

Minutes of the Monthly Parish Council Meeting

Held at the Community Centre Monday 24th February 2020.

Present Cllrs. D North (Chair), J Giles, R Booker, B Lee. P Makinson. P Archer, L Holt. J Walker (clerk). Ward Cllrs A Cherryholme and J Ennis. Barnsley Chronicle reporter. 8 N^o Members of the public.

82. Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs P Ford and K Wicks.

83. Minutes of the previous meeting. Held Monday 27th January 2020 were read.

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

74. The meeting expressed disappointment and frustration at the lack of feedback / action taken by Dr Billings following his visit in November 2019.

77 A. A member reported that the litter bin on Tollgate is badly damaged and needs replacing as it's on the route to school.

Although BMBC are carrying out an audit of street litter bins. The Ward Cllrs are pursuing this.

77 C. Ward Cllrs reported that the footpath along the dyke off Sandy Bridge Lane is impassable. The clerk was asked to contact BMBC planning to request a site meeting with planning officers. To look at the developments in this area.

Ward Cllrs reported that discussions have taken place with BMBC planning officers and a meeting will be arranged in the near future.

80 A. The Parish Council has received complaints that an area of land off Blacker Lane has lots of skips and waste. The ward Cllrs are going to look in to it.

Ward Cllrs reported that the phone number on the skips is no longer in use. But most of the waste has been removed and work will continue to resolve issues on the site.

80 D. A member of the public said there is a growing problem with dog mess on the pavements along the High Street and Hawthorne Street. The meeting agreed this is the action of unsociable dog owners and would be asking BMBC officers to patrol the areas with a view to handing out on the spot fines.

Ward Cllrs reported that BMBC officers have issued spot fines in the village and will continue to patrol the area.

80 E. A member of the public said outside the Outwood Academy Grimethorpe pupils are having to wait thirty minutes for a service bus. Because there are no school buses to take them home at the end of school times. This is causing a nuisance because of the large numbers of children congregating.

Ward Cllrs reported that they have discussed the issues with the academy and things have improved.

80 G. A member of the public reported that they have seen rats in the grounds of Shafton Primary Academy. They also asked if repairs could be carried out to the footpath which runs behind Shafton Primary Academy. The chair said we have written on several occasions to the academy to ask that the trees be removed on the school perimeter because the roots are causing damage to the footpath. The clerk was asked to write to the school again regarding the footpath and include concerns regarding the sighting of rats.

The clerk reported that they have written to Shafton Primary Academy but as yet not received a response.

85. Ratification of the minutes of the previous meeting.

85 A. Ratification proposed by Cllr R Booker seconded by Cllr P Makinson. The minutes of 27th January 2020 are ratified.

86. Police Matters.

86 A. Members of the public said a there has been an attempted van theft and a back door has been broken on Manor View, so crime is still on the rise in the village. You can often see drug dealing going on at garage sites through the village.

87. Roads/ Footpaths/ Lighting.

87 A. A member of the public said a wall has been hit by a vehicle on Hawthorne Street. A section of the wall has broken at its base leaving it in danger of falling over.

87 B. Ward Cllrs asked if they could be informed of any group litter picks in Shafton.

87 C. A member of the public said grass is overgrowing the pavement on Dog Hill. The chair said they would inspect the area and possibly get our caretaker to clear it off.

87 D. A member of the public said the road surface is breaking up along Park View and there are potholes on Millside and Dog Hill. The clerk was asked to report to BMBC highways.

88. Community Centre/ Playing Fields/Allotments.

89. Correspondence.

90. Any other business.

91 A. Members of Shafton Community Group, said there will be an event on 25th July 2020 between 01.00pm and 8.00pm “They’ll be blue birds over Shafton” to mark V E day. It will have a 1940s theme with military vehicles and artistes performing 1940 music.
The chair said any help we can give you we will.

91 B. A member passed on the thanks of The Methodist on to The Parish Council and The North East Ward Alliance for their support in raising money to enable them to get the roof and windows repaired.

92. Date of next meeting 30th March 2020 at 07.00pm.

There being no further business brought for discussion the Chairman closed the meeting at 08.15pm.