

Present

Cllr E Fairclough (Chair)
Cllr K Shaw (Vice Chair)
Cllr J Carlon
Cllr P Lee
Cllr S Leith
Cllr K Nixon
Cllr T Saunders
Cllr W Parker
Cllr C Pearson
Cllr C Wagstaff
Mr N Shaw (Clerk)
Cllr M Cummings, Wakefield MDC
1 member of the public

52. Apologies for absence

Cllr S Birkby
Cllr A Manifold, Wakefield MDC
PC Steel, West Yorkshire Police

53. Declarations of interest

Cllr C Wagstaff in relation to Minute 60 (as he knows one of the Planning applicants)

54. Minutes and matters arising

Resolved to approve the minutes of the meeting held on 6 June 2021 as a true and correct record, with one amendment: Item 31 – amend last paragraph to include reference to ‘Greenside’.

All matters arising are covered in the meeting’s agenda items.

55. Public forum

Lighting on the village hall – a resident commented that alteration to the lighting had been made and the situation has improved. Glare from lower lights still an issue. The issues was agreed as not as urgent by the resident, but can this be looked at by the electrician.

5G mast – a resident noted that the Neighbourhood Plan provided a strong reason to object to the mast. It was noted that Wakefield MDC have now accepted that a planning application is lawful and the opportunity to comment has therefore now passed.

56. SAFE scheme

PC Steel’s report was noted. Patrols have been undertaken near the school in relation to traffic management and speeding. It was noted that PC Steel will not be able to attend the next meeting of the Parish Council.

57. Ward 5 councillor report

- No update on Brook Farm.
- No update on the Midland train line.

- Waste bin on Cherry Tree Road has been ordered and will be erected soon.
- 20 July meeting scheduled with Graham West on traffic/speeding and what measures might be introduced. 7.00pm at the Village Hall. PC Steel is to be invited.
- Police – the neighbourhood police teams have been reorganised. From 7 teams down to 6. A new Inspector has been appointed.
- Tarmacing of land to side of New Inn identified as permitted development.
- Planning for Saturday market – a planning application has been submitted.
- Allotments off The Grove – a meeting took place on 5 March 2021 with ENGIE. ENGIE have agreed to manage the site to make plots available and not develop the site. The s106 agreement needs to be altered. Several reminders have been sent to Wakefield MDC and there has been no response to date. Cllr Cummings asked and agreed to raise the issue.

58. Finance

The Clerk submitted details (copy attached to minutes) of accounts paid totalling £11,530.80 for June 2021 and income received of £11,928.69.

The account balances at the end of June 2021 are:

Current a/c:	£4,011.05
Barclays Business Res a/c:	£61,833.35
HSBC & Nationwide deposit a/cs:	<u>£50,917.54</u>
Total	£116,761.94

Delegated authority decisions were noted.

RESOLVED: To ratify decisions as scheduled.

A budget reporting proposal was considered. Cllrs Lee and Saunders are keen to monitor the overall financial progress of the council. To improve financial reporting each of the three annual updates will now follow the same format. The format is to be amended to add in information on:

- variance
- committed spend/forecast and
- narrative content to help councillors understand key project decisions

RESOLVED: That the Parish Council receive financial monitoring to include clearer information and explanation on budget variance, committed/projected spend and a narrative explanation to enable better informed future decision-making on projects.

59. Correspondence

All correspondence items noted from the Clerk's note.

The council has provided a written response to Wakefield MDC in relation to their letter investigating a possible statutory nuisance complaint in relation to the village hall lights. Councillors noted the letter from Walton Juniors, which is covered in minute 62.

60. Planning

The following applications were noted with no additional comments raised:

21/01273/AGR

21/01480/FUL

21/01471/FUL

21/00913/FUL

5G mast application - Councillors noted that Wakefield MDC have now accepted that a planning application for the mast is lawful and within permitted development.

Grove allotments – referred already to and commented under minute 57.

61. Village Hall Working Party

No update.

62. Recreation & Playgrounds Working Party

Walton Juniors FC have made an enquiry to hire the Recreation Ground pitch for next season, starting in September. They have requested the pitch be relined and their own posts to be inserted. Further clarification will be obtained on the start/end dates for hiring and their exact pitch lining requirements. A cost will be obtained from Wakefield MDC for the lining and this cost will be added to the annual hire fee.

RESOLVED: Walton Juniors FC pitch hire request be accepted, for an annual hire fee. Walton Juniors to accept cost of pitch lining.

63. Environmental Improvements Working Party

Installation of bench on the Grove to be chased with Dave Penny. Siting of planters to be chased with First Impressions.

64. Tree Working Party

Inspection of trees has taken place and actions reported to the Working Party. Three of the trees in the Recreation Ground identified as diseased and will require removal within 2-3 years. The Working Party are to review the actions and costs e.g. trees for felling.

RESOLVED: The Parish Council to seek list of approved contractors from Wakefield MDC for the Working Party to then consider specific actions, cost and timescale.

65. Grants

Parish Council agreed that it should still offer grants to local organisations in line with the existing policy. The grants will be promoted on the Facebook page to raise awareness and promote applications.

66. Cllrs Parker & Nixon's report

Issues raised by residents included speeding, hanging baskets, rail link and dog fouling. Proposal suggested to introduce a village newsletter to promote role of parish council and local projects/events.

RESOLVED:

- i) That the Parish Council receive a proposal to undertake a new village newsletter at its next meeting.
- ii) The Website Working Party be renamed Communications Working Party.

67. YLCA Spring Conference

Cllr Leith provided an update on the conference. A range of presentations and information was provided including maintaining play areas, tackling the climate change agenda, member code of conduct updates, community engagement, data protection and presentations from parish councils on good practice projects.