

CRIGGLESTONE PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 7 DECEMBER 2010

Present: Councillors: Mrs J Craven, P Daniels, Mrs C Norris J Peebles (Chairman), Mrs C Platten, A Roe, Mrs M Skinner, K Wainwright

Apologies: Councillors Mrs D Margrave, P Crompton, J Garthwaite, District Councillor B Denson. Councillor Mrs Platten and PS Day would arrive late.

221. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were accepted. The Police report would be taken when the officer arrived.

222. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None.

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

The Chairman referred to the Remembrance Services at the Cathedral, St James and at Newmillerdam War Memorial. Attendance at Newmillerdam was much increased on previous years. He wished to congratulate Crigglestone Operatic Society who had performed at the Cathedral.

224. TO CONFIRM THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 2 NOVEMBER 2010

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

225. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES FOR INFORMATION ONLY

Councillor Wainwright said he was awaiting prices to resurface the frontage of Hall Green Community Centre (Minute 199 2010/11).

226. TO EXCLUDE MEMBERS OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC

Resolved: That members of the press and public be excluded from the meeting following agenda item 26.

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

The Committee had met earlier that day. The Clerk noted that the Committee had agreed to seek tenders for park maintenance and general maintenance works 2011/12 and hanging baskets in 2011. They had received a view from their consultant, Arbolution, that the oak tree at Willow Garth was at risk of failure and should not therefore be retained. T&D were to be asked for a price to repair the wall at Bull Lane. Prices for the tree works considered would be discussed in private. The Clerk suggested that at least one additional Committee Member be appointed.

Resolved: (1) That the report be noted.

(2) That, subject to TPO consent, the oak at Willow Garth be removed.

(3) That a member of the public be sought as an appointee for the Committee.

228. TO RECEIVE REPORT FROM THE HEALTH AND SAFETY COMMITTEE

There was nothing to report.

Councillor Mrs Platten arrived (7.18pm)

229. TO RECEIVE REPORT ON RIGHTS OF WAY MATTERS

The Clerk reported that a member of the public had requested copies of reports from the Rights of Way Committee under the Freedom of Information Act. There had been no written reports on the matter raised and the Clerk had explained the nature of the verbal discussions. The member of the public was unhappy and had requested a review of the matter.

Resolved: (1) That the Clerk's verbal report be noted.

(2) That the matter be considered under the Council's complaints procedure at the January meeting.

230. TO DISCUSS HALL GREEN COMMUNITY CENTRE

As reported earlier, Councillor Wainwright hoped to get prices to resurface the frontage of the Community Centre. The Christmas Fair had been a financial success.

Police Sergeant Day together with PC Robinson and PCSO Ashcroft joined the meeting (7.28pm)

231. POLICE REPORT

PS Day circulated a report which showed that 51½ hours had been worked on the Safe Scheme in November. Police officers had worked 43½ hours and PCSOs 8 hours. A total of 54 incidents had been recorded in the month with crime figures being a slight increase on the October figures. At the end of the month, the windows of six cars had been smashed, and stereos and other items taken. This had become a common way of entering vehicles and PS Day urged the public not to leave valuables on display in their cars. The burglary reports included two through insecure doors or windows and one by a bogus water board official. The overall anti-social behaviour figures for the month were much lower than October and the bonfire weekend had been quiet. Checks had been made in the St John's Church area and Betty Eastwood Park. During the month some 11 youths had been stopped. A total of 15 speeding tickets had been issued on Denby Dale Road.

PS Day made reference to the PACT meeting when it was noted that the police had spoken to groups of younger youths to discourage potential anti-social behaviour. Attention had been paid to HGVs on Hollin Lane and queries were raised about HGVs on Dennington Lane which was not weight restricted. Officers would work later shifts, and priorities for December would include speeding on Denby Dale Road and Wood Lane, and cars parked with headlights on especially on Denby Dale Road East.

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

232. TO RECEIVE UPDATE FROM COMMUNITY PLAN STEERING GROUP

Councillor Daniels reported that there had been a poor response to the focus groups but the Group was proceeding to design the questionnaire. The Clerk noted recent use of the photocopier and meeting room together with an administrative fee of £170.

Resolved: (1) That the report be noted.

(2) That no charge be made for the photocopying or room hire.

(3) That an administrative fee of £170 less tax be paid to the Clerk and the Group recharged for this sum.

233. VILLAGE INSTITUTE MATTERS

Village Institute Trustees' minutes dated 2 November 2010 had been circulated.

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

234. FEEDBACK FROM MEETINGS

The Wakefield Together meeting had been postponed.

235. FINANCIAL MATTERS: TO APPROVE PAYMENT OF ACCOUNTS

The Responsible Financial Officer presented the following for payment:

	£
Clerk - salary +expenses + Community Plan payment	648.37
Responsible Financial Officer - salary + expenses	233.52
YPO – CD ROMs	10.52
Ben Parker – newsletter delivery	193.50

G Milner – VI roof	140.00
SLCC – Clerk's subscription	95.00

Resolved: That the accounts be approved for payment.

236. TO RECEIVE UPDATE ON COMMUNITY HERO AWARD

Councillor Daniels reported that the Committee had met earlier that evening to consider the nominations received. They recommended that Community Hero awards be offered to both Jean Froggett and Ken Hartley.

Resolved: (1) That Mrs Jean Froggett and Mr Ken Hartley be confirmed as joint Community Heroes for 2010.

(2) That framed certificates be presented during the Parish Council's January meeting when other members of the Community Hero Committee would be invited, together with Mrs Hartley.

(3) That a press release be issued in January 2011.

(4) That flowers be purchased for Mrs Froggett and Mrs Hartley.

237. CORRESPONDENCE

1.	WMDC	Email – Agenda for council meeting on 10 Nov
2.	CPRE	Email – Indoor mega dairy Lincs, bottle deposit campaign
3.	Unlock Democracy	Email - Sustainable Communities Act: ensuring a strong process for the future benefit of Parish and Town Councils
4.	SLCC	The Clerk journal
5.	Rural Action Yorkshire	Papers for AGM 27 November
6.	WMDC	Email - Agenda for Standards Committee 18 Nov
7.	Public Policy Exchange	Email – Conference London – Delivering the Transition from Civil Service to Civil Society
8.	Civic Pride	Email - Autumn newsletter
9.	Wakefield Hospice	Publicity for event 28 November
10.	Cllr Box	Email - Re Denby Dale Road roundabout
11.	VAWD	Email - Wakefield Assembly launch event Thursday 9 Dec 10am to 1.00pm St Austin's Community Centre
12.	WakeyBus	Email - Newsletter, poster and membership form
13.	LCR Online	Email - Localism Bill, Big Society; Plunkett Foundation's Annual Conference on 25 November
14.	Rural Action Yorkshire	Email - Last chance to book conference at East Keswick 27 Nov Free
15.	YLCA	White Rose Update
16.	Local Works - a project of Unlock Democracy	Email - Sustainable Communities Act - timetable
17.	Komplan	Playground equipment brochure
18.	Image Playgrounds	Playground equipment brochure
19.	Information Commissioner's Office	Confirmation of entry in register under Data Protection Act 1998
20.	VOXNow	E bulletin – news, events, consultations
21.	WYPTE	Email - Local Transport Plan consultation. Document available at www.wyltp.com Drop-in event for partners and stakeholders on 8 Dec at Wellington House, Leeds
22.	WMDC	Email - Free energy event 26 Nov Town Hall
23.	YLCA	E Bulletin – localism, neighbourhood planning, CABE and asset transfer, rural mobile phone coverage
24.	Journal of Local Planning	Email – new e-journal
25.	NALC	LCR online - NALC's new Localism in Practice guide; how to get communities engaged and mobilised; about how your council could put the family at the heart of communities

26.	CPRE	Magazine
27.	WMDC	Email - Library review Open days including County Hall 12 noon to 1.30 Monday 6 Dec
28.	CPRE	Fieldwork magazine
29.	Journal of Local Planning	Email – new e-journal – free first edition
30.	WMDC	Email – Agenda for Council meeting 8 Dec
31.	CPRE	Email - New pylons, mega dairy
32.	NALC	LCR online - asset transfer; New Neighbourhood Plans; Big Society Awards
33.	Ruralis and Communitask	Community planning for rural areas

The Clerk noted that she had attended the Library Review Open Day and described the proposals for volunteer action.

Resolved: That the correspondence be noted.

238. TO DISCUSS PLANNING APPLICATIONS

The Parish Council noted the planning applications before them together with the appeal in respect of the Pump House, Durkar Lane.

Resolved: (1) That the Clerk submit objections to the proposed motor dealership at Calder Park (ref 10/02208) and to proposed dwellings at 155 High Street (ref 10/02171) on the grounds discussed.

(2) That the Leader of Wakefield MDC be asked for his interpretation of the 'Hi-Tech' character of the business park.

(3) That the objection to the motor dealership be referred to Peel Holdings with reference to the retention of the hedgerow.

(4) That an extraordinary meeting of the Parish Council be convened at 7.00pm on Thursday 16 December to consider application no 10/02367, housing development off Durkar Lane.

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

Members had received copy of a notice of a proposal to change an existing licence to keep an additional six goods vehicles at an operating centre on Crigglestone Industrial Estate.

Resolved: That, as owners and tenants of property in the area, the Parish Council object to the proposal on the grounds that additional goods traffic would be detrimental to the area.

240. TO CONSIDER USE OF GOLDEN RIVER SURVEY

The Responsible Financial Officer had analysed the recent survey in conjunction with figures from earlier surveys.

Resolved: That the Responsible Financial Officer be paid for an additional hour's work to further analyse the surveys.

241. TO DISCUSS WMDC PROPOSAL FOR WINTER HIGHWAY MAINTENANCE ACTIVITIES

No further information was available.

242. TO RECEIVE UPDATE FROM DISTRICT COUNCILLORS

None.

243. UPDATE ON PARISH MATTERS

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

Resolved: (1) That the Leader of Wakefield MDC be informed the potholes at the Red Kite roundabout are now much worse.

(2) That the Clerk contact residents backing on to Wadhouse Lane to advise them against tipping garden rubbish.

244. TO RECEIVE PARISH MATTERS

It was noted that the hanging baskets at Calder Grove were still to be removed.

Resolved: That the Clerk seek removal of the baskets.

245. PRESS REPORTS – ITEMS FOR PUBLICATION

Resolved: That the Clerk contact Dr Chowcat to update parish items for the press.

246. TO CONSIDER INPUT FOR PARISH LINK MAGAZINE

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

247. TO APPROVE ITEMS FOR THE PARISH COUNCIL WEB SITE

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

248. DATE, TIME AND PLACE OF THE NEXT MEETING

Resolved: That the next ordinary meeting of the Parish Council be held in the Village Institute, High Street, Crigglestone at 7.00pm on Tuesday 4 January 2011.

249. CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

The Chairman conveyed his best wishes for Christmas and the New Year to all those present.

IN PRIVATE

250. TO RECEIVE RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE PARKS AND OPEN SPACES COMMITTEE

Further to Minute 227 (2010/11) above, the Clerk reported that she had sought updates on the tender figures for the tree work to include the removal of additional trees in Betty Eastwood Park and the oak at Willow Garth. The latter would be subject to TPO consent from Wakefield MDC.

Resolved: (1) That, subject to written confirmation from the contractor, the contract for tree works identified in the risk assessment by Arbolution be offered to Job Earnshaw in the sum of £2,310.

(2) That the work at Willow Garth be subject to TPO consent.

251. TO RECEIVE ADVICE RECEIVED REGARDING PERSONNEL MATTERS

The Clerk reported on advice received from YLCA regarding the payment of staff bonuses.

Resolved: That staff bonuses be incorporated into salaries and all contracts be amended accordingly.

SIGNED _____
CHAIRMAN

DATE _____

**CRIGGLESTONE PARISH COUNCIL
PUBLIC PARTICIPATION SESSION**

7.00 pm Crigglestone Village Institute, Tuesday 7 December 2010

No members of the public attended.