

## **Minutes of the Monthly Parish Council Meeting**

**Held at the Community Centre Monday 28<sup>th</sup> January 2019.**

**Present** Cllrs. D North (Chair), P Ford (vice chair) R Booker, B Lee. K Wicks, J Walker (clerk) Cllr S Houghton (leader of the council). Ward Cllrs J Ennis and A Hampson. 10N<sup>o</sup> Members of the public.

**74. Apologies for absence** were received from: - Cllrs J Giles, P Makinson, C Barnett, D Dyson, and ward Cllr D Higginbottom.

**75. Minutes of the previous meeting.** Held Monday 26<sup>th</sup> November 2018 were read.

**76. 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. The chair reported that he and our caretaker had visited the site to see if they could complete the repairs and to see what materials are required. It was felt that they can complete repairs and materials are available from Job Earnshaws Wentworth. To be discussed at the next F&GP meeting.

**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. This issue is being dealt with through BMBC planning.

**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.

Ward Cllrs reported that this issue is being dealt with by BMBC develop management.

Who have reported that: - Enforcement action was taken in December 2018 to stop them doing further works. The individual operates a recovery business and the two caravans on site appear to be lived in. Officers have visited the site with the police to establish what is going on. No planning permission is in place and an enforcement notice is being served this week. "Dated 23/01/2019"

**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 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.

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

Cllr R Booker said she did not vote in favour of the proposal and that she supports the ward Cllrs.

The meeting discussed and agreed to rescind minute N<sup>o</sup> 72B. Because the members felt this minute would be better expressed as two separate minutes.

Minute 72B will now be recorded to read: -

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**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.

The minute originally recorded as 72 C will now be recorded as 72 D.

The ward Cllrs asked the clerk if he had consulted NALC on the vote of no confidence. The clerk replied that he had not consulted NALC. The ward Cllrs said NALC should have been consulted because then the Parish Council would be aware they don't have the power to pass such a motion. Adding this is a very negative and disruptive motion that is displayed within the public domain. And we want an apology from Shafton Parish Council. The chair said the ward Cllrs don't attend parish meetings or the crime sub group / PACT meetings, Grimethorpe don't have any meetings for ward Cllrs to attend. The ward Cllrs replied we have a mandate to represent all three villages, and will represent Shafton in the same way as we do the other villages in the ward. A member of the public said I would like to see ward Cllrs attend our meetings so they can deal with issues within the village. The leader of the council said if you have any issues see your ward Cllrs. Failing that see me I frequently deal with issues borough wide. Moving forward we need to have a good relationship between parish and ward Cllrs. The chair said would it be acceptable to the ward Cllrs for me to apologize now on behalf of Shafton Parish Council. The ward Cllrs replied yes and accepted the apology.

### **77. Ratification of the minutes of the previous meeting.**

**77 A.** Ratification proposed by Cllr P Ford seconded by Cllr K Wicks. The minutes of 26<sup>th</sup> November 2019 are ratified with the amendment to minute 72B as shown in matters arising.

### **78. Police Matters**

**78 A.** The chair reported that sheds and garages are being broken into around The Green area of the village. These are being reported to the police through the crime sub group and PACT meetings.

**79. Roads/ Footpaths/ Lighting.**

**79 A.** A member of the public asked if BMBC highways officers can look at the condition of the highway along Greenside. Ward Cllrs said the area was due for development works and will shortly attract movements of heavy vehicles. The chair explained that the disused garage site had been sold and a planning application has been submitted for housing development.

**80. Community Centre/ Playing Fields/Allotments.**

**80 A.** The chair reported that following a football match at the weekend players have been cleaning their boots in the showers. Leaving them in a mess and this may lead to the drains becoming blocked.

**80 B.** The chair ask if teams would provide a fixture list. A member of SPC said they would speak to the team regarding both matters.

**80 C.** The chair reported that a new user group has asked to use the community centre for its meetings.

**81. Correspondence.**

**81 A.** Received letter from BMBC regarding the 2019/20 precept requesting information prior to 1<sup>st</sup> February 2019. The clerk will contact to extend this date to 12<sup>th</sup> February 2019.

**81 B.** Received notification from BMBC of planning application No 2019/0070. No comments or issues were raised regarding this planning application. Details can be found on [www.barnsley.gov.planningexplorer](http://www.barnsley.gov.planningexplorer) by entering the planning application No2019/0070.

**82. Any other business.**

**82. Date of next meeting** 25<sup>th</sup> February 2019 at 07.00pm.

There being no further business brought for discussion the Chairman closed the meeting at 07.45pm.