

Minutes of the Monthly Parish Council Meeting

Held at the Community Centre Monday 30th September 2019.

Present Cllrs. D North (Chair), P Ford (vice chair) J Giles, R Booker, P Makinson. L Holt. P Archer. J Walker (clerk) Police sergeant and two PCSO officers, Reporter (Barnsley Chronicle). 12N^o Members of the public.

41. Apologies for absence were received from, B Lee and K Wicks.

42. Minutes of the previous meeting. Held Monday 29th July 2019 were read.

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

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.

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. A member of The Parish Council said the drain has collapsed. A member said they would raise this with our ward Cllr.

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. The clerk was asked to write to Tuckers to ask them to sweep the road on a weekly basis.

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. The chair reported that this is being dealt with by BMBC.

44. Ratification of the minutes of the previous meeting.

44 A. Ratification proposed by Cllr P Makinson seconded by Cllr J Giles. The minutes of 29th July 2019 are ratified.

45. Police Matters.

45 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 police sergeant went through the points raised at 34B, 35C, 35F and 35G below.

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 sergeant said the 101 number won't be ending, adding that there are other ways of reporting crime. Reporting crime that has occurred and the offender is no longer present can be reported at the South Yorkshire Police website on an online form.

45. Police Matters. (continued)

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.

The sergeant reported to the meeting that suspects for local crimes are currently going through the courts. Viewing the recent crime figures for Shafton there are only two incidents reported. A member of the public disputed the figures stating that they had reported a firearms incident. The sergeant said he had looked specifically at the break ins reported but was not aware of the fire arms offence. Adding we are trying to work with the community in all areas of crime reduction emphasising that reports of crime need to be made. A member of the public said they had reported a break in two months ago and had received no response yet.

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. The sergeant reported that they do and will continue to investigate around targeted properties.

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.

The sergeant said that this is in great demand throughout the North East and consideration is being given to locations around Shafton for the near future.

46. Roads/ Footpaths/ Lighting.

46 A. A member asked if the bus stop on The High Street could have road markings to prevent vehicles parking at the bus stop / causing an obstruction. The clerk was asked to look into who would do this.

46 B. A member of the public asked why the fence hasn't been repaired in front of The Singing Man. The chair said we were about to repair it when BMBC said they would repair it. We will chase it up again and if BMBC won't do it we will.

46 C. A member asked if speed indication devices (SID) are available for use in Shafton. Police sergeant replied yes they are at Brierley at present but we do move them around frequently.

47. Community Centre/ Playing Fields/Allotments.

47 A. The chair reported that the community centre is used five days a week at the present.

47 B. The chair that there is no one on the allotments waiting list and asked the reporter put it in The Chronicle.

47 C. A member of the public said the dog waste bins in the recreation ground are not emptied often enough. The chair reported that we have had problems with BMBC staff saying it's not their job to empty them. This has been resolved now so they should be emptied weekly.

49. Any other business.

49 A. A member of the public asked why the parish has donated £1000.00 to Felkirk Church. The meeting explained that it is the churches 900th anniversary this year and they are fund raising for an event to celebrate this. The lot of Shafton people have been christened, married buried at the church so it is a large part of this parish and village.

50. Date of next meeting

28th October 2019 at 07.00pm.

There being no further business brought for discussion the Chairman closed the meeting at 08.45pm.