

CRIGGLESTONE PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 7 APRIL 2015

Present: Councillors: Mrs Binns, Mrs J Craven, P Crompton, P Daniels, J Garthwaite, Mrs D Margrave, J Peebles, Mrs C Platten, A Roe, Mrs M Skinner and K Wainwright.

District Councillor: K Barker.

Apologies: District Councillors L Kirkpatrick and I Sanders.

361. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were accepted.

362. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor J Garthwaite declared an interest in Item 19 (i) Planning.

363. TO CONSIDER REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATIONS UNDER SECTION 33 OF THE LOCALISM ACT 2011

None received.

364. TO RECEIVE SUCH ITEMS THAT THE CHAIRMAN MAY WISH TO LAY BEFORE THE COUNCIL

The Chairman thanked Councillors for their support in the period that he had been a parish councillor. It was now 40 years since he was first elected and he did not intend to seek re-election.

365. TO CONFIRM THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 10 MARCH 2015

Resolved: That the minutes of the meeting held on 10 March 2015 be approved as a correct record.

366. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES FOR INFORMATION ONLY

Further to Minute 355 (2014/15), Councillor Barker confirmed that enforcement staff were still pursuing the display of sheds at 354 Denby Dale Road and were also looking into the situation at Harratts, where cars were parked in the layby which should be reserved for transported vehicles. The Clerk would follow up with the Service Director for Planning at Wakefield Council.

367. TO EXCLUDE MEMBERS OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC

Resolved: That members of the press and public be excluded from the meeting following item 23.

The Police report was deferred pending the arrival of PC May

368. TO RECEIVE REPORT FROM THE PARKS AND OPEN SPACES COMMITTEE

The Clerk gave an update on matters including management planning, a recent health and safety inspection, Park boundary issues and problems with the drainage of the BMX track.

Resolved: (1) That the report be noted.

(2) That the issue regarding the northern boundary of the Park be discussed in private.

369. TO RECEIVE REPORT FROM THE HEALTH & SAFETY AND FINANCE COMMITTEE

The minutes of the Committee meeting on 10 March had been circulated.

Resolved: That the minutes be noted.

370. TO RECEIVE REPORT ON RIGHTS OF WAY MATTERS

Further to Min 341 (2014/15), the Clerk reported that works to the unadopted footpath from behind the Village Institute had been ordered. Councillor Margrave noted that Footpath 13 was obstructed by a fallen tree: she would report this.

Resolved: That the report be noted.

371. TO DISCUSS HALL GREEN COMMUNITY CENTRE MATTERS

Councillor Mrs Binns reported on prices for new doors at the Centre.

Resolved: That Wakefield Trade Windows' quote for two doors at a total of £1,350 + vat be approved.

372. VILLAGE INSTITUTE CHARITY COMMITTEE: TO RECEIVE UPDATE FROM PREVIOUS MEETING

The Committee had met earlier and discussions included the job descriptions of the caretaker and volunteer, utility contracts, the outcome of the health and safety inspection and the car park contract. It was noted that, in consultation with the VICC Chair and CPC Vice Chair, the RFO had accepted an increase from £6,000 to £9,000 in the price of the tarmac element of the contract. Further minor works would be completed in the near future.

Resolved: That the decision to accept the price increase as above be ratified.

373. TO RECEIVE FEEDBACK FROM MEETINGS

Councillors Mrs Craven and Mrs Binns had attended the YLCA Branch meeting when the main item was hydraulic fracturing (fracking). Members thought the numerous coal workings around Crigglestone might give cause for concern if fracking was carried out in the area.

Resolved: That the report be noted.

374. TO RECEIVE THE CLERK'S REPORT

The report had been circulated and the Clerk noted a response from the Highways Agency.

Resolved: That a further meeting of the Noise Group be considered at the May meeting.

PC May arrived (7.55pm)

375. TO RECEIVE THE POLICE REPORT

PC May tabled a report including Safe Scheme activities in March 2015. Some 36 hours had been worked in the month, 25.5 by police officers and 10.5 by PCSOs. There were 19 crimes and 14 incidents of anti-social behaviour recorded.

Working on the Safe Scheme, officers had focussed on speeding on Painthorpe Lane, Dennington Lane, High Street, Cliff Road, Durkar Lane and Denby Dale Road resulting in some 20 Traffic Offence Reports and 17 warnings about excessive speed. Seven drivers had also been asked to produce insurance/licence documents. Two drivers were warned about parking with lights dazzling other road users on Denby Dale Road East, a fixed penalty notice was issued for illegal parking at Almshouse Lane and one HGV driver was warned and advised about the use of Hollin Lane. They had also addressed anti-social behaviour in Betty Eastwood Park and parking issues at Cliff Road.

In the period there were two burglaries, at Denby Dale Road (TV taken from caravan) and Newmillerdam (wallet stolen). Thefts were recorded at Denby Dale Road (gas meter), Newmillerdam (theft from vehicle), Hampson's Plant World and at Pipers Green. There were two instances of making off without paying at the BP garage, a small cannabis farm found at Painthorpe and three damage reports (windows broken on High Street and items thrown from Dennington Lane onto a car on the motorway). Anti-social behaviour reports included an off road motorbike on Hill Road and calls about nuisance youths in Crigglestone.

Priorities for April would be speeding/parking on Painthorpe Lane, Hollin Lane and Denby Dale Road, parking on yellow lines at the Kingfisher Restaurant and anti-social behaviour in Betty Eastwood Park.

Resolved: That the Parish Council thank the police for their report.

376. TO DISCUSS OUTCOME OF MEETING WITH POLICE 11 MARCH 2015

Councillors Daniels, Wainwright and Mrs Platten had attended a meeting with Sgt Loftus and PC May on 11 March. It was felt the way in which the Scheme was now operating was very satisfactory.

Resolved: That the report be noted.

377. TO DISCUSS SAFE SCHEME CARRY-OVER 2014/15 AND BUDGET 2015/16

The carry-over from 2014/15 was understood to be about £800.

Resolved: That the Safe Scheme allocation for 2015/16 be confirmed as £8,000 less the actual amount of the carry-over.

378. TO APPROVE POSTING OF ELECTORS RIGHTS NOTICE

Resolved: That the electors' rights notice be approved and displayed on the Parish Council notice board.

379. FINANCIAL MATTERS: TO APPROVE PAYMENT OF ACCOUNTS

The RFO presented the following for payment:

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Clerk – salary + allowances	453.84
Responsible Financial Officer – salary + allowances	205.55
Xerox (UK) Ltd – photocopier charges	18.62
Wakefield Council – Annual rent for BEP	25.00
YLCA – Annual subscription	935.00
T&D Contractors – annual maintenance BEP 2014/15	2,220.00

Resolved: That the accounts be approved for payment.

380. CORRESPONDENCE

A correspondence schedule had been circulated and an update was tabled.

Resolved: (1) That a response be sent to the resident who commented on the use of Safe Scheme funds.

(2) That Councillor Daniels respond to the Single Transport Plan questionnaire.

(3) That the remaining correspondence be noted.

381. TO DISCUSS PLANNING APPLICATIONS/DECISIONS

Members noted the schedule of planning applications and decisions which had been circulated.

382. TO DISCUSS FUTURE OF PUGNEYS COUNTRY PARK

Members discussed Wakefield Council's plans for Pugneys Country Park (half of which is within the parish) and were disappointed that it appeared the only way to retain the Park was to run it as a theme park. This was not in keeping with the character of the country park and had the potential to exacerbate air quality problems in the area.

Resolved: That Wakefield Council be informed that the Parish Council prefers to see the existing attractions retained, footpaths improved and air quality problems addressed.

383. TO RECEIVE UPDATE FROM DISTRICT COUNCILLORS

Councillor Barker tabled a report covering wind turbine policy, updates on premises for Durkar Devils, Crigglestone Sports Club and Hall Green Junior FC, the WMDC apprenticeship scheme, hopes for a post office in Crigglestone and best wishes to the outgoing parish councillors.

Resolved: That the District Councillors be thanked for their contributions to the work of the Parish Council.

Councillor Mrs Craven left the room (9.21pm)

384. PRESS REPORTS – ITEMS FOR PUBLICATION

Resolved: That the Clerk update parish items for the press.

Councillor Mrs Craven rejoined the meeting (9.24pm)

385. TO CONSIDER INPUT FOR PARISH LINK MAGAZINE

Resolved: That the RFO prepare the Parish Council insert for the next Parish Link.

386. TO APPROVE ITEMS FOR THE PARISH COUNCIL WEB SITE

Resolved: That the March 2015 Parish Council minutes and the Chairman's annual report be placed on the website.

387. DATE, TIME AND PLACE OF THE NEXT MEETING

Resolved: That the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council be held 7.00pm on Tuesday 12 May 2015 in the Village Institute, High Street, Crigglestone.

IN PRIVATE

388. TO DISCUSS PARKS AND OPEN SPACES MATTERS

Councillor Mrs Platten and the Clerk noted a potential instance of encroachment into Betty Eastwood Park.

Resolved: That advice be sought from Wakefield Council regarding this matter.

SIGNED _____
CHAIRMAN

DATE _____

**CRIGGLESTONE PARISH COUNCIL
PUBLIC PARTICIPATION SESSION**

Tuesday 7 April 2015

Three members of the public attended. One was pleased to note the recent painting of 'pick up or pay up' signs on paths in the parish, but wondered if the police had done any speed checks on Painthorpe Lane. Members confirmed that Painthorpe Lane had been on the list. Another resident complained about speeding on Hollin Lane.

In recognition that some members were not standing for re-election, a resident paid tribute to the service of Councillors Peebles and Wainwright and indeed all the Parish Council.