

Shirland and Higham Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting

held at Stonebroom Pavilion, Monday 17th February 2020 at 7pm

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

In Attendance: Helen Dowson (Clerk & RFO), Cllr C Cupit and eight members of the public.

01/02/20 To consider accepting apologies for absence: Apologies received and accepted from Cllr M Green.

02/02/20 To Record Declarations of Interest: Cllr A Brown and Cllr G Mather – Trustees, Shirland Village Hall; Cllr Barry Barnes – Stonebroom Youth Club; Cllr Sue Smith – Governor, Stonebroom School and Cllr D Williamson – Governor, Shirland School.

03/02/20 To receive and approve requests for dispensations from members on matters in which they have a Disclosable Pecuniary Interest: None.

04/02/20 To determine if any item on the agenda should be taken with the public excluded: None.

05/02/20 To consider for approval the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 20th January 2020:

Cllr G Mather approved and Cllr B Barnes seconded.

06/02/20 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 parishioner spoke about a music event he would like to hold at Stonebroom Sportsground later in the year. Cllr A Brown requested that the proposal is sent to the Clerk in order for it to be discussed at the March meeting.

A member of the public reported problems with the road surface at various locations in Stonebroom, the Clerk to report to Derbyshire County Council.

Cllr Ruff, Chair of Wingerworth Parish Council spoke in detail about the Neighbourhood Plan process.

07/02/20 To consider the internal check of financial records:

It was unanimously agreed that the check will be carried out by Cllr Sue Smith.

08/02/20 To consider draft policies:

Financial Regulations – Cllr D Williamson proposed and Cllr H Liggett seconded that the document is to be revised to state ‘when the Parish Council is to enter into a contract of less than £25,000 in value for the supply of goods or materials the Clerk shall obtain 3 quotations (priced descriptions of the proposed supply) and where the value is below £10000 and above £500 the Clerk shall strive to obtain 3 estimates’.

Standing Orders – Cllr A Brown proposed and Cllr G Mather seconded that the quorum is changed to six. A vote was taken - 8 Councillors for and 3 against.

Retention Policy, Risk Assessments, Asset Register, Grant Awarding Policy, Safeguarding Policy and Stonebroom Pavilion CCTV Policy – Cllr A Brown proposed, Cllr H Liggett seconded and it was unanimously agreed that these draft policies be accepted.

09/02/20 To consider bus shelter provision in the Parish:

Two sites for new shelters were suggested on the A61; near the Church and near the junction with Strettea Lane. The Clerk to contact Derbyshire County Council regarding these suggested locations.

10/02/20 To consider the allotment waiting lists:

There are currently 7 people on the waiting list for a plot at Stonebroom and 7 people for a plot at Mickley. The waiting lists will be reviewed in June 2020.

11/02/20 To consider the wording and the signing of the Armed Forces Covenant:

Cllr A Brown proposed and Cllr M Roe seconded that the covenant be agreed and signed, this was agreed by all Councillors with the exception of Councillor Lomax who was against this decision.

12/02/20 To consider tree planting and wildflower verges in the Parish:

Suitable areas within the parish were discussed. Cllr A Brown proposed, Cllr G Mather seconded and it was unanimously agreed that Cllr H Liggett suggests the following areas to North East Derbyshire District Council:

Wildflowers – by the bridge on Stonebroom Industrial Estate, an area adjacent to Shirland Village Hall, ‘Tank Corner’ and on the A61 just up from the junction with Strettea Lane.

Tree planting – Shirland at the bottom of the field behind the Village Hall.

Hedge planting - to replace the broken fence at Shirland Village Hall.

13/02/20 To consider the provision of dog bins in Mickley:

Cllr M Roe reported that the Street Scene department have recently carried out a survey of bins in Mickley and consider the provision to be ample but they have agreed to install a couple more if requested by residents.

14/02/20 To consider quotations received for the supply and fitting of a new boundary fence at Stonebroom allotments:

Cllr B Barnes stated that the fence needs continuing down the allotment boundary to replace the hedge that was previously destroyed. Cllr A Brown and the Clerk to meet with Cllr B Barnes on site. Cllr A Brown proposed and Cllr P Allsop seconded that an order is placed for the work that has been quoted for by Jobs R Us providing that the quote is fully inclusive.

15/02/20 To consider appointing two Councillors to attend Shirland Village Hall Management Committee meetings:

Cllr J Epton and Cllr G Liggett agreed to attend future meetings and this was unanimously agreed.

Cllr A Brown and Cllr G Mather left the meeting table.

16/02/20 To consider the start date of the new lease – Shirland Village Hall:

A discussion was held and a start date of 1 March was proposed by Cllr H Liggett, this was seconded by Cllr M Roe and unanimously agreed.

Cllr A Brown and Cllr G Mather took their seats back at the table.

17/02/20 Ongoing item – 75th Anniversary of VE Day – ideas to celebrate and commemorate;

Cllr J Epton to enquire about the ringing of the bells on the evening of Friday 8th May 2020.
Cllr A Brown provided information about the events planned at Shirland Village Hall for all residents of the Parish.

18/02/20 Report From County Councillor:

No report received.

19/02/20 Report from District Councillors:

Cllr C Cupit reported that North East Derbyshire District Council have frozen the Council Tax for the 2020/21 year.

Cllr Cupit spoke about the Common Lane/Chesterfield Road planning appeal.

Standing orders were suspended at 9.00pm to allow the meeting to continue.

Cllr H Liggett and Cllr M Roe spoke about several flooding issues in the Parish.

20/02/20 Report from Councillors on Outside Bodies:

Cllr A Brown reported on a meeting that she had recently attended organised by Mickley Tenants Association who are trying to increase the use of The Hut.

Cllr J Epton reported on a couple of highway issues in Shirland and Stonebroom, the Clerk to report to Derbyshire County Council.

Cllr G Mather left the meeting at 9.14pm.

Cllr G Liggett mentioned that there has been an increase in the number of overweight vehicles using Hallfield Gate Lane.

21/02/20 Correspondence

NEDDC – District & Parish Liaison Business Meeting to take place on 6 March 2020.

Derbyshire Children's Holiday Centre – request for donation. To be discussed at a future meeting if the Parish Council are informed that a child from the Parish is attending.

DCC – Parish & Town Council Liaison Forum to take place on 30 March 2020.

Stonebroom Forest School – a discussion was held regarding this land of which the Parish Council are trustees. This is to be included on a future agenda for a full discussion.

Amber Valley Borough Council – Local Plan – advance notification of the 'Call for sites' process.

Cllr M Roe left the meeting at 9.25pm.

22/02/20 Dalc Circulars 01/2020, January newsletter and training timetable:

All information distributed electronically to Councillors.

23/02/20 To consider the following planning applications:

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

Application Number:	20/00031/FLH
Proposal:	Application to install ergosun integrated solar roof tiles (Conservation Area)
Address:	The Barn Corner Farm Main Road Higham

No comments.

Application Number:	19/01032/FL
Proposal:	Application for change of use from mixed A1 and C3 to C3 usage
Address:	28 Hallfieldgate Lane Shirland

No comments.

24/02/20 Finance

The bank reconciliation had been circulated prior to the meeting and this along with the bank statements were presented for signature.

The following payments were authorised: -

Payee	Goods	Amount £
O2	Council mobile	27.06
British Telecom	Broadband – Stonebroom Pavilion	58.56
Shelter Maintenance	Shelter cleaning	52.08
Viking	Ink	30.59
DALC	2 places on Emergency Climate Workshop	60.00
Wages and salaries including HMRC	3 employees	1719.10
British Gas	Gas – Stonebroom Pavilion	128.70
British Gas **	Electricity – Stonebroom Pavilion	241.90
Bidwell Builders **	Painting bench and fixing to base	145.00
Belmont's **	Resin remover and belts	38.52

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

Receipts since last meeting:-

Received:	Amount £
Burial	550.00
Memorial application	99.00
Table tennis	60.00
Football	30.00

The bank balances as at 31 January 2020 were as follows:

Natwest current account - £500.00

Natwest reserve account - £80930.88

NSI account - £150450.455

The meeting finished at 9.36pm.