

Shirland and Higham Parish Council
Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting
held in Higham Farm Hotel, Monday 16th April 2018 at 7pm.

Councillors Present: Mr P Allsop, Mr B Barnes (Chair) Mr S Davis, Ms S Smith, Mrs H Liggett, Mr A Lomax, Mr D Williamson, Miss L Williams.

In Attendance: Sally Plummer (Clerk & RFO), Helen Dowson (New Clerk), County Cllr B Lewis and 7 members of the public.

1/04/18 To consider for approval the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 19 March 2018: Cllr S Davis approved, Cllr P Allsop seconded

2/04/18 To consider accepting apologies for absence: Apologies received from Cllr Skinner and Cllr Cupit

3/04/18 To Record Declarations of Interest: Cllr S Smith item 9/04/18

4/04/18 To receive and approve requests for dispensations from members on matters they have a Disclosable Pecuniary Interest: None

5/04/18 To determine if any item on the agenda should be taken with the public excluded: It was requested that item 10(b) Legal matters relating to lease be taken with the public excluded.

6/04/18 Public Participation (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):

Cllr B Lewis provided updates on a few highway related issues within the Parish. Cllr Lewis also spoke about possible changes to the provision of libraries and bus services throughout the County. A member of the public raised concerns about the agenda not being available on Facebook.

A concerned Parishioner spoke about the planning application on land north of 92 Chesterfield Road Shirland, it was agreed that the Parish Council will send comments to the planning department.

A member of the public requested that the minutes are published in the Derbyshire Times. The Parish Council will look at what options are available.

Cllr H Liggett spoke about problems with effluent from the development on the A61. Cllr B Lewis requested that Cllr Liggett writes to him regarding this.

7/04/18 Welcome new Clerk

Cllr B Barnes welcomed the new Clerk Helen Dowson.

8/04/18 Naming of former Woolpack site

It was agreed that three suggestions will be sent to North East Derbyshire District Council – Town End Close, Northfield and Greenfields.

9/04/18 School Crossing Patrol Service

This service is being reviewed throughout the County. Cllr D Williamson proposed and Cllr P Allsop seconded that the Parish Council approach Derbyshire County Council requesting that a puffin crossing is installed at Stonebroom.

10/04/18 Shirland Village Hall

a) Lease update

Cllr D Williamson presented a brief update on the situation. The Village Hall Management Committee will not agree to the Parish Council's proposed lease, a meeting arranged for 7th April 2018 was cancelled by the Management Committee. The Parish Council have now taken legal advice which they must follow, Cllr S Davis proposed and Cllr A Lomax seconded that the Solicitor is instructed to move forward and issue a Section 25 notice. Cllr Williamson made it clear, and requested that it is minuted that this is not the course of action that the Parish Council wanted to take.

11/04/18 Continuing Items:

a) "A Nation's Tribute 11 November 2018

It was agreed that the best place for the beacon is in the Churchyard. Once a response is received from the Diocese the Parish Council can then work with the Church to submit the planning application.

b) Allotments

Cllr A Lomax is meeting with the allotment holders at 7pm on 23 April 2018 to discuss the agreements.

c) Cemetery

The Clerk is to provide an update at the next meeting.

12/04/18 Report from County Councillors

A report was provided by Cllr B Lewis during the period of public participation.

13/04/18 Report from District Councillors

Cllr B Barnes informed the meeting that the Police are now employing Officers with local knowledge within the Parish.

The Parish Council to look at signwriting the coal tub or purchasing a plaque for it.

14/04/2018 Reports from Councillors on outside bodies

Cllr P Allsop spoke about the drainage issues at Stonebroom, the Clerk is awaiting further quotes. Cllr H Liggett mentioned that the "no tipping" sign is missing from the lay by on Well Lane.

Cllr B Barnes spoke about the Community Cafes that are being arranged in conjunction with the police and Rykneld Homes.

Cllr Lomax mentioned that the 'no fouling' messages on the footways in Stonebroom have faded and need re-painting.

15/04/18 Correspondence

The letter received from Derbyshire County Council regarding cuts to the school crossing patrol service was discussed earlier in the meeting.

16/04/18 DALC Circulars:

05/2018 Circular distributed electronically to Councillors.

17/04/18 Planning Applications

Application Number:	17/01243/OL
Proposal:	Outline application (all matters other than access reserved for further approval) for erection of 92 dwellings, an A1 (use class) convenience store, new accesses and provision of open space (Major development) (Departure from Development Plan) (Affecting the setting of a listed building/affecting setting of Conservation Area) (Amended Plans).
Address:	Land North of 92 Chesterfield Road, Shirland

Council made the following **OBSERVATIONS:**

- The total area of proposed hardscaping needs querying.
- Although the number of properties has been reduced larger properties are proposed which are likely to be occupied by larger families with children. This will mean a larger impact on doctor's surgeries etc.
- The amount of privacy screening appears to be inadequate. No screening is proposed to the properties on Well Lane.
- The application states that all trees are to be retained however there are two mature trees at the proposed entrance to the site which are likely to require felling.
- A recent traffic census showed significant problems with vehicles exceeding the speed limit and the development is likely to cause queuing traffic at busy times.
- The western field of the site is currently sown to a cereal crop, (contrary to the applicant's assertion that it is derelict), and therefore will certainly act as a food source for farmland birds. Indeed, it is the only arable field in the area for some distance and would be a loss to wildlife and we would request that wildlife/breeding bird surveys be carried out.
- Drainage and the potential for flood both on and near the site is still a major concern.
- The comments made previously regarding the archaeological issues and the fact that this proposed development sits on land adjacent to Higham Conservation Area have not been addressed in the revised application.

Application Number:	18/00059/OL
Proposal:	Outline application with all matters reserved for residential development of 9 dwellings
Address:	Land East of 3 and 4 Carlyle Road Stonebroom

No comments.

Application Number:	18/00318/OL
Proposal:	Outline application with all matters reserved for 2 no. dwelling houses
Address:	151 Birkestyle Lane Stonebroom

Council made the following **OBSERVATIONS:**

No apparent planning issues at the outline stage but concerns there may be a negative impact on neighbouring residences.

Application Number:	18/00319/FL
Proposal:	Application for a change of use of garage/store to habitable accommodation
Address:	Park Lane House Park Lane Shirland

Council made the following OBSERVATIONS:

Request to meet with Planning Officers to discuss the application, serious concerns regarding:-

- Proximity to existing dwellings
- Possible contamination of site
- The number of vehicles accessing the properties
- Sewage – is there adequate room for a septic tank?

Application Number:	18/00302/FLH
Proposal:	Application to replace front right-hand window with upvc double doors with Juliet style balcony
Address:	136 Birkinstyle Lane Stonebroom Alfreton

No comments

18/04/2018

The mandates for NS&I and Natwest will be updated to reflect the new Clerk. Cllr L Williams and Cllr H Liggett are to be added to the list of authorised signatories.

19/04/18 Finance Report

The finance report had been circulated prior to meeting, bank statements and reconciliation presented for signature.

The following payments were authorised: -

Payee	Goods	Amount £
Viking	Archiving materials/paper/stamps	162.55*
Tom Tait	Office allowance	50.00*
REIDS	Electrical work – lights and door	348.00*
DALC	Subscription	754.19**
Turning Leaves	Grounds maintenance	648.00
Shelter Maintenance	Shelter cleaning	58.10
Eva Rhianna Garden Design Solutions	Scaled plan*	100.00
BT Direct Debit	Broadband	50.28
Zurich	Insurance	3641.79
NEDDC	Dog Bins Jan – March 18	814.97
	Supply & fit dog waste bin	310.14

	Trade waste	124.15
ICOM	Membership subscription	90.00
Barry Barnes	Mileage	24.75
Barry Barnes	Compost & plants	68.35
CTS	Replace roof tiles at SVH	42.00
Sally Plummer	Telephone/Broadband	24.00
Tom Tait	Office Line rental & Broadband	47.50
Salaries	4 employees plus HMRC	2088.67

*Denotes items presented at previous meeting for late approval.

** Previously approved but held over to 2018-19 financial year

The public left the meeting at 9pm.

The next meeting of Shirland and Higham Parish Council will take place at **7pm on Monday 21 May 2018 at Santos Higham Farm Hotel.**