

Minutes of the Monthly Parish Council Meeting

Held at the Community Centre Monday 25th March 2019.

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

93. Apologies for absence were received from: - Cllrs P Makinson and C Barnett.

94. Minutes of the previous meeting. Held Monday 25th February 2019 were read.

95. Matters arising from the minutes of the previous 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.

5th March 2019. Members of the public reported that a large section of land has been dug out towards the Wakefield boundary.

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"

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?

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.

The chair reported that there is a bollard there which we can install to will stop quads.

95. Matters arising from the minutes of the previous meeting. (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.

25th March 2019. The member of the public said they are planning an event in Shafton based on the history of Shafton.

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.

25th March 2019. The clerk reported that Barnsley Healthcare had replied. The CEO retired in December 2018 and that no one was available to attend the parish meetings on 25th March or 29th April. The clerk was asked to invite the practice manager.

96. Ratification of the minutes of the previous meeting.

96 A. Ratification proposed by Cllr P Ford seconded by Cllr J Giles. The minutes of 25th February 2019 are ratified.

97. Police Matters

97 A. A member of the public said they had chased a bag snatcher on to Rotherham road and when they called 999 to report the incident, they were told to report it through the 101 number.

97 B. In another incident where a bus passenger abused and threatened the driver after refusing to pay bus fare. The driver rang 999 and again was told to report it through the 101 number. The chair said these incidents would be raised at the crime sub group meeting.

98. Roads/ Footpaths/ Lighting.

98 A. A member of the public said the street light isn't working on Millside near the substation. The chair said he would speak to street lighting.

98 B. A member said BMBC are removing approximately 200 litter and dog waste bins throughout the borough. They have removed the ones from Plumpton Park, can we ask that they place the remaining one to the middle of the park.

99. Community Centre/ Playing Fields/Allotments.

99 A. A member said that one of the football teams which played on Sunday left the door unlocked.

100. Correspondence.

100 A. The notice of Parish Elections has been received from BMBC. This will be displayed in the parish notice board.

100 B. Email copies from Barnsley Healthcare Federation CIC. Stating that the CEO M Hoyle had retired in December 2018 and that they were unable to send a representative to Shafton Parish Councils meetings on 25th March or 29th April 2019.

101. Any other business.

102. Date of next meeting

Monday 29th April 2019 at 07.00pm.

There being no further business brought for discussion the Chairman closed the meeting at 07.50pm.