and doctors of Mapplewell and Rotherham Road Medical Centres. Since transferring from Highgate Medical Centre the staff and doctors have continued to provide excellent and caring GP services at a very difficult time for our family.

73. Date of next meeting

28th January 2019 at 07.00 p.m.

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