

Shirland and Higham Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting

held at Shirland Village Hall on Thursday 23rd February 2023 at 7.00pm

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

In Attendance: Helen Dowson (Clerk & RFO) Jonathan Tipton (Bolsover District Council) and eight members of the public.

01/02/23 To consider accepting apologies for absence:

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr Michelle Green, Cllr Mike Roe and Cllr Charlotte Cupit.

02/02/23 Declarations of Interest from members on any items to be discussed:

Cllr B Barnes – Trustee Fidler and Laverack, volunteer for Stonebroom Community Volunteer Group, Stonebroom Food Pantry and the Holiday Activities and Food Group. Cllr D Williamson – Trustee Fidler and Laverack. Cllr A Brown, Cllr J Bacon and Cllr G Mather – Management Committee of Shirland Village Hall.

03/02/23 To receive and approve requests for dispensations from members on matters in which they have a Disclosable Pecuniary Interest:

None.

04/02/23 To determine if any item on the agenda should be taken with the public excluded:

None.

05/02/23 To consider for approval the minutes of the Extraordinary Parish Council Meeting held on Thursday 2nd February 2023:

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

06/02/23 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 member of Stonebroom Community Volunteer Group spoke about the recent report submitted to the Parish Council and asked if Councillors would re-consider the decision to remove logs from the woodland following the tree works.

07/02/23 To consider the information provided by Jonathan Tipton from Bolsover District Council and agree the venues for the 2023 Extreme Wheels sessions:

Cllr J Bacon proposed, Cllr A Brown seconded and it was unanimously agreed that the Easter sessions will be held at Mickley and Stonebroom. The May half term session will be held at Shirland and during the summer holiday period two sessions will be held in each of the three villages. The venue for October half term will be decided later in the year.

During this item Standing Orders were suspended for a short while to allow a member of Stonebroom Community Volunteer Group to speak.

08/02/23 To consider the appointment of the Internal Auditor:

Cllr D Williamson proposed, Cllr J Bacon seconded and it was unanimously agreed that Joanne Taylor be asked to carry out the audit.

09/02/23 To consider the fees and charges for 2023/24:

Cllr A Brown proposed, Cllr B Barnes seconded and it was unanimously agreed that all fees will remain the same.

10/02/23 To consider the maintenance of The Triangle in Shirland:

Cllr A Brown proposed, Cllr A Lomax seconded and it was unanimously agreed that the offer made to Shirland Country Club be withdrawn and the Parish Council's Grounds Maintenance Contractor be instructed to carry out the grass cutting. This decision was necessary as the agreement sent to the Country Club last summer has not been signed.

11/02/23 To consider the information received from Derbyshire County Council regarding the diversion of Public Footpath No. 25:

Cllr A Lomax proposed and Cllr D Williamson seconded that the Parish Council reluctantly withdraw their objection. A vote was taken with eight Councillors for this decision and two against.

12/02/23 To consider the purchase and installation of an additional noticeboard for Stonebroom:

Cllr J Bacon reported that she had recently met with a representative from Mainstream Meats regarding siting a new noticeboard on their land. Cllr A Brown proposed, Cllr D Williamson seconded and it was unanimously agreed to order a new noticeboard providing Mainstream Meats sign an agreement.

13/02/23 To consider the purchase and installation of two additional war memorials in the Parish:

Deferred until the March 2023 meeting.

14/02/23 To consider the correspondence received regarding highway issues at Town End Shirland:

Cllr H Liggett proposed, Cllr D Williamson seconded and it was unanimously agreed that the Clerk writes to Derbyshire County Council stating that the Parish Council feel that it would be favourable to turn the road into a one-way street.

Cllr J Bacon, Cllr A Brown and Cllr G Mather left the room and Cllr H Liggett took the Chair.

15/02/23 To consider the repairs required to the roof at Shirland Village Hall:

Cllr H Liggett proposed, Cllr D Williamson seconded and it was unanimously agreed that Chambers and Partners are contacted to arrange a structural report.

Cllr J Bacon, Cllr A Brown and Cllr G Mather returned to the meeting.

16/02/23 To consider the works required to the seat at Mickley Scooter Park:

Cllr B Barnes proposed, Cllr H Liggett seconded and it was unanimously agreed to install a concrete base for the seat.

17/02/23 To consider the proposal from the Stonebroom Community Volunteer Group to use Stonebroom Pavilion and Sportsground for a picnic on the 7th May 2023:

Cllr A Lomax proposed and Cllr H Liggett seconded that permission be granted. This was unanimously agreed with the exception of Cllr B Barnes who did not vote due to an interest declared at the beginning of the meeting.

18/02/23 To consider the report on Ash dieback received from the Stonebroom Community Volunteer Group and the request for logs to be left at the Woodland following the tree works:

Cllr B Barnes proposed, Cllr G Mather seconded and it was unanimously agreed to leave the logs on site.

19/02/23 To consider the request from the Stonebroom Community Volunteer Group for litter piking hoops:

Cllr D Williamson proposed, Cllr A Brown seconded and it was unanimously agreed to purchase twelve hoops.

20/02/23 To consider the request from Stonebroom FC for the football pitch to be rolled:

Cllr A Brown proposed, Cllr B Barnes seconded and it was unanimously agreed to obtain one more quote and then go with the cheapest.

21/02/23 To consider using the Spirit of Alfreton community news website:

Cllr J Bacon proposed, Cllr A Brown seconded and it was unanimously agreed to use the website.

22/02/23 To consider the A61 Speed Limit Review initial consultation:

No comments.

23/02/23 To consider the applications received for the temporary Caretaker vacancy:

No applications received.

24/02/23 Report from County Councillor:

No report.

25/02/23 Reports from District Councillors:

Cllr H Liggett reported that she is working with the Planning Enforcement team regarding the former Crown Inn Public House and the former Shirland Church Hall.

Cllr H Liggett is working with North East Derbyshire District Council to try and increase the frequency of footway sweeping in the Parish.

Cllr H Liggett mentioned that the Chair of North East Derbyshire District Council is holding a Race Night on the 17th March 2023.

26/02/23 Reports from Councillors on outside bodies and community groups:

Cllr B Barnes reported that Stonebroom Community Volunteer Group had recently carried out a successful litter pick in the village and are arranging Easter events in the Woodland. The Holiday and Food Group have obtained funding for Easter and Summer events and are holding a quiz night in March. Cllr Barnes reported that the Food Pantry will be opening soon.

27/02/23: Report from Chair:

The Chair reported that she had attended a meeting of the Community of Shirland and Higham Group who are arranging a Barn Dance at Shirland Village Hall on the 25th March 2023. Future events were discussed at the meeting and the committee are looking for new members to join them on the group.

Cllr A Brown had also attended a meeting of Shirland Village Hall Management Committee. She reported that a bouncy castle and more new chairs have recently been ordered. An event will be held at the hall on Monday 8th May 2023 for the King's Coronation. The Chair spoke about regular successful events that take place in the hall.

28/02/23 Report from Clerk:

NEDDC are holding a public meeting at Shirland Village Hall on 2nd March 2023 regarding the Stonebroom Community Governance Review. All households in the Parish will be receiving information on this in the next couple of days. At the March Parish Council meeting the Community Governance Review Working Group are attending to speak to Councillors.

At the January meeting a member of the public spoke about the condition of a footpath surface in Stonebroom. DCC's footpath officer has carried out an inspection and found that the surface is not problematic and doesn't justify expenditure.

The new play equipment will hopefully be installed by the end of March.

The new kitchen at Shirland Village Hall is to be installed at the end of March.

29/02/23 Dalc Newsletter – February 2023:

Previously circulated to Councillors.

30/01/23 Correspondence (previously circulated to Councillors)

- Derbyshire Building Control Partnership – Street name and numbering for development off Park Lane Shirland.
- Derbyshire County Council – Parish and Town Council Liaison Forum.
- Bolsover District Council – Cresswell Growth Plan Consultation.
- North East Derbyshire District Council – Parish Elections 2023.

31/02/23 To consider the following planning applications:

Application Number:	23/00053/FL & 23/00054/LB
Proposal:	Change of use and proposed extension to outbuilding to form annex accommodation (Listed Building/Conservation Area)
Address:	Barn to rear of Holly Tree Farm Main Road Higham

The Parish Council are concerned that this may be used as a holiday let in the future. Is this something that can be covered if approval is granted.

Application Number:	23/00069/FLH
Proposal:	Proposed new double garage and boundary treatments to existing dwelling
Address:	2 Strettea Lane Higham

No comments.

Application Number:	23/00072/FL
Proposal:	Proposed rear dormer bungalow
Address:	223 Birkinstyle Lane Stonebroom

The Parish Council are concerned that there is no off-street parking. The Council also have concerns regarding the size and mass of the kitchen/living room shown on the plans.

Application Number:	22/00786/LB
Proposal:	Application to carry out works to listed building including the removal of 4 no roof lights and replacement with roof tiles, removal of timber casement window and replacement with an opening French window, replacement of two-pane timber casement window and replacement of pedestrian door (Listed Building/Conservation Area) (Additional Details)
Address:	Apuldram Barn Main Road Higham

No comments.

Application Number:	23/00100/FL
Proposal:	Retention of change of use from agriculture and equestrian to proposed family traveller site with two pitches
Address:	Green Barn Park Lane Shirland

The Parish Council have no objections providing that the following condition is added to the approval: it must fall into the definition of Gypsies and Travellers as set out in Planning Policies of Travellers Sites 2015 and be used only by their dependants who still live the travelling lifestyle.

Application Number:	23/00132/FL
Proposal:	Erection of cabin for use as holiday accommodation (Private Drainage System) (Conservation Area)
Address:	Higham Fisheries Main Road Higham

The Parish Council are concerned that the proposed cabin is on the edge of the Conservation Area and will be seen from the public footpaths.

32/02/23 To receive bank reconciliations, bank statements and bills for payment:

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

The bank reconciliation had been circulated prior to the meeting. Cllr D Williamson proposed, Cllr A Brown seconded and it was unanimously agreed that this be accepted.

The following payments were authorised: -

Payee	Goods	Amount £
LA Landscaping Services Ltd	Digging of 3 graves and 1 ashes plot	1469.00
	Works to Cemetery Extension	10500.00
R Beecroft Plumbing and Heating	Repairs to outside tap at Stonebroom Pavilion	90.00
Jobs R Us (Adam Fowles)	Re-fixing picnic benches at Shirland Playing Field	90.00
British Gas	Stonebroom Pavilion: Gas	89.01
	Electricity	105.22
Viking	Paper and stationery	61.28
Shelter Maintenance	Shelter cleaning	53.46
Zycomm	Servicing CCTV cameras at Shirland Village Hall	420.00
Peak and Northern Footpaths Society	Renewal of membership	22.50
British Telecom	Stonebroom Pavilion – Broadband	68.34
North East Derbyshire District Council	Installation of 3 no. Wheelistat bins	1152.00
	Emptying of the Wheelistat bins (July–September 2022)	457.38
	New dog waste bin Cross Lane Shirland	400.42
	Emptying bins (July–September 2022)	1138.18
UK Safety Management	Stonebroom Pavilion: Emergency light service	192.00
	Fire alarm service	192.00
Derbyshire County Council	Licence for Speed Indicator Devices	100.00
Helen Dowson - Expenses	Cleaning materials/batteries for Stonebroom Pavilion	38.46

	Padlocks x 3	105.30
	Weebly (website provider): January 2023 & February 2023	30.67
Wages and salaries including HMRC	3 employees	2039.40
O2	Council Mobile	17.16
Defib Store	Pads and battery pack for defibrillator unit in Stonebroom	247.50
Brian Stone**	WD40	3.50

**Invoice received after publication of the agenda.

Receipts since last meeting:-

Received:	Amount £
Burials/interment of ashes	4819.00

The meeting closed at 9.06pm.