

Minutes of the Monthly Parish Council Meeting

Held at the Community Centre Monday 25th February 2019.

Present Cllrs. D North (Chair), J Giles, P Makinson. K Wicks, C Barnett, J Walker (clerk) J 12N^o Members of the public.

83. Apologies for absence were received from: - Cllrs D Dyson, P Ford, R Booker and B Lee.

84. Minutes of the previous meeting. Held Monday 28th January 2019 were read.

85. 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.

A member of the public said BMBC have patched some areas recently.

85. Matters arising from the minutes of the previous meeting. **(continued)**

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.

Reported to BMBC parks. Who said they would inspect and repair as necessary?

86. Ratification of the minutes of the previous meeting.

86 A. Ratification proposed by Cllr K Wicks seconded by Cllr D North. The minutes of 28th January 2019 are ratified.

87. Police Matters

87 A. The chair reported that three garages have been broken into on Oak Road. These will be reported to the crime sub group.

88. Roads/ Footpaths/ Lighting.

88 A. A member of the public said there is a street light out at the end of Millside. The chair ask for the street light number so it can be identified to BMBC street lighting.

89. Community Centre/ Playing Fields/Allotments.

89 A. During a recent inspection of our allotment site it was noted that a number of tenants are not complying fully with our/their tenancy agreement. On a number of plots it is clear that waste materials are being brought onto the site to be burnt and that plots are not being used for the cultivation of crops. Both these issues are clearly stated in the tenancy agreement which all tenants have signed up to. It was agreed that The Parish Council will write to all allotment tenants to remind them of the terms of the agreement and that non-compliance can lead to termination of their tenancy.

90. Correspondence.

91. Any other business.

91 A. Members of the public reported that Tuckers have been burning waste which contained gas bottles which exploded. The flames of the fire were reported to be 50ft high and the fire produced thick black smoke which blew across the village. The flames and heat from the fire caused power cuts as they were very close to overhead power lines. Three fire tenders attended the fire. On the following Monday morning all the waste of the fire was buried on site and there was no sign of the fire having taken place. The clerk was asked to write to Tuckers and The Environment Agency and ask the fire chief for a report of the incident.

91 B. Members of the public raised concerns for the safety of the public. Whilst using the public footpath off Sandy Bridge Lane to access Rabbit Ings the couple with their dog were surrounded by four dogs from the area with the caravans/chalets on it. A male on the site said they shouldn't be there because it is his land. In a second incident one of the couple's daughters was attacked by the same dogs in The Singing Man car park. When reported to the police via the 101 number the police said it was in West Yorkshire.

91 C. Members of the public raised concerns over the speed of vehicles on Sandy Bridge Lane and reported that the 30MPH sign had been knocked down again. The clerk was asked to report the sign to BMBC highways.

91 D. A member of the public reported that the bollards on the old section of Brierley Road have been knocked down and is being used as a short cut by motorcycles and a quad bike. The chair said we'll see if we can replace them.

91. Any other business. (Continued)

91 E. A member of the public said to mark the 900th year anniversary of Felkirk Church, they are planning public events. Would it be possible to hold an event in Shafton recreation ground. The meeting discussed and asked for more details of what the event would comprise of. The meeting agreed in principal to holding an event.

91 F. A member of SPC reported that at the last ward alliance meeting there was £889.00 left in Shaftons 2018/19 allocation. If this money isn't allocated it will be lost so it was agreed to give it to the church towards electrical upgrade works they require.

91 G. It was agreed at The Ward Alliance meeting that there is money available to fund twenty three hanging baskets in Shafton this year.

91 H. Cllrs have been round the village with the contractor to identify locations for the baskets. The contractor said he could supply plaques to display on the baskets giving the name of the sponsor.

91 I. A member of the public said they have moved from Highgate Surgery to Royston Surgery because it's impossible to make an appointment under the new system. And the reception staff tell you to go to I-Heart, but it doesn't open till four o'clock. Another member of the public said they had booked an appointment, but it was four weeks into the future. Cllrs reported that they have put a stop to people moving to other surgeries. A member of The Highgate Patients Panel said I have some correspondence to go through and when I've done so I will update the meeting. The clerk was asked to invite the CEO of Barnsley Healthcare Federation to attend a public meeting to provide an update on Highgate Surgery.

92. Date of next meeting

25th March 2019 at 07.00pm.

There being no further business brought for discussion the Chairman closed the meeting at 08.00pm.