

Minutes of the Monthly Parish Council Meeting

Held at the Community Centre Monday 24th June 2019.

Present Cllrs. P Ford (Chair), R Booker (vice chair) J Giles, B Lee, P Makinson, K Wicks, P Archer, L Holt, J Walker (clerk) Ward Cllr A Cherryholme, 25N^o members of the public.

21. Apologies for absence were received from Cllr D North.

22. Minutes of the previous meeting. Held Tuesday 28th May 2019 were read.

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

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?

16 B. Members of the public said that on the corner of Chapel Street / High Street. The fence is falling over and the shrubs are overgrown creating a mess on the pavement. Also at the rear there is an overgrown shrub growing towards the chapel which may cause problems with the walls in future. The chair said he would visit the site and ask for the issues to be sorted.

19 A. A member of the public they are forming a group with The Big Lunch which is part of The Eden Project initiative to bring people together. The group are planning to hold an event in August on The Green Shafton. A representative of the group asked if The Parish Council would lend the group some trestle tables. The chair said The Parish Council would support the event in any way it can.

Ward Cllr AC was thanked for securing funding for the event.

The Big Lunch event will take place on Saturday 31st August at 12.30.

19 B. Members of the public said there are problems with youths riding motor cycles without helmets on Meadow Croft, Hawthorne Way/ Blacker Lane. This occurs most nights and seems to be youths straight from school. The meeting said if there's any information where they go or where they are from it could be passed on at the crime sub group meeting.

Ward Cllr AC. Reported that this has been raised at the last PACT meeting where it was requested that this becomes a PACT priority. The PACT meeting asked for photographs and number plates.

19 E. Members of the public said the substation in the school grounds is an eye sore and safety concern. The chair said The Parish Council have written several times to the school and been to speak to the head and business manager again several times. Their response is that the substation is nothing to do with them, as it is the responsibility of the utilities company.

Ward Cllr AC has been in contact with the utilities, who have made improvements to the substation fence. And agreed to relay the flags at the substation.

24. Ratification of the minutes of the previous meeting.

24 A. Ratification proposed by Cllr P Ford seconded by Cllr R Booker. The minutes of 28th May 2019 are ratified.

25. Police Matters.

25 A. The chair said that any issues raised would be taken to the crime sub group meeting and the PACT meeting. Which are attended by the police. The chair reported that the next crime sub group meeting is on 4th July at 10.00am in Grimethorpe.

25 B. A member of the public said recently there have been eleven break ins on the Ideal Homes estate. Parish Cllrs said all incidents should be reported to the police via their 101 number and the crime sub group meeting. The public replied that you can't get an answer through the 101 number and you never see the police patrolling Shafton anymore.

25 C. A member of the public ask can we have Parish CCTV in the village with two cameras one at each end of the village. There's a white Escort car and a white Iveco van often seen patrolling the village late at night. With CCTV at both ends of the village we would be able to see who's coming and going.

25 D. Ward Cllr AC said the more that is reported to the police the more information will be recorded. A Neighbourhood Watch Group would be a good way of collecting information and other Neighbourhood Watch Groups would advise on CCTV cameras. Parish Cllrs reported that in the past locals have tried to establish a Neighbourhood Watch Group but failed because there was no interest from the public.

25 E. Public said youths come across the fields on motor bikes from West Yorkshire to look round the estates. Our house prices are going down and insurance is going up. The crime figures the police produce are incorrect because no one can get through on the 101 number.

26. Roads/ Footpaths/ Lighting.

26 A. A member of the public said on Meadow Croft the street lights are being obscured by trees. Ward Cllr AC asked if the tree was on the street or in a garden and could we get a house number. And said they would look in to this after the meeting.

26 B. A member of the public said at the end of Meadow Croft, hedges are obstructing the pavement. The chair said The Parish Council will have a look to see if we can do the work. If the tenants agree.

26 C. A member of the public said vehicles parked on the pavements of Meadow Croft are causing a blind spot at the junction. The meeting agreed that if this was in violation of parking laws it can be reported to BMBC parking enforcement or if it's causing an obstruction it was a police issue.

27. Community Centre/ Playing Fields/Allotments.

27 A. The public asked what we can do about the horses straying through the village. Parish Cllrs said there is a horse watch scheme in operation. The public replied if the horses are fed and watered they won't do anything. Parish Cllrs the last time they were in the recreation ground we phoned the owner and they were collected. We will put the horse watch number in our notice board.

28. Correspondence.

28 A. Received from BMBC electoral services the monthly update of electors.

29. Any other business.

29 A. A member of the public reported that residents on Park View are throwing rubbish over garden fences into the recreation ground.

29 B. Parish Cllrs reported that Shafton Bike Fest will take place at Outwood Academy on Saturday 6th July 2019 from 12.00 o'clock to 3.00 o'clock.

29 C. Public asked why there is no school crossing patrol at Shafton Primary Academy. Ward Cllr AC replied the provision of school crossing patrols is not in the hands of The Borough Council. I can ask that the area is monitored during school times.

30. Date of next meeting

Monday 29th July 2019 at 07.00pm.

There being no further business brought for discussion the Chairman closed the meeting at 7.55pm.