

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

**Held at the Community Centre Monday 29<sup>th</sup> April 2019.**

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

**1. Apologies for absence** were received from Cllr C Barnett.

**2. Minutes of the previous meeting.** Held Monday 25<sup>th</sup> March 2019 were read.

**3. 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 24<sup>th</sup> 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. 5<sup>th</sup> 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 E.** A member of the public said to mark the 900<sup>th</sup> 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.

25<sup>th</sup> 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.

25<sup>th</sup> 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 25<sup>th</sup> March or 29<sup>th</sup> April. The clerk was asked to invite the practice manager.

The clerk has invite representatives to attend Parish Council meetings in May, June and July. Barnsley Healthcare Federation replied to say no one would be able to attend.

Cllr B Lee said he and his wife had use the service for many years without any problems.

**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.

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

**4 A.** Ratification proposed by Cllr P Ford seconded by Cllr R Booker. The minutes of 25<sup>th</sup> March 2019 are ratified.

#### **5. Police Matters.**

**5 A.** Council members reported that there has been an attempted break in at the flats on Bedale walk. And a burglary at a property on Pontefract Road where a substantial amount of property was stolen.

The meeting asked the public to be aware that burglars are active in the area.

#### **6. Roads/ Footpaths/ Lighting.**

**6 A.** Members reported that the road surface is breaking up again along the High Street. The clerk was asked to report to BMBC highways.

**6 B.** Members reported that Virgin are leaving the pavements in a mess.

**6 C.** Members reported that a vehicle is causing an obstruction outside 19/21 Hazeldene Crescent. By parking at across a drop kerb / crossing area.

**6 D.** A member asked if there was any progress on getting the fence repaired at the Singing Man. A member is chasing up with Cudworth elected members of BMBC.

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

**7 A.** The allotments have a full occupancy and there is no one on the waiting list.

**7 B.** Members said the public have been asking what's happening regarding The Play Group and Play Works.

**7 C.** The Play Group who currently run morning sessions, have informed us they will cease on 19<sup>th</sup> July 2019. Another interested party has applied to hire the community centre from the beginning of September 2019 to run an under-fives play area. Potentially from 08.40am to 15.00pm Monday to Friday.

**7 D.** Play Works who currently run the breakfast club and after school club have also informed us they will cease on 19<sup>th</sup> July 2019. Play Works are undergoing a change of management. The new management has stated it's intention to run Play Works along the same lines as it is currently.

**7 E.** Both applications are being considered and are subject to the agreement of Shafton Parish Councils terms and conditions for users.

**8. Correspondence.**

**8 A.** Electricity bill received from British Gas for the period 8<sup>th</sup> January to 7<sup>th</sup> April 2019. For a total cost of £373.72.

**9. Any other business.**

**9 A.** A member reported that to get a new representative on the panel. The North East Ward Alliance require that a nomination form is completed and submitted to them for consideration.

**9 B.** A member of the public said that, in view of the proposed cuts to PCSO hours they have started a petition. To ask that police / PCSO patrols continue in Shafton. Which will be submitted to The Police and Crime Commissioner. They have been advised to do this quickly because the new regime will be implemented shortly.

**10. Date of next meeting**

Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> May 2019 at 07.00pm.

There being no further business brought for discussion the Chairman closed the meeting at 08.25pm.