

Shirland and Higham Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting

conducted via Zoom Thursday 18 February 2021 at 7.00pm

Councillors Present: Cllr Anne Brown (Chair), Cllr Peter Allsop, Cllr Barry Barnes, 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) and five members of the public.

01/02/21 To consider accepting apologies for absence:

Apologies received and accepted from Cllr J Epton, Cllr M Green, Cllr C Cupit and Cllr B Lewis.

02/02/21 To Record Declarations of Interest:

Cllr S Smith - Stonebroom School Governor.

03/02/21 To receive and approve requests for dispensations from members on matters in which they have a Disclosable Pecuniary Interest:

None.

04/02/21 To determine if any item on the agenda should be taken with the public excluded:

None.

05/02/21 To consider for approval the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Thursday 21st January 2021:

Cllr H Liggett approved and Cllr B Barnes seconded.

06/02/21 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):

A resident spoke about the S106 monies that have become available and asked if a decision had been made on what the money would be used for. The Chair stated that this would be discussed later in the meeting.

Libby Hawkins spoke about the need for planning permission for the proposed storage cabin at Mickley BMX track.

A gentleman asked whether the proposed solar farm would be discussed, he was informed that the application was discussed at the last meeting.

07/02/21 To consider the request for the siting of a storage container at Mickley (originally agenda item 12/02/21)

Cllr B Barnes proposed, Cllr M Roe seconded and it was unanimously agreed with the exception of Cllr H Liggett who could not vote on this matter that the siting of the container is allowed. Cllr B Barnes proposed and Cllr D Williamson seconded that the Parish Council meet the costs of the planning application.

08/02/21 To consider fees and charges for the 2021/22 financial year:

Cllr B Barnes proposed, Cllr M Roe seconded and it was unanimously agreed that all fees and charges will remain the same.

09/02/21 To consider the appointment of the internal auditor for the 2020/21 audit:

Cllr A Brown proposed, Cllr B Barnes seconded and it was unanimously agreed that Joanne Taylor is appointed.

10/02/21 To consider the start time of the meetings in 2021:

Cllr M Roe proposed, Cllr H Liggett seconded and it was unanimously agreed that whilst meetings are being held remotely they will commence at 6.30pm.

11/02/21 To consider the confirmation from North East Derbyshire District Council of the S106 monies being available from the Fox Hollies development in Shirland:

The monies requested in 2013 are now available. The recreation contribution of £95000 is to be used to enhance the play area adjacent to/and or to provide indoor facilities within Shirland village Hall and the maintenance contribution of £24000 is to be used towards the maintenance of the on-site play area over a ten-year period.

Councillors discussed the need for drainage works to be carried out on the site as a priority.

Cllr B Barnes proposed, Cllr A Lomax seconded and it was unanimously agreed that residents are asked to suggest ideas on what they would like to see provided.

Cllr H Liggett left the meeting at 7.32pm.

12/02/21 Presentation by Jude Milburn of Rykneld Homes regarding future projects in Mickley (originally agenda item 7/02/21):

A presentation was given regarding the four main community projects: the replacing of habitats and the creation of new ones for swifts, plans for the BMX track, improvements to the storage facilities at the community building and a planting scheme for the grassed area between Priestley Avenue and Bronte Street.

Jude mentioned that Partnership meetings are held once a month and anyone is welcome to join. The next meeting is to be held remotely via Zoom on the 16th March 2021.

Cllr B Barnes thanked Jude Milburn and Libby Hawkins for the work they are carrying out.

13/02/21 To consider the recent Arboricultural Report Stonebroom Woodland Area and the Forest School Woodland Management Plan:

A discussion was held regarding the site and it was agreed that the Clerk would contact North East Derbyshire District Council to ask about the possibility of litterbins being installed.

The Clerk is to circulate the Arboricultural report to the school and the Forest School Leader.

Cllr A Brown proposed, Cllr G Mather seconded and it was unanimously agreed that the Clerk looks into the responsibilities of the Parish Council as trustees of the land and into options for the signage of the site.

14/02/21 To consider writing to Derbyshire County Council regarding the installation of a crossing on the A62 at Mickley:

Cllr D Williamson proposed and Cllr B Barnes seconded that the Clerk writes to Derbyshire County Council requesting that a crossing is installed. A vote was taken with eight Councillors for and one against this action.

15/02/21 To consider the removal and disposal of the telephone box in Shirland:

Cllr D Williamson proposed, Cllr A Brown seconded and it was unanimously agreed that the Clerk contacts BT to arrange disconnection and the box then be removed.

16/02/21 To consider the provision of Christmas trees and lights in the Parish:

Various options were discussed for the four villages in the Parish. Cllr A Brown proposed and Cllr M Roe seconded that the Clerk obtains prices for solar lights to be used in existing trees and for the installation of solar trees on lamp columns. A vote was taken with all Councillors in favour of this action with the exception of Cllr A Lomax who chose to abstain.

Councillors also discussed holding a competition during the festive period to encourage residents to light up their gardens for Christmas.

17/02/21 To consider the installation of a new war memorial in Shirland:

The Clerk and Cllr A Brown informed the meeting that Parish Councils do not have the power to provide new war memorials. Cllr D Williamson proposed, Cllr B Barnes seconded and it was unanimously agreed that the Clerk obtains prices for the cleaning of the existing memorial by the entrance to the Parish Council cemetery.

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

18/02/21 To consider the request from Shirland 2020 for sponsorship to enable them to apply for a Community Action grant from North East Derbyshire District Council:

Cllr G Liggett reported that there is already a large amount of litter picking equipment available in the village and an arrangement is in place for the waste to be taken away following litter picks. Cllr D Williamson proposed, Cllr M Roe seconded and it was unanimously agreed that rather than sponsoring the group we inform them that the equipment is available as and when required and the disposal of the litter collected will be arranged.

19/02/21 Report from County Councillor:

No report.

20/02/21 Report from District Councillor:

No report.

21/02/21 Reports from Councillors on outside bodies and community groups:

Cllr A Brown took the opportunity to thank the following community groups and individuals who have gone above and beyond during the pandemic:

Danny, Lee and friends at Mickley for providing entertainment to families, dressing up at Halloween and handing out sweets and providing Santa and the sleigh at Christmas handing out selection boxes to the children in the village. As well as Mickley the sleigh also visited other local villages.

Sara Street, Headteacher of Mickley School for collecting food from supermarkets each day and ensuring it is available at the school for local families.

Shirland 2020 – over 100 Christmas shoebox hampers were put together and distributed to residents aged 70 plus in Shirland and Higham. These boxes were provided following nominations and distributed personally by members of the group.

Cllr A Brown mentioned that if she had missed any individuals or groups, if they can please let the Clerk know and she will then publicly thank them at a future meeting.

22/02/21 Report from Clerk:

The work on the roadway and car park to the cemetery extension is due to commence on 8th March 2021 weather permitting and should be complete by the end of March. A letter drop was carried out by Cllr Liggett regarding the new shelter just up from the junction with Strettea Lane. Only two responses received and both were positive, now awaiting the agreement to sign from Derbyshire County Council.

The regulations that allow the Parish Council to hold meetings remotely end on 7 May 2021 so if there is no further action from the government the Annual Parish Council meeting will be face to face. Next month the Annual Parish Meeting will be held first immediately followed by the Parish Council meeting.

23/02/21 Dalc Newsletter February 2021:

Distributed electronically to Councillors.

24/02/21 To consider the following planning applications:**Town and Country Planning Act 1990
Consultation of Parish Council**

Application Number:	21/00024/FL
Proposal:	Conversion of outbuilding to holiday cottage
Address:	Yew Tree Farm Mickley Lane Stretton

No comments.

Application Number:	21/00101/FLH
Proposal:	Single storey extension to rear
Address:	61 Birkinstyle Lane Shirland

No comments.

Application Number:	20/01197/FLH
Proposal:	Application for removal of existing timber extension to the rear with construction of new single storey rear extension, detached potting shed and log store, rebuilding of a boundary wall and installation of solar panels (Conservation Area/Listed building) (Amended plans/Amended Title)
Address:	28 Main Road Higham

No comments.

Application Number:	20/01287/LB
Proposal:	Application for listed building consent for rebuild of chimneys, removal of existing timber extension to the rear with construction of a new single storey rear extension, re-tiling of roof, repair of walls, replacement of guttering, replacement and creation of new, blocking of old and alteration of windows, rebuilding of a boundary wall, installation of solar panels, re-roof of outbuildings attached to boundary walls and retrospective application for double glazing (Conservation Area/Listed building) (Amended plans/Amended Title)
Address:	28 Main Road Higham

No comments.

Application Number:	20/01117/RM
Proposal:	Reserved matters application pursuant of 19/00056/OL for site layout, scale, appearance, and landscaping (Major development)(Departure from development plan)(Affecting the setting of a listed building/conservation area) (Amended plans)
Address:	Land north of 92 Chesterfield Road Shirland

The Parish Council are somewhat concerned that the developers are paying scant regard to the existing TPO's on this site and considering that this land currently has standing water on it have not put in a plan as to what destination the surface water is to be drained to and how and by whom and at whose cost these are to be maintained. How does the LLFA know that "in the proposed layout there should be the capacity to safely drain" – there is no drainage plan provided. Even the Inspectorate put in as a condition that there should be a "detailed design and associated management and maintenance plan of the surface water drainage for the site", thereby showing more concern for the drainage hierarchy than our own LLFA.

There also seems to be concern over the car parking spaces and widths together with the carriageway widths which will have a bearing on the eventual adoption of the road. The larger properties should have three off road parking spaces and they have not, the smaller ones should have two.

Parts of the development are listed as 'public space' areas and the Parish Council are concerned about who will be responsible for their maintenance - NEDDC have stated this area IS NOT to be adopted by them, will there be a maintenance company assigned by the developers and paid for out of 'ground rent' type charges against each of the 24 properties, this does not seem to have been addressed.

Plot 24 is too close to an existing property especially as it is a 3-storey house (the developer claims the 5-bedroom houses are 2 1/2 storey properties, there are windows on 3 levels) overlooking existing properties.

Taken together, these details convey an impression that the developer has a disregard and poor consideration of what happens when the houses are occupied.

25/02/21

The bank reconciliation had been circulated prior to the meeting.

The following payments were authorised: -

Payee	Goods	Amount £
Helen Dowson Expenses	Weebly – internet provider monthly payment	13.62
	Zoom monthly payment	14.39
	Postage	3.23
	Padlock for Stonebroom Sportsground	38.38
British Telecom	Broadband – Stonebroom Pavilion	59.76
British Gas	Stonebroom Pavilion Electricity	82.27
Shelter Maintenance	Shelter cleaning	46.02
	Installation of new panels and roof panels - shelter at Mickley	2235.60
Wages and salaries including HMRC	3 employees	1782.76

M Roworth	Filling of grit bins	420.00
Zycomm	Installation of CCTV at Shirland Village Hall and play area	3670.20
John Booth	Arboricultural survey - Stonebroom Woodland	714.00
Bolsover District Council	Procurement for Cemetery extension contract	420.00
O2	Council mobile	28.80
North East Derbyshire District Council	Donation to Chair's Charity Appeal	200.00
**British Gas	Gas – Stonebroom Pavilion	118.32
**North East Derbyshire District Council	Emptying of dog bins – Oct - Dec 2020	1023.24

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

Receipts since last meeting:-

Received:	Amount £
Burial fees	1650.00
Memorial application	99.00
Use of pavilion for flu clinics	100.00
Payment to replace planter destroyed by vehicle	47.50

The meeting finished at 9.35pm.