

Shirland and Higham Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting

conducted via Zoom Thursday 15 April 2021 at 6.34pm

Councillors Present: Cllr Anne Brown (Chair), Cllr Peter Allsop, Cllr Barry Barnes, Cllr John Epton, Cllr Michelle Green, Cllr Guy Liggett, Cllr Heather Liggett, Cllr Allistair Lomax, Cllr Geoff Mather, Cllr Sue Smith and Cllr David Williamson.

In Attendance: Helen Dowson (Clerk & RFO) and Helen Metcalfe (Planning with People).

01/04/21 To consider accepting apologies for absence:

Apologies received and accepted from Cllr M Roe and Cllr B Lewis.

02/04/21 To Record Declarations of Interest:

Cllr S Smith – Governor, Stonebroom School.

03/04/21 To receive and approve requests for dispensations from members on matters in which they have a Disclosable Pecuniary Interest:

None.

04/04/21 To determine if any item on the agenda should be taken with the public excluded:

None.

05/04/21 To consider for approval the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Thursday 18th March 2021:

Cllr B Barnes requested that part of minute 14/03/2021 is amended as follows 'Cllr Lewis agreed to request a Highways Inspector to survey the potholes on Mickley Estate and Stonebroom Estate as requested by Cllr B Barnes'.

Cllr M Green proposed and Cllr A Brown seconded that the minutes are approved following this change.

06/04/21 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):

Cllr J Epton spoke about footway resurfacing works that are required on the left-hand side of Birkinstyle Lane leading down to the doctor's surgery. The Clerk to contact Derbyshire County Council.

Problems with vehicles regularly parking on the footways on Birkinstyle Lane and Strettea Lane were reported by Cllr J Epton and Cllr H Liggett. The Clerk to report to the Police.

Several Councillors spoke about problem areas in the Parish in relation to dog fouling. Cllr H Liggett agreed to report these areas to North East Derbyshire District Council.

07/04/21 Presentation by Helen Metcalfe from Planning With People regarding the Neighbourhood Plan process:

Helen gave a detailed presentation about the process and answered questions from Councillors. It was agreed that at the next meeting a decision will be made as to whether to proceed.

Helen Metcalfe left the meeting.

08/04/21 To consider wages for the 2021/22 financial year:

The Clerk confirmed the increase in the National living wage to £8.91 per hour.

09/04/21 To consider access to the new cemetery extension and car park and the cemetery layout:

Cllr A Brown proposed, Cllr S Smith seconded and it was unanimously agreed that a combination padlock is purchased for the gate and the number changed on a regular basis.

A discussion was held regarding the layout and it was agreed that a site meeting would be held on 28th April 2021.

10/04/21 To consider the grass cutting at Stonebroom Sportsground:

Recent correspondence from the children's football team was discussed, Cllr A Brown proposed and Cllr H Liggett seconded that all grass cutting is to be carried out by the Council's contractor. Cllr B Barnes proposed and Cllr A Brown seconded that the Clerk is given authority to instruct the Contractor to carry out additional cuts if necessary, a vote was taken with ten Councillors for this action and one Councillor against.

11/04/21 To consider the installation of small permanent goalposts at Stonebroom Sportsground:

Cllr B Barnes proposed, Cllr S Smith seconded and it was unanimously agreed that the Clerk obtains a price for the supply and installation of one set of goal posts for consideration at the next meeting.

12/04/21 To consider requests for the installation of picnic tables at Stonebroom Sportsground and Stonebroom Woodland Areas:

Cllr A Brown proposed, Cllr S Smith seconded and it was unanimously agreed that eight tables are purchased. These will be installed at Stonebroom Sportsground, Stonebroom Woodland Area, Shirland playing fields and the BMX track at Mickley.

13/04/21 To consider requests for the purchasing of bark to be used on the footpaths in the Stonebroom Woodland Area:

The Clerk to make enquiries as to what quantity is required and bring the information to the next meeting.

14/04/21 To consider feedback from the site meeting regarding the proposed new allotment site in Mickley:

Cllr H Liggett proposed, Cllr G Mather seconded and it was unanimously agreed that a new allotment site is created consisting of ten plots. The Clerk to obtain quotations for the fencing of the site.

15/04/21 To consider the comments received regarding the proposed bus shelter on Main Road Shirland and to consider placing the order:

All comments received had been circulated to Councillors prior to the meeting. Cllr H Liggett proposed, Cllr G Liggett seconded and it was unanimously agreed that an order is placed for the provision and installation of the shelter.

16/04/21 To consider the ideas received for the spending of the S106 monies at Shirland:

All ideas received were circulated to Councillors prior to the meeting. The Clerk to obtain advice regarding the drainage works required and prices for some of the options suggested.

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

17/04/21 To consider the request from ‘Shirland 2020’ for permission to plant a Christmas tree at Shirland:

Cllr A Brown proposed and Cllr J Epton seconded that permission is granted for the planting of a tree not to exceed a height of eight feet. A vote was taken and this was unanimous with the exception of one Councillor who chose to abstain.

18/04/21 Report from County Councillor:

No report.

19/04/21 Report from District Councillor:

Cllr H Liggett reported that the Dog Warden has recently been patrolling in Shirland and she will request that they also carry out patrols in Stonebroom.

20/04/21 Reports from Councillors on outside bodies and community groups:

Cllr B Barnes reported on the successful start for the BMX group at Mickley. Cllr Barnes mentioned that the group is litter picking the site and the bags will require picking up, Cllr H Liggett stated that if she is informed what day the litterpicking is carried out she can ask North East Derbyshire District Council to collect the waste.

Cllr B Barnes asked on behalf of allotment holders if fires are now allowed in the district, guidance from North East Derbyshire District Council still states that no fires are to be lit.

21/04/21 Report from Clerk:

The Clerk reported on the quote received for the installation of Christmas lights on existing trees in the Parish.

Feedback from the site meeting with Mick Cave at Stonebroom Woodland was provided; four new litter bins are to be installed and emptied on a weekly basis.

The Clerk stated that the internal financial records check is to take place with Cllr Roe on the 24th April 2021.

The Clerk also reported on correspondence received regarding the play equipment at the Woodland Area; the Forest School are to be made aware.

22/04/21 Dalc Newsletter April 2021:

Distributed electronically to Councillors.

23/04/21 Correspondence:

20's Plenty for Derbyshire (previously circulated)

Request for details of Section 137 payments for the last three years – information to be sent.

24/04/21 To consider the following planning applications:

**Town and Country Planning Act 1990
Consultation of Parish Council**

Application Number:	21/00266/FLH
Proposal:	Application for demolition of garage and replacement with two storey side and rear extension and loft conversion. (Resubmission of application 20/00316/FLH)
Address:	25 Birkinstyle Lane Shirland

This is quite a sizeable extension and the Parish Council are concerned whether it would affect the neighbours' privacy.

Application Number:	21/00271/FLH
Proposal:	Application to demolish existing double garage and workshop and erect new timber garage and workshop with home office over.
Address:	16 Town End Shirland

No comments.

25/04/21

The bank reconciliation and budget monitoring report had been circulated prior to the meeting.

The following payments were authorised: -

Payee	Goods	Amount £
Alliance Contracting Solutions	Cemetery extension car park and access road	23891.05

North East Derbyshire District Council	Routine maintenance of pumping station at Shirland Village Hall – Nov 2020-Feb 2021	270.24
	Trade waste collection-Stonebroom Pavilion Emptying of dog bins – Jan-March 2021	143.78
		909.14
O2	Council mobile	28.80
Shelter Maintenance	Shelter cleaning	46.02
British Gas	Stonebroom Pavilion – Electricity	71.44
British Telecom	Stonebroom Pavilion-Broadband	59.76
Brian Stone Expenses	WD40	4.99
	Petrol	12.84
	Mower belts and oil	55.00
Helen Dowson Expenses	Weebly – internet provider monthly payment	13.37
	Zoom monthly payment	14.39
	Postage	2.25
Wages and salaries including HMRC	3 employees	2232.28
British Gas**	Stonebroom Pavilion – Gas	81.43

** Recorded on late payment schedule, invoice received after publication of the agenda.

Receipts since last meeting:-

Received:	Amount £
Memorial applications	198.00
Allotment fees	350.00
Burial	550.00
Children's football	30.00

The meeting finished at 9.42pm.