

CRIGGLESTONE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 4th October at 6pm in The Village Institute, High Street, Crigglestone WF4 3EB

Present: Cllrs, P Daniels (Chair), P Crompton, J Craven, C Platten, A Roe, Cynthia Binns, Paul Denton, A Wilby

Attendees: Sarah Knowles-Clerk to the Council

Members of the public: District Cllrs Cynthia Binns, Ian Sanders,

110. To receive apologies and accept reasons for absence

Cllr Grant Maconachie – work commitments

Cllr Michael Oxspring – recovering from surgery

Resolved: That the apologies for absence are approved

111. To receive any declarations of interest from Members

Members are invited to declare disclosable pecuniary interests and other interests in items on the agenda as required by the Crigglestone Parish Council Code of Conduct for Members and by the Localism Act 2011.

Cllrs Binns and Craven as Members of the Hall Green Community Association

112. To consider requests received by the Clerk for dispensations under Section 33 of the Localism Act 2011

None received

113. To receive such items that the Chairman may wish to lay before the Council

To thank those that attended the Church commemoration service and the laying of the floral tribute at Crigglestone cemetery for Her Majesty the Queen.

Police agenda item 17 moved to here.

PC Steven Firth was in attendance and the Safe Scheme report had been circulated earlier.

The recent Traveller encampment at Hall Green had been dealt with very quickly. More details of the incident were discussed. Police issued a Section 60 for a period of 12mths. Damage had been caused and local shops reported regular incidences of theft. **Resolved:** That the Parish Council write to the Chief Constable of West Yorkshire Police, Mayor of West Yorkshire, West Yorkshire Police and Crime Commissioner and the Wakefield MP in support of PC Firth, the safe scheme officer on the night, along with an attending PCSO who requested but not receive extra support when dealing with the Travellers. Cllr Denton spoke of Daw Green motorbike gang issues, residents are nervous and concerned. Investigations are ongoing. **Resolved:** add Daw Green to Safe Scheme priority list. Other priorities to include; Inconsiderate parking at One Stop on Durkar Lane, youths lighting fires in Betty Eastwood Park by the High Street entrance area, Inconsiderate parking on Pugneys Avenue at various times of the day and issue notices.

The Police would support the relocation of the recently damaged telegraph pole near Fox Road, since its involvement in a recent accident.

Night time parking awareness initiative to be sent to Clerk for Parish Council FB and Website highlighting the rules and legality of parking with lights on. Cllr Harvey's attempts to address the needs of the residents on Denby Dale Road East continues with the support of the Police. On a lighter note a WW2 Artillery Shell was uncovered by persons with metal detectors at the Swan and Cygnet pub. The appropriate agencies were called and it was removed safely – quite a find!

PACT meeting of 13th September had been cancelled due to the mourning period of Her Majesty The Queen.

114. To approve as an accurate record the minutes of the council meeting held on 6th September 2022 **Resolved:** With the amendment to include Cllr M Oxspring as present, the minutes were approved as an accurate record and signed by Chairman.

115. Financial Matters:

1. To receive and approve account reconciliation to 30th September 2022 (tabled) approved
The accounts were checked and agreed that the bank statement and reconciliation tally. This leaves a current balance of £159,091.02
2. To receive and approve the schedule of payments inc Clerk and Deputy Clerk expenses reimbursements. **Resolved: Approved.**
3. To receive Conclusion Report of External Audit for period April 2021- March 2022. The Clerk informed the meeting that the External Auditor's conclusion report found no areas of concern in the year end accounts. **Noted**
4. To consider Grant Aid application from Wombles litter pickers for £3510 for 13 waste bins (general and dog waste combined)
Using the Power of Litter Act 1983, Ss 5 and 10, it was **Resolved:** To wholeheartedly support the application in principle. Answers to questions were requested. Deferred to November meeting.

116. To receive updates from and submit issues to the Ward District Councillors regarding matters in and affecting our Parish

Dist Cllr Binns reported that the ongoing lamppost outage on Denby Dale Road East had been resolved, still chasing the recently damaged telegraph pole. Support for Hall Green Juniors grant funding application for fencing to prevent recurring Traveller encampments, request for more Benches in Calder Grove area. *Clerk informed the meeting that this was a fortuitous enquiry, as the parish council are currently undertaking a project for more benches.* Invited to Crigglestone Nursery School to cut the ribbon to a new outside classroom that the District Cllrs has supported them with.

District Cllr Sanders reported he was receiving constant complaints from residents about the lack of buses. Meetings with the West Yorkshire Mayor have been ineffective and mostly she hasn't been in attendance. District Cllrs attempted to hand deliver a letter of concern to the Labour office on Cheapside in Wakefield, they were apparently met with disinterest, weren't allowed in the building and requested to post the letter through the letter box which they declined to do. Both district and parish councils are feeling despondent because no one wants to listen or know. It has become a National tragedy and it appears no one seems to care that communities are being left without connections.

Agreed Clerk to contact the Managing Director of Arriva to ask who is deciding the bus cuts! Arriva or the Government? Minister of Transport to be copied in.

The Art Gallery at Newmillerdam is up and running and proving successful. Between 15-16 October there will be works by Ukrainian artists on show. A community garden is being at the rear of the Church is being investigated, however location is proving tricky to grow anything.

117. Matters requested by Cllrs

1. Cllr Denton – To consider upgrade to Microsoft 365 Business Standard package that will give all members of the council and staff more capacity for storage and document access. The Clerk informed the meeting that the Basic package is to be trialled first to see if that serves the council's needs, costing £2.50 + vat per unit per month. If necessary an upgrade to business standard will be £6.95 + vat. **Approved.**
2. Cllr Daniels – Recent bus changes and lack of transport. **Reiterated earlier discussions**
3. Cllr Daniels - Council to consider contacting WMDC re their position on purchasing the Ridings shopping centre and their intentions.

It was agreed that the District Councillors would make enquiries on the Parish Councils behalf to gain a fuller understanding of the proposals. Historically WMDC are felt to have wasted tax payers money when they spent the money previously on Europort at Normanton

118. To receive Clerks report

An item not on the report was shared. WMDC had informed the clerk that CAS – 230124-LOZOD2 Arnold Clark tannoy noise nuisance: No further diary sheets received from residents. Speakers do not fall into the permitted development category unless changing the structure of the building. No breaches meeting planning enforcement criteria. Case closed. Budget setting process date was arranged with the Health Safety and Finance committee for Monday 28th November 10 am in the VI main hall.

119. Correspondence - to consider the following newly received and decide action where necessary (emailed prior)

1. Letter from resident re Parking issues at Pugneys Avenue, Crigglestone. **Dealt with under police agenda item.**
2. NALC Chief Executive's Bulletin 16 September emailed 16 Sept
3. LCA White Rose Weekly 16 September 2022 emailed 16 Sept
4. NWS NEWSLETTER September 2022 emailed 27/9/2022
5. Response from West Yorkshire Mayor's office re: buses in our area

Correspondence Noted unless otherwise indicated

120. Village Institute Charity Committee (VICC) matters

1. To receive minutes of the meeting held on Friday 23rd Sept

These had been circulated prior and were Noted

121. Planning & Rights of Way Committee (PROW)

Cllrs Daniels and Crompton gave an update on their attendance at recent Local Development Plan hearings held at Wakefield Town Hall 21st & 22nd Sept regarding Housing and employment land need/requirement (Matters 3 and 4) and Updated evidence on transport infrastructure requirements (Matter 5). The first day was busy with a tense atmosphere, with many speaking against the Local Plan, but similarly there were Developers supporting the Local Plan. The Wakefield Civic Society representative Barry Goodchild made some very good points. The second day was more interesting with more opportunity to speak about pollution and development and share more of what we wanted to say. Whilst the hearings proved to be challenging days, we did our utmost to get across the views of the Parish Council to the best of our ability.

122. Planning applications for consideration

22/01909/FUL Land Off Hollin Lane Crigglestone WF4 3EG Application for change of use of land from equestrian to dog exercise area and associated works

Resolved: Object on the grounds of This is commercial use on Green Belt Land. There will be an increase in noise nuisance for the surrounding residents because of the amount of activity proposed during the opening hours from both dogs and traffic.

22/01749/FUL Land To North Of Arnold Clark Wakefield Motorstore, Peel Avenue Durkar, WF2 7BL Change in use of land to form new vehicle compound storage area and installation of 9no. lighting columns on a site to the north of the existing Wakefield Motorstore

Resolved: Object. There is a concern around the 6metre height of the lighting columns causing unnecessary light pollution, a real and present danger for traffic coming off the slip road and being blinded by the lighting in the early mornings, evenings and night time. The current lighting at Arnold Clark already hinders drivers using the Jct 39 slip road. There is concern that any native hedgerow will be removed without the appropriate approval sought. The parish council agrees with other comments regarding the land levels proposed for the spoil stack.

22/01431/OUT Broad Cut Road, Calder Grove, WF4 3DR Outline application for 4 dwellings following the demolition of the existing building (Scale only being considered, all other matters reserved) **Resolved:** Neutral comment to Ensure No connection to the public sewer as the others have septic tanks.

22/01774/ADV Volvo Riverside Calder Park Peel Avenue Durkar

22/01786/FUL The Mistle 5 Old Boyne Hill Farm Wood Lane, Chapelthorpe, WF4 3JL

22/01819/CPL 23 Pugneys Avenue, Crigglestone, WF4 3FT

22/01824/TCA Tanyard House, 20 Stoney Lane, Chapelthorpe, WF4 3JN

22/01635/FUL 28 Almshouse Lane Newmillerdam WF2 7ST

22/01690/TPO Boyne Hill House Boyne Hill, Chapelthorpe WF4 3JH

All other applications **NOTED**

123. Hall Green Community Centre matters

1. To receive the resignation of Cllr Grant Maconachie from this trustee **Noted.**
2. To fill the vacancy of committee member due to the resignation of Cllr Grant Maconachie. **Defer to the next meeting.**

Drainage company to attend and clear blockage to toilets

Harvest Bingo 1-3pm at HGCC

124. Hall Green Community Centre extension update Building regs approved as of Friday afternoon.

Building regulations have been approved. Now the funding applications can begin and the centre can move forward to completion. **NOTED**

125. Parks & Open Spaces matters

1. For committee to approve and full council to receive minutes of meeting held 12th September 2022 **Resolved:** Minutes circulated prior electronically. Received.
2. To consider the recommendations from the above meeting
 - a) Donate CPC litter picking equipment to the Wombles, except one set for the VI caretaker **Resolved:** approved
 - b) Consider the request to look into the requirements for and benefits of a Lengthsman for the Parish Report on the Website. **Resolved:** Defer to next meeting.

126. Community Hero arrangements

Resolved: Hybrid meeting to be held Monday 17th October 10am in the VI main hall.

127. To receive feedback from representatives of external committees or other meetings/training.

Cllr Daniels and Crompton - Local Development Plan already heard at agenda item 12

Cllr Daniels - Better Bus meeting Friday 1st October

128. To consider communication items:

Press reports –Input to next Parish Link magazine, FB & Website.
CPC's attendance at church service and Queen's floral tribute at Crigglestone cemetery, Local Development Plan hearing feedback, combined efforts in making the residents concerns known re the lack of buses. Denby Dale Road boy racers nuisance-efforts with the police.

129. To confirm date and time of next scheduled meeting of the Parish Council
Tuesday 1st November 2022 at 6pm in the Village Institute

130. IN PRIVATE- Public Bodies (Admission to Meeting Act 1960) that the press and the public be excluded from the remainder of the meeting on the grounds that the publicity would be prejudicial to the confidential nature of the business to be transacted.

As there was no further business to be transacted the Chair thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting at 20.35pm

Signed.....Date.....
Chair of Crigglestone Parish Council

The Councillors individual IT equipment was handed out. Training sessions were arranged for Monday 17th October 10.30am and Monday 24th October 10am