

## **Shirland and Higham Parish Council**

### **Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting**

held at Shirland Village Hall on Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> January 2026 at 7pm

Councillors Present: Cllr Mike Roe (Chair), Cllr Barry Barnes, Cllr Anne Brown, Cllr Janice Bush, Cllr Marg Kimber, Cllr Ritchie Knowles, Cllr Guy Liggett, Cllr Geoff Mather, Cllr James Newton, Cllr Mark Price and Cllr David Williamson.

In Attendance: Helen Dowson (Clerk & RFO) and six members of the public.

#### **01/01/26 To consider accepting apologies for absence:**

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr Janice Cann, Cllr Charlotte Cupit and Cllr Paul Parkin.

#### **02/01/26 Declarations of interest from members on any items to be discussed:**

Cllr B Barnes – Trustee Fidler and Laverack and Stonebroom HAF group. Cllr A Brown and Cllr G Mather – Shirland Village Hall Management Committee. Cllr M Kimber – Stonebroom HAF group. Cllr D Williamson – Trustee Fidler and Laverack.

#### **03/01/26 To receive and approve requests for dispensations from members on matters in which they have a Disclosable Pecuniary Interest:**

None.

#### **04/01/26 To determine if any item on the agenda should be with the public excluded:**

None.

#### **05/01/26 To consider for approval the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> November 2025:**

Cllr B Barnes proposed and Cllr J Newton seconded that the minutes be approved, a vote was taken with nine Councillors for this action and two against.

#### **06/01/26 Residents or public questions/comments (A period of not more than 15 minutes is allocated for members of the public and councillors to comment on any matter relating to the Parish):**

A resident addressed the meeting regarding speeding on the A61. The gentleman provided feedback received from Derbyshire County Council and PCSO Nik Hall on the possibility of additional road markings and the use of a mobile speed camera. The Clerk agreed to contact Cllr Paul Parkin for support on this.

A volunteer at Shirland Village Hall spoke about a recent leak from the roof of the building and the Chair mentioned that the Parish Council are struggling to find a contractor willing to carry out the work. Cllr A Brown spoke about standing water outside the building during periods of heavy rainfall.

A resident from Mickley enquired about the CCTV at The Hut and the Chair informed him that the Parish Council's current provider will be doing a site survey prior to providing a quotation.

The gentleman also enquired about the possibility of additional grit bins being provided in Mickley and it was agreed that this request would be added to the next agenda.

A member of the public pointed out that the only time she had approached a Councillor at the meeting table was due to an emergency.

#### **07/01/26 To consider the quotes received for the pollarding of the trees on Shirland Triangle:**

Cllr R Knowles proposed and Cllr J Newton seconded that no work is carried out to the trees. This action was unanimously agreed with the exception of Cllr D Williamson who chose to abstain.

#### **08/01/26 To consider the request for the installation of a plaque on Shirland Triangle in recognition of the members of Shirland Women's Institute who planted the trees in 1974:**

It was agreed to write to the resident who made the request to obtain further information.

**09/01/26 To consider the quotes received for the felling of a dead Sycamore tree on the BMX track field at Mickley and a dead Ash tree at Shirland Playing Fields:**

Cllr D Williamson proposed, Cllr M Roe seconded and it was unanimously agreed to place an order with Greg Long.

**10/01/26 To consider the budget for the 2026/27 financial year and the precept request:**

The proposed budget was circulated to Councillors prior to the meeting. Cllr D Williamson proposed and Cllr J Newton seconded that the budget be accepted with a 5% increase to the precept. A precept request of £105,628 is to be submitted to North East Derbyshire District Council. A vote was taken with ten Councillors for this action and one against.

**11/01/26 To consider and approve the cemetery fees for 2026:**

Cllr B Barnes proposed, Cllr M Roe seconded and it was unanimously agreed for the fees to remain the same.

Cllr A Brown and Cllr G Mather left the room.

**12/01/26 To consider information received from Ellis Fermor and Negus Solicitors regarding the Shirland Village Hall lease:**

A lengthy discussion was held regarding the information received. Cllr J Newton proposed, Cllr M Roe seconded and it was unanimously agreed that the term available will remain as a period of five years.

**13/01/26 To consider the quotations received for a replacement boiler at Shirland Village Hall:**

Cllr M Roe proposed, Cllr M Price seconded and it was unanimously agreed that Cllr Knowles will request two contractors to provide a specification.

**14/01/26 To consider the revised quotes received from Abacus playgrounds for the surfacing in Shirland play area:**

Cllr A Brown proposed, Cllr J Newton seconded and it was unanimously agreed to place an order for the option with the stone base.

**15/01/26 To consider the speeding issues on the A61:**

To be discussed at the meeting in February 2026.

**16/01/26 To consider the installation of village gateway signs on the A61:**

To be discussed at the meeting in February 2026.

**17/01/26 Report from County Councillor:**

None.

**18/01/26 Reports from District Councillors:**

Councillor M Roe stated that the next District Council meeting is due to be held on the 26th January 2026.

**19/01/26 Reports from Councillors on outside bodies and community groups:**

Cllr A Brown reported that the Christmas and New Year events at the Village Hall went well. A craft fayre is being held at the hall on the 8<sup>th</sup> February 2026.

The over 50's Community Café is held at the Village Hall every month.

Cllr M Kimber shared information with Councillors regarding the number of children that had attended HAF events during 2025 and the number of meal packs given out to families.

Cllr Kimber mentioned that the group had recently won a Community Award and this had enabled a £5000 donation to be made to Ashgate Hospice.

Cllr B Barnes reported that Rev Aron Simpson appreciated the new Christmas tree provided by the Parish Council.

Cllr J Newton mentioned local concern regarding a private property in Stonebroom. Cllr Newton was advised to contact North East Derbyshire District Council.

Cllr A Brown mentioned that she had been asked when the poppies were going to be removed in Stonebroom. Cllr M Kimber said that she would try and arrange them to be removed soon.

**20/01/26 Report from Chair:**

Cllr M Roe mentioned the new website and the photographs which are being taken by Cllr J Newton.

**21/01/26 Report from Clerk:**

The Clerk reported that the new roundabout and communications panel are to be installed at Shirland during week commencing 9<sup>th</sup> February 2026.

The Clerk mentioned that she had been asked about the ownership of the grass verges in front of the doctor's surgery at Stonebroom. Councillors agreed that they are highway verges and do not belong to the Parish Council.

A request has been received for a new grit bin at Mickley, this will be discussed at the meeting in February 2026.

Cllr J Newton took a short comfort break and then returned to the meeting.

**22/01/26 Dalc Newsletters – December 2025 and January 2026**

Previously circulated to Councillors.

**23/01/26 Correspondence (previously circulated to Councillors):**

- Bolsover District Council-Tree and Woodland Strategy Consultation
- Derbyshire County Council-Traffic Regulation Order
- Derbyshire Fire & Rescue Service-Consultation on Community Risk Management Plan and Budget
- Bolsover District Council-Successful Healthy Places Supplementary Planning Document
- Stonebroom Community Hub-work in the woodland
- Resident-hanging baskets and highway issue

**24/01/26 To consider the following planning applications:**

<b>Application Number:</b>	25/00885/FL
<b>Proposal:</b>	Demolition of existing stable block and construction of two storey agricultural building and external hardstanding to the rear
<b>Address:</b>	9 Birkinstyle Lane Shirland

The Parish Council are concerned about the size and massing of the building.

<b>Application Number:</b>	25/00977/LB
<b>Proposal:</b>	External and internal alterations including replacement of doors and windows. Demolition of outbuilding (Part retrospective) (Conservation Area)
<b>Address:</b>	77 Strettea Lane Higham

No comments.

<b>Application Number:</b>	25/00978/FL
<b>Proposal:</b>	Demolition of modern outbuilding (Conservation Area) (Affecting setting of listed building)
<b>Address:</b>	77 Strettea Lane Higham

No comments.

<b>Application Number:</b>	26/00018/FLH
<b>Proposal:</b>	Demolish existing outbuildings and construct side extension
<b>Address:</b>	47 Chesterfield Road Shirland

No comments.

Standing orders were lifted at 9pm to allow the meeting to continue.

**25/01/26 To receive the bank reconciliation, bank statements and bills for payment:**

Cllr J Newton proposed, Cllr B Barnes seconded and it was unanimously agreed that the bank reconciliation be accepted.

Cllr J Newton left the meeting.

Cllr M Roe proposed, Cllr M Price seconded and it was unanimously agreed that the following payments be made:

<b>Payee</b>	<b>Goods</b>	<b>Amount (£)</b>
British Telecom	Stonebroom Pavilion: Broadband – December	89.80
	January	89.80
	Telephone line - December	160.31
O2	Council mobile	15.60
Smartest Energy	Stonebroom Pavilion: Electricity – December	110.96
	January	24.69
EDF	Stonebroom Pavilion: Gas – December	38.97
	January	51.71
Waterplus	Stonebroom Pavilion: December	40.79
	January	36.07
Wages and salaries including HMRC	3 employees	3164.61
Bike Track	BMX track maintenance and monthly inspection – 2 months	863.00
Helen Dowson expenses	Weebly – Website provider (2 months)	24.94
	Ink (2 months)	57.98
	Courier collection for old defib cabinet	11.59
	Rock salt	773.59
	Postage	2.70
Glendale	Grass cutting	1008.00
	Tree works Stonebroom Sportsground	691.86
G Burley & Sons	Hanging Christmas trees	4656.00
North East Derbyshire District Council	Removing broken glass from play area at Mickley BMX track	50.92
ASI Security Systems	Stonebroom Pavilion: Replacement battery for alarm	35.94
	Annual charges for alarm maintenance and monitoring	612.00
Greg Long Tree Care	Tree work at Shirland Cemetery and Stonebroom Community Woodland	4680.00
LA Landscaping Services	Burial	499.00
Shelter Maintenance	Shelter cleaning	64.84
Sutcliffe Play **	Supply and installation of roundabout and communications panel at Shirland Play Area	11093.64

R Beecroft **	Stonebroom Pavilion – boiler service and removal of pipework to old outside tap	145.00
R Cook Electrical **	Stonebroom Pavilion – replace light fittings	114.00

\*\* Late payment, invoice received after publication of the agenda.

Receipts since last meeting:-

<b>Received:</b>	<b>Amount (£)</b>
Adult football	250.00
Children's football - Stonebroom	40.00
Burials	1498.00
Memorial applications	233.00

The meeting closed at 9.06pm.