

CRIGGLESTONE PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 4 JANUARY 2011

Present: Councillors: Mrs J Craven, P Crompton, J Garthwaite, Mrs D Margrave, Mrs C Norris, J Peebles (Chairman), Mrs C Platten, Mrs M Skinner, K Wainwright

District Councillor Mrs J Drysdale

Apologies: Councillors P Daniels and A Roe

255. WELCOME

The Chairman wished all present a Happy New Year and welcomed Mrs Froggett and Mr Hartley together with members of the Community Hero Committee, Mr Sykes and Canon Gaskell.

256. PRESENTATION OF COMMUNITY HERO AWARDS 2010

The Chairman presented the Community Hero Awards for 2010 to Mrs Jean Froggett and Mr Ken Hartley in recognition of their valuable contributions to the life of the local community. As in 2009, local residents had been invited to nominate their hero. There were two nominations for 2010 and the Committee felt they were equally deserving, and so it was agreed to make a joint award. Framed certificates were presented to Jean and Ken. Canon Ian Gaskell echoed the Chairman's remarks saying that it was important to recognise the deeds of unsung heroes in the community.

Resolved: That a press release be issued in respect of the Community Hero Award presentation.

257. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were accepted.

258. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None.

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

None.

260. TO CONFIRM THE MINUTES OF THE MEETINGS HELD ON 7 AND 16 DECEMBER 2010

Resolved: (1) That the minutes of the meeting held on 7 December be approved as a correct record.

(2) That, subject to an amendment regarding the location of the meeting, the minutes of the meeting held on 16 December be approved as a correct record.

261. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES FOR INFORMATION ONLY

The Clerk noted that she had yet to contact residents near Wadhouse Lane to advise them against tipping garden rubbish near the watercourse.

262. TO EXCLUDE MEMBERS OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC

There were no items in private.

263. POLICE REPORT

PS Day circulated a report which showed that 61 hours had been worked on the Safe Scheme in December. Police officers had worked 49 hours and PCSOs 12 hours. A total of 33 incidents had been recorded in the month, this being a significant decrease on the November figures. This was due to increased patrols in the area in addition to a prolific car crime individual being remanded. There had been three burglary reports in Chapelthorpe and two in Durkar: in each case the perpetrator used a rock or brick to smash a window. There had been eight thefts from vehicles, entry method unknown. One youth was cautioned for possession of cannabis and a

further 27 youths were stopped during the month. For the third month running, overall anti-social behaviour was lower than the previous month. Checks had continued in the St John's Church area and Betty Eastwood Park but the areas were quiet. A total of 24 speeding tickets had been issued on Denby Dale Road and Wood Lane on the SAFE scheme, and to a further five 'boy racers' on a Sunday evening. A further 13 drivers were required to produce their documents and three were given vehicle defect forms.

Priorities for January would be deterring nuisance youths, burglaries and theft from vehicles with particular reference to Hall Green, together with speeding on Denby Dale Road.

Resolved: (1) That the Parish Council thank PS Day for his report and the good policing of the area.

(2) That the Safe Scheme payment of £1,850 in respect of January, February and March 2011 be approved.

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

Minutes of the Committee's meeting on 7 December had been circulated and the Clerk noted that tenders for grounds maintenance and hanging baskets in 2011 had been sought. The contract for work resulting from the tree risk assessment had been offered and the detailed report on the oak tree at Willow Garth was awaited.

Resolved: That the report be noted.

265. TO RECEIVE REPORT FROM THE HEALTH AND SAFETY COMMITTEE

The Committee had met immediately before the Council meeting and had updated the Council's risk assessment.

Resolved: That the report be noted.

266. TO RECEIVE REPORT ON RIGHTS OF WAY MATTERS

There was nothing to report.

267. TO DISCUSS HALL GREEN COMMUNITY CENTRE

Councillor Wainwright was awaiting prices to resurface the frontage of the Community Centre.

268. TO RECEIVE UPDATE REGARDING THE SCOUT HUT

There was nothing to report.

269. VILLAGE INSTITUTE MATTERS

Village Institute Trustees' minutes dated 7 December 2010 had been circulated.

Resolved: That the minutes be accepted as a correct record.

270. FINANCIAL MATTERS: TO APPROVE PAYMENT OF ACCOUNTS

The Responsible Financial Officer presented the following for payment:

	£
Clerk - salary +expenses	434.77
Responsible Financial Officer - salary + expenses	146.37
HMRC - Tax	533.40
WY Police - Safe Scheme	1,850.00
Xerox	14.82

Resolved: That the accounts be approved for payment.

271. FINANCIAL MATTERS: TO RECEIVE AND APPROVE QUARTERLY ACCOUNTS TO DECEMBER 2010

The Responsible Financial Officer presented the balance sheet for the period 15 September to 15 December 2010.

Resolved: That the balance sheet be agreed and signed as a correct record and that the bank statement be initialled by all Members present as a correct record of the Parish Council's financial position.

272. FINANCIAL MATTERS: TO DISCUSS GRANT APPLICATION FROM FRIENDS OF NEWMILLERDAM COUNTRY PARK

Members considered an application from the Friends of Newmillerdam Country Park. It was noted that the application referred to an area partly within the parish.

Resolved: (1) That the Council in accordance with its powers under Section 137 of the Local Government Act 1972 as amended, should incur the following expenditure, which in the opinion of the Council is in the interests of the area or its inhabitants and will benefit them in a manner commensurate with the expenditure of the amount set out below:

	Award	£250
Grant towards footpath works and visitor facilities		

(2) That the grant be used only for works within Crigglestone Parish.

273. TO RECEIVE AND ADDRESS COMPLAINT FROM RESIDENT

Copies of correspondence between a resident and the Clerk had been circulated and copies of extracts from relevant minutes were tabled. Since the information provided to the resident under the Freedom of Information Act was not acceptable to her, the matter was now being reviewed under the Council's complaints policy. The Clerk noted advice received from YLCA.

Resolved that the complainant be informed:

(1) That the Parish Council has not been formally approached by the District Council regarding the future of the public footpath from Stoney Lane to Hall Lane

(2) That any approach would be in a consultative capacity only as the Parish Council has no powers in this matter

(3) That, having reviewed the minutes queried by the complainant, the Council considers its actions appropriate.

(4) That PACT meeting minutes are not reported to the Parish Council as suggested by the complainant

274. CORRESPONDENCE

1.	NALC	Journal
2.	VAWD	Training sessions: helping to get involved in your community
3.	WMDC	Civic Carol Service 21 December
4.	YLCA	Email – Localism bill
5.	NALC	Email: LCR Online - Localism Bill, the Audit threat to Big Society, how to gear up for the 2011 Census
6.	WMDC	Digital switchover news
7.	WYPTE	Email - West Yorkshire Rural Accessibility Partnership - Round Up newsletter
8.	SESKU Academy (boxing and martial arts)	Email – voluntary sector training packages – H&S, first aid, mentoring etc
9.	Groundwork	Launch of Blue Sky initiative
10.	Rural Action Yorkshire	Rearranged AGM 12 January

Resolved: That the correspondence be noted.

275. TO DISCUSS PLANNING APPLICATIONS

The Parish Council considered the planning applications before them, including the application for 244 houses at Durkar Lane, Durkar, previously discussed at the extraordinary meeting on 17 December 2010.

During discussion of this item Councillor Mrs Craven left the room (8.40 – 8.44pm)

Resolved: That the Clerk submit an objection to application no 10/02367 housing off Durkar Lane on grounds of concerns for infrastructure and sustainability, poor air quality, education, traffic congestion, drainage, ground conditions, strain on health services, poor public transport system, lack of shops, eradication of local heritage, availability of alternative sites and inappropriate housing design.

276. TO DISCUSS APPLICATION FOR CHANGE TO GOODS OPERATORS LICENCE: TOP TREADS LTD

Further to Minute 239 (2010/11), the Clerk had submitted an objection to the Traffic Commissioner's Office and she read out their response suggesting a condition that might be undertaken by the applicant. A letter received from Top Treads had been circulated. Members were still concerned at the proposal and noted reports of the smell of burning rubber from the premises.

Resolved: That the Traffic Commissioner's Office be informed that the Parish Council wishes to proceed with its objection to the proposal on the grounds outlined before, particularly that the additional vehicle use will be detrimental to the air quality of the area.

277. TO DISCUSS WMDC PROPOSAL FOR WINTER HIGHWAY MAINTENANCE ACTIVITIES

No further information was available.

Councillor Mrs Platten left the room (9.15 pm)

278. TO RECEIVE UPDATE FROM DISTRICT COUNCILLORS

District Councillor Mrs Drysdale updated Members on the resurfacing and white lining at Chapelthorpe, the provision of litter bins at Hall Green Community Centre and the playing fields and a Farmwatch meeting on 19 January. She said the Council's Spending Review meeting had been reconvened for 7th January. It was noted that Councillor Daniels hoped to attend.

Councillor Mrs Platten returned (9.17pm)

279. UPDATE ON PARISH MATTERS

The Clerk had circulated the Parish Matters register and updated members on progress.

Resolved: That the Clerk contact DPR Group Services regarding the bushes overhanging the footway within Crigglestone Industrial Estate.

280. TO RECEIVE PARISH MATTERS

There were no further matters.

281. PRESS REPORTS – ITEMS FOR PUBLICATION

Resolved: That the Clerk contact Cath Devlin to update parish items for the press.

Councillor Mrs Norris left the meeting (9.30 pm)

282. TO CONSIDER INPUT FOR PARISH LINK MAGAZINE

Resolved: That the Responsible Financial Officer prepare the Parish Council insert for the next Parish Link.

283. TO APPROVE ITEMS FOR THE PARISH COUNCIL WEB SITE

Resolved: That the December 2010 Parish Council minutes be placed on the website.

284. DATE, TIME AND PLACE OF THE NEXT MEETING

Resolved: That the next meeting of the Parish Council be held in the Village Institute, High Street, Crigglestone at 7.00pm on Tuesday 1 February 2011.

SIGNED _____
CHAIRMAN

DATE _____

**CRIGGLESTONE PARISH COUNCIL
PUBLIC PARTICIPATION SESSION**

7.00 pm Crigglestone Village Institute, Tuesday 4 January 2011

No members of the public attended.