Meeting of the Sharlston Parish Council held on Monday 7th January at Sharlston Community School at 7.00 p.m.

Present:	Councillor J Cliffe MBE	Councillor E Stebbings-Allison
	Councillor J Goodfellow	Councillor S Goodhead
	Councillor P Belbin	Councillor J Craig
	Councillor P Boyes	
	Councillor S Pollard	
Also present:	District Cllr. R. Taylor	
	District Cllr. M. Tennant-King	

372. Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor D Bond, Councillor Devey &

District Councillor G. Isherwood

373 Disclosure of Personal Interest

Cllr. Cliffe expressed an interest with the cricket club, but stressed she was not involved in any financial decisions relating to the club.

374. Minutes of the Meeting held on Monday 7th January 2019

The minutes of the meeting held on Monday 5th November 2018 were accepted as a true record, with the following amendments:

Item 358, Progress Report: Cllr. Goodhead asked that the full breakdown of the costs of the website be included in the minutes:

Site £1500, Domain move and DNS updates £200 (one-off payment), Email £60.00 per year per user,

Hosting: either £50.00 or £20.00 depending on our needs. A 50% deposit is required to begin work.

Item 358 Progress Report: Cllr. Goodhead also asked that the following be added: "Discussion had taken place regarding the siting of the bench on Weeland Road".

Moved: Cllr. Stebbings-Allison/Cllr. Boyes

375. Progress Report

Defibrillator

The clerk reported that the defibrillator was being sent from Featherstone Town Council.

raffiti

More graffiti has been noted on the bridge and Streetscene have once again been asked to notify Network Rail. Also the previously painted over graffiti can still be seen through the paint.

Seating

Cllr. Pollard had information regarding possible seating options and the clerk was to make these available to all Councillors, along with further quotes, for the next meeting.

It was also noted that this had been ongoing since October and it was imperative that a decision was made at the next meeting. The clerk agreed to let Councillors have full details of the benches being considered.

Website

Work was progressing on the new website and the new email address would be operational shortly.

What's App

This had been successful with 7 Parish Councillors and 2 District Councillors taking part.

HS2

All comments received had been entered into the consultation document and HS2 had acknowledged receipt.

Community Foundation

A donation of £200.00 had been sent to the Community Foundation for their fuel poverty appeal.

Cllr. Boyes asked if they could be asked if any Sharlston residents had benefited from a grant.

Christmas Lights

The tree lights in New Sharlston had been off for a week. It had been reported to Engie on three occasions and only on the last occasion had action been taken.

376. Ongoing Projects

New Community Building	We are still waiting for Wakefield Council to give a date for a pre-planning meeting. Cllr. Belbin had asked a local contractor to supply a quotation for a traditional building. Ground surveys had been carried out and Cllr. Belbin was given the report from Groundworks. Cllr. Goodhead asked for clarification regarding the feasibility study.

377. Play Area New Sharlston

Clllr. Stebbings-Allison reported that the Christmas Fair had raised £1,000.00 and all those involved were congratulated on their efforts.
District Councillors had agreed to give £10,000.00 towards the refurbishment of the Play Area from Capital Grant funds, if the Parish Council would match this.
Cllr. Stebbings-Allison reported that there should be no cost beyond this grant to the Parish Council as Wakefield Council already own the land. A survey amongst residents was being carried out to ascertain what was needed on the Play Area.

It was resolved: that the Parish Council would match fund with an amount of £10,000.00. No funding would be released at the present time but a commitment by the PC was needed to encourage other funding streams.

378. Grant Request

A grant request had been received by Sharlston Cricket Club towards the cost of a defibrillator for the club. A member of the cricket club had attended the meeting in December to inform the PC why this was required.
Following discussion it was resolved that a grant of £250.00 would be given.
Cllr. Goodhead asked at this point if a copy of the grant application/guidance sheet could be sent to him.

379. Precept

The clerk outlined the reasons for a proposed increase in the Precept for this year. Commitments had been made to support the New Sharlston Play Area and to make a large commitment to the cost of the proposed new community centre.
While Councillors were unhappy that the precept was having to be increased they fully understood the need for this.
It was resolved: that a Precept application would be made to Wakefield Council for £35,000.00 for 2019/20.

380. Speed survey

The results of the speed survey had been received but it was felt that the speeds monitored were not sufficient to justify any traffic calming measures. The clerk was asked to contact Highways again to get more details, e.g. What were the top speeds and how many cars involved, and to again stress the blind summit on the road with entrances to two farms.

The signage on Weeland Road was also mentioned at the site meeting so the clerk was asked to get clarification on that issue. Cllr. Pollard agreed to look into this, and provide photographs, to make the situation clearer.

381. Communication

Cllr. Pollard asked how we would be able to make residents more aware of the work of the Parish Council. The Parish Council Facebook page needed more regular input and Cllr. Pollard said she would be willing to take this on. Discussion took place with regard to what material is placed on social media, including the new website. It was stressed that the clerk should be told of any input before it is made.

It was suggested that there could be a steering committee to look at the whole picture of how we keep the community informed.

382. Community Centre Lease

Cllr. Boyes asked about the current position regarding the Community Centre Lease and the clerk agreed to get an update from the Solicitors for the next meeting.

383. Bunding

The issue of bunding the remaining land on Weeland Road was raised. It was suggested that Wakefield Council had agreed to carry this out at the same time as the Green bunding, but the workmen had been called off to another job. The clerk agreed to clarify the situation with Wakefield Council as residents were concerned about the vulnerability of this land.

384. Planning Applications

The planning application on Appendix B. was noted.

385. Planning Decisions.

There were no planning decisions on Appendix C to consider

386. Attendance at Meetings

1. Town & Parish Council Liaison Committee meeting, Wednesday 13th February, 2019 at 10.00 a.m. Committee Room B, County Hall.

387. Correspondence

The Councillors were brought up to date with all correspondence received.

An Advice note had been received from NALC on National mourning procedures should a member of the Royal Family die.

The clerk had also received a letter from Cllr. Devey, who was absent from the meeting through illness. She outlined her concerns about the aggressive nature of recent meetings.

Fellow Councillors also expressed some concern over this and the matter was discussed.

It was agreed that all Councillors should be more mindful of each other. It was also agreed that new Councillors should be helped and mentored by existing Councillors.

The clerk agreed to meet with Cllr. Pollard and Cllr. Goodhead to answer their questions regarding Finance.

388. Accounts

The following accounts were approved for payment.

To	Details	Amount	Category
Talk Talk **Direct Debit**	Telephone/Broadband	£36.50	Telephone/Broadband
O2 **Direct debit**	Hot spot	£10.07	Computer Software

389. Additional Matters

1. It was stressed again that a decision regarding the seating on the Green should be finalised at the next meeting.

Cllr. Goodhead also raised the matter of cyclists crossing the Green and could signage be displayed to keep them to the recommended crossing point.

390. Date & Time of Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held on **MONDAY 4th February 2019** at 7.00 p.m. at Sharlston Community School.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 9.00 p.m.

Signed …….. Chairman

Date …….