

Shirland and Higham Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting

held at Shirland Village Hall on Thursday 21 April 2022 at 6.30pm

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 Alistair Lomax, Cllr Geoff Mather, Cllr Mike Roe and Cllr Charlotte Cupit.

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

01/04/22 To consider accepting apologies for absence:

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr Sue Smith and Cllr D Williamson.

02/04/22 To Record Declarations of Interest from members on any items to be discussed:

Cllr B Barnes—Stonebroom Community Volunteer Group.

03/04/22 To receive and approve requests for dispensations from members on matters in which they have a Disclosable Pecuniary Interest:

None.

04/04/22 To determine if any item on the agenda should be taken with the public excluded:

None.

05/04/22 To consider for approval the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Thursday 17th March 2022:

Cllr B Barnes proposed and Cllr G Mather seconded that the minutes be approved.

06/04/22 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 representative from Stonebroom Football Club spoke about additional lines being marked on the adult pitch to allow it to be used as a 9-a-side pitch for the forthcoming season. It was agreed that this would be added to the May 2022 agenda for discussion.

07/04/22 To consider wages for the 2022/23 financial year:

The Clerk informed the meeting that the wages for two employees have increased in line with the increase to the National Living Wage.

08/04/22 To consider the quotations and ideas received for new play equipment at Shirland:

The three quotations and designs were considered. Cllr M Roe proposed, Cllr M Green seconded and it was unanimously agreed that an order be placed with Sutcliffe Play.

Cllr C Cupit joined the meeting at 7pm.

09/04/22 To consider the start time of future meetings:

Cllr A Brown proposed and Cllr M Green seconded that the meetings start at 7pm, a vote was taken and the majority of Councillors were in favour of this decision.

10/04/22 To consider arranging a public meeting regarding the request for a controlled crossing on the A61:

Cllr C Cupit is arranging a general highways meeting at The Hut and Parish Councillors are welcome to attend. Cllr C Cupit is hoping that the Police and Crime Commissioner will be in attendance.

11/04/22 To consider applying for permission to install Speed Indicator Devices:

Cllr A Brown proposed and Cllr A Lomax seconded that the Parish Council applies for permission to install four signs. This was unanimously agreed except for Cllr P Allsop who chose to abstain.

12/04/22 To consider the renewal of the subscription to the Institute of Cemetery and Crematorium Management:

Cllr A Brown proposed, Cllr M Roe seconded and it was unanimously agreed that the subscription be renewed.

13/04/22 To consider a location for the Queens Platinum Jubilee commemorative seat:

Cllr B Barnes proposed and Cllr M Roe seconded that permission is requested from the relevant authority to site the seat on the grass verge in front of the doctor's surgery in Stonebroom. This decision was unanimously agreed except for Cllr A Lomax who chose to abstain.

14/04/22 To consider the provision of additional litter bins at Mickley BMX track, Shirland play area and Stonebroom play area:

Cllr A Brown proposed and Cllr H Liggett seconded that the Clerk obtains a quote to site a wheeled bin at each of these locations. This was unanimously agreed except for Cllr B Barnes who was against this decision.

15/04/22 To consider the repair of the potholes on the approach road and in the car park at Shirland Village Hall:

Cllr A Brown proposed and Cllr G Mather seconded that the Clerk writes to the Nursery and all residential properties which use this road to ask if they are willing to pay towards the road being resurfaced. This action was unanimously agreed except for Cllr J Epton who was against this decision.

16/04/22 To consider changing the status of the Allotment Sub-Committee to the Allotment Working Group:

Cllr A Brown proposed, Cllr B Barnes seconded and it was unanimously agreed that the status be changed.

17/04/22 Report from County Councillor:

No reports.

18/04/22 Report from District Councillors:

Cllr C Cupit spoke about the Sharley Park consultation and the Meet the Council event. Cllr C Cupit reported that Cleveland Road in Stonebroom is to be resurfaced very soon and it is hoped that four more roads on the estate will be added to the capital programme, meanwhile the potholes will be filled on these roads. Cllr B Barnes commented that roads on the estate are now dangerous due to their condition.

Cllr M Green spoke about the potholes in Mickley and Cllr C Cupit agreed to speak to the Highway's Inspector.

Cllr C Cupit mentioned that the broken kerb on Quarry Lane Stonebroom has been reported and will be repaired very soon.

19/04/22 Reports from Councillors on outside bodies and community groups:

Cllr B Barnes reported that he was impressed with the recent meeting of the Stonebroom Community Volunteer Group.

20/04/22: Report from Chair:

The Chair reported on various meetings she had attended in the last month.

At the AGM of the Stonebroom Community Volunteer Group on the 23rd of March 2022 the Treasurer gave her report and a new Committee was elected.

Various other matters were discussed including the correspondence received, the Easter event, the Stonebroom Walking Group and the Jubilee event on the 5 June 2022. A couple of leaning trees in the Woodland were discussed and Cllr A Brown requested that the Parish Clerk be contacted for the relevant action to be taken.

At the meeting of the group on the 20th of April it was reported that the group had signed up to the Community Green Flag award scheme. Various other matters were discussed and it was reported that a tree surgeon had been contacted about the trees in the Woodland. Cllr A Brown requested again that the Parish Clerk be contacted if urgent action is required.

Two people spoke about the 11 a side pitch being marked with blue lines to enable the Stonebroom Football Club children's 9 a side team to use it in the forthcoming season.

Jubilee events in the village were discussed as was a Community Group request to North East Derbyshire District Council to conduct a Governance Review.

At the meeting of the Community of Shirland and Higham group on the 5th of April 2022 stalls and prizes for the Family Fun Day on Saturday 4th June 2022 were discussed. There will be a fancy-dress competition plus a homemade crown competition.

The Chair reported that herself and Cllr G Mather had met the Pest Controller from North East Derbyshire District Council at Stonebroom Allotments following reports that the allotments were over run with rats. A few rat holes were found but not an excessive amount and the Officer recommended that letters were sent to the tenants recommending the use of bait boxes, these letters have been sent.

21/04/22 Report from Clerk:

The Clerk reported that Extreme Wheels are not able to provide summer activities in the Parish this year due to staffing issues.

A quote has been obtained for the supply of solar powered Christmas trees and this will be added to the next agenda.

An allotment holder on the new site at Mickley has asked for permission to erect a fence, the type of fence and the maximum height allowed will be considered at the next meeting.

The Clerk mentioned that Derbyshire County Council have reported that there is a problem with the electrical supply to the beacon on the crossing outside Stonebroom Surgery and this is being dealt with by Western Power.

22/04/22 Correspondence (previously circulated to Councillors):

Derbyshire County Council – Speed Indicator Devices – 12-month trial project.

Post Office – consultation on the proposed new location in Stonebroom.

Derbyshire Building Control Partnership – proposed street name and numbering for development off Common Lane.

23/04/22 To consider the following planning applications:

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

Application No.:	22/00221/FL
Proposal:	Agricultural building and associated field shelters for agricultural purposes only
Address:	Land at coordinates 440514 358965 Dog Lane Shirland

The Parish Council feel that the two field shelters are too close to the residential properties.

Application No.:	22/00232/FLH
Proposal:	Enclosed porch to side. Replace conservatory with garden room to rear, first floor extension with dormers to upstairs bedroom (Conservation Area)
Address:	The Cottage Belper Road Shirland

No comments.

Application No.:	22/00348/AD
Proposal:	New signage and lighting front and side to replace the existing (affecting setting of a listed building/conservation area)
Address:	The Greyhound Main Road Higham

No comments.

Application No.:	22/00322/FL
Proposal:	Proposed conversion of barn from flower farm workshops to mixed use of dwelling and flower farm workshops (Package treatment plant)
Address:	Land west of Stables and Smithy Brook Farm Smithy Moor Stretton

No comments.

Application No.:	22/00324/FL
Proposal:	Application for extension to front of day Nursery premises and new boundary wall
Address:	Nursery Rhymes Day Nursery Main Road Shirland

No comments.

24/04/22 To receive bank reconciliation, final budget monitoring report 2021/22, bank balances, bank statements and bills for payment:

The bank reconciliation and final budget monitoring report had been circulated prior to the meeting. Cllr M Roe proposed, Cllr G Mather seconded and it was unanimously agreed that these documents be accepted.

The bank balances as at 31.03.2022 were as follows:

Natwest Current Account - £500.00

Natwest Reserve Account – £43716.19

NSI Account - £151548.76

The bank statements were presented for signature.

The following payments were authorised: -

Payee	Goods	Amount £
British Gas	Stonebroom Pavilion - Electricity	55.33
British Telecom	Stonebroom Pavilion - Broadband	62.52
O2	Council mobile	29.20
North East Derbyshire District Council	Stonebroom Pavilion - Trade waste collection	151.06
	New litterbins at Stonebroom Woodland	615.98
	Litter picking BMX track – August 2021	64.67
	Bin emptying January – March 2022	945.00
	Pumping Station maintenance Shirland Village Hall September 2021 – February 2022	292.48
Shelter Maintenance	Shelter cleaning	46.02
Institute of Cemetery and Crematorium Management	Annual subscription	95.00
Helen Dowson expenses	Weebly (website provider)	14.20
Wages and Salaries including HMRC	3 employees	2447.55
Viking	Ink, files, paper, stationery	186.40
DW Tree Services	Pollarding of trees Shirland Triangle	525.00
DALC	Annual subscription	823.47
	Training	165.00
DSA Environment and Design	Maps for Neighbourhood Plan	600.00
Brian Stone **	Wheel bearings for mower and petrol	28.48

British Gas **	Stonebroom Pavilion – Gas	72.94
Richard Fraser **	Stonebroom Pavilion – boiler service	120.00

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

Receipts since last meeting:-

Received:	Amount £
Allotment fees	663.90
Burial	550.00
Memorial applications	233.00

The meeting finished at 8.21pm.