

Minutes of the Monthly Parish Council Meeting

Held at the Community Centre Monday 29th July 2019.

Present Cllrs. D North (Chair), P Ford (vice chair) J Giles, R Booker, B Lee. P Makinson. K Wicks, P Archer, L Holt, J Walker (clerk), Ward Cllrs, A Cherryholme and J Ennis. 1N^o PCSO Officer, 23N^o Members of the public.

Apologies for absence. Ward Cllr D Higginbottom.

31. Minutes of the previous meeting. Held Monday 24th June 2019 were read.

32. 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.

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.

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.

33. Ratification of the minutes of the previous meeting.

33 A. Ratification proposed by Cllr R Booker seconded by Cllr P Makinson. The minutes of Monday 24th June 2019 are ratified.

34. Police Matters

34 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.

34 B. A member of the public asked if it was true that South Yorkshire Police are doing away with the 101 reporting line and PCSO officers. The PCSO officer replied that they haven't been informed that the 101 number was to end and that the force are reducing PCSO N^{os} but will be increasing PCs and sergeants.

34 C. Members of the public said they felt like siting targets as the crime rate in the village increases. One lady said her children are afraid to go to play in the park in case the thieves return. During the gala in August lots of people will be away from their homes and the thieves will be aware of this. And when insurance companies ask for our post code the premium goes up.

35 D. A member of the public reported a burglary in progress and the police attended with blue lights and knocked on my door at 03.00am to ask which house it was.

Ward Cllrs agreed this was not acceptable of the police. We have made Shafton a priority at the PACT meetings. We also have the same situation in Brierley with burglaries in the afternoon.

35 E. Members of the public asked regarding CCTV for the village. Where would they be monitored? Ward Cllrs said the ones in Grimethorpe are monitored by staff in Doncaster who are in contact with all police stations. The public said could we have a recorder located in the village and look at it when necessary. The meeting agreed this could be looked into further.

35 F. A member of the public asked if the police do proactive crime prevention, giving home owners advice. PCSO said they have done crime prevention initiatives in the past but there isn't one at present.

35 G. A member of The Parish Council asked the PCSO if they would let us know when there will be a community speed watch event in the village.

36. Roads/ Footpaths/ Lighting.

36 A. A member of the public said the hedges on Hawthorne Street are overgrowing the pavement and the steps leading onto Bedale estate are overgrown. The ward Cllrs said they would look into these issues.

36 B. A member of the public said there is water running down Dog Hill and the drains are blocked. Ward Cllrs said they would report the drains to BMBC highways. A member of Shafton Parish will report the water to Yorkshire Water.

36 C. Members of the public said there was waste food spilt on Redthorne Way. The chair said members of The Parish Council will visit the farm.

36 D. A member asked the ward Cllrs if we could have double yellow lines outside the Primary Academy. The ward Cllrs said they would ask for them on one side of the road, but was aware it could set a precedent for every school in the borough.

37. Community Centre/ Playing Fields/Allotments.

37 A. The chair reported that the community centre is being decorated at present.

39. Any other business.

39 A. A member of the public asked if there had been any progress moving the people off the land on Sandybridge Lane. The Parish Council reported that the matter is going through the courts.

40. Date of next meeting

Tuesday 27th August 2019 at 07.00pm.

There being no further business brought for discussion the Chairman closed the meeting at 08.30pm.