

## **Shirland and Higham Parish Council**

### Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting

held at Stonebroom Pavilion on Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> February 2024 at 7.00pm

Councillors Present: Cllr Anne Brown, Cllr Janice Bush, Cllr Margaret Kimber, Cllr Ritchie Knowles, Cllr Guy Liggett, Cllr Geoff Mather, Cllr James Newton and Cllr David Williamson.

In Attendance: Helen Dowson (Clerk & RFO), Cllr Charlotte Cupit, Cllr Nigel Barker, Niall Clarke from Rykneld Homes and three members of the public.

In the absence of Cllr M Roe (Chair) and Cllr B Barnes (Vice Chair) Cllr A Brown was nominated to take the position of Chair and this decision was unanimously agreed.

#### **01/02/24 To consider accepting apologies for absence:**

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr Barry Barnes, Cllr Janice Cann, Cllr Michelle Green, Cllr Barry Lewis and Cllr Heather Liggett. During the meeting apologies were received from Cllr M Roe.

#### **02/02/24 Declarations of Interest from members on any items to be discussed:**

Councillors completed the declaration sheet as necessary.

#### **03/02/24 To receive and approve requests for dispensations from members on matters in which they have a Disclosable Pecuniary Interest:**

None.

#### **04/02/24 To determine if any item on the agenda should be with the public excluded:**

None.

#### **05/02/24 To consider for approval the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> January 2024:**

Cllr J Newton proposed and Cllr R Knowles seconded that the minutes be approved.

#### **06/02/24 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 of Lilac Way Shirland spoke about the recent flooding and the concerns residents have regarding the watercourses.

Cllr A Brown reported that there are several potholes on the estate in Mickley. Cllr C Cupit confirmed that these has been reported to Derbyshire County Council.

Cllr A Brown queried the location of the speed indicator device in Mickley. The Clerk confirmed that it has been fixed to the lamp column recommended by the installer and approved by Derbyshire County Council.

#### **07/02/24 Visit from Councillor Nigel Barker, Leader of North East Derbyshire District Council to introduce himself to the Parish Council:**

Cllr Barker introduced himself and spoke about the importance of Parish Councils and their Councillors.

#### **08/02/24 Visit from Niall Clark from Rykneld Homes and Jayne Dethick from North East Derbyshire District Council to speak about the regeneration of the bungalows area in Stonebroom:**

Niall Clark passed on apologies on behalf of Jayne Dethick.

Mr Clark spoke about the research and the consultation carried out to date. A planning application for 70 new homes is currently being finalised, a decision on the application will hopefully be received by the end of Summer 2024.

Councillors were given the opportunity to ask questions.

**09/02/24 To consider the fees and charges for 2024/2025:**

Cllr D Williamson proposed, Cllr R Knowles seconded and it was unanimously agreed to increase the allotment fee to £27.50 per year.

Cllr J Bush proposed, Cllr A Brown seconded and it was unanimously agreed to increase the adult football charge to £50 per match.

Cllr A Brown proposed, Cllr J Newton seconded and it was unanimously agreed that the fee for children's football remains the same.

Cllr A Brown proposed, Cllr J Newton seconded and it was unanimously agreed that the suggested donation for using the Pavilion be increased to £12 per hour and all users be asked to donate.

**10/02/24 To consider the appointment of the Internal Auditor:**

Cllr A Brown proposed and Cllr J Newton seconded that Joanne Taylor be asked to carry out the audit. A vote was taken and this decision was unanimous with the exception of Cllr J Bush who chose to abstain.

**11/02/24 To consider setting up an Allotments working party:**

Cllr R Knowles proposed, Cllr G Mather seconded and it was unanimously agreed to set up a working party. Cllr A Brown, Cllr R Knowles, Cllr G Mather and Cllr D Williamson agreed to join.

**12/02/24 To consider the maintenance of the water course hierarchy throughout the Parish:**

Cllr D Williamson provided a considerable amount of information and a lengthy discussion was held regarding past issues and potential future problems.

Cllr C Cupit agreed to speak with Severn Trent Water and Derbyshire County Council to try and ascertain where responsibilities lie. Cllr C Cupit encouraged affected residents to apply for a property flood resilience repair grant from Derbyshire County Council.

The Clerk confirmed that she has written to Severn Trent Water and will now to write to Wheeldon Homes.

**13/02/24 To consider installing a wheelie stat bin in the lay by on the A61:**

The Clerk reported that North East Derbyshire District Council have agreed to provide and fund an additional litter bin at this location.

**14/02/24 To consider installing end panes to the bus shelter on Chesterfield Road Higham:**

Cllr D Williamson proposed and Cllr J Newton seconded that an order be placed for the fitting of end panels. A vote was taken and seven Councillors were for this action and one against.

**15/02/24 To consider the requests received from Stonbroom Community Volunteer group and The Friends of Stonebroom School for the use of the pavilion:**

Councillor D Williamson proposed, Cllr R Knowles seconded and it was unanimously agreed to allow the use of the pavilion.

**16/02/24 To consider the quotes received for the installation of new gates at Shirland Playing Fields:**

To be discussed once further quotes are received.

**17/02/24 To consider the request for the establishment of an area to play French boules:**

Deferred until the March meeting.

**18/02/24 Report from County Councillor:**

No report.

**19/02/24 Reports from District Councillors:**

Cllr C Cupit spoke about the consultation process with regards to the proposed speed limit changes in the Parish.

Cllr C Cupit also spoke about the Derbyshire County Council boundary review and the proposed Morton Solar Farm.

**20/02/24 Reports from Councillors on outside bodies and community groups:**

Cllr A Brown spoke about the rising energy costs at Shirland Village Hall and the affect this having financially.

**21/02/24 Report from Chair:**

None.

**22/02/24 Report from Clerk:**

The Clerk mentioned that 420 saplings from the Woodland Trust are due to be delivered in November 2024.

The Clerk reported that all the speed indicator devices are now in place.

Staffa Health have formally agreed to allow the Parish Council to fit a defibrillator to the wall of the doctor's surgery in Stonebroom. The Clerk is still awaiting replies from the other businesses that were approached.

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

**23/02/24 Dalc Newsletter – February 2024:**

Previously circulated to Councillors.

**24/02/24 Correspondence (previously circulated to Councillors)**

Resident regarding flooding at Lilac Way Shirland

Resident regarding speed indicator device on Birkinstyle Lane.

Resident regarding the proposed Mickley Woodland.

North East Derbyshire District Council – Local Government Boundary Commission review.

Housing Needs survey.

**25/02/24 To consider the following planning applications:**

<b>Application Number:</b>	24/00093/FL
<b>Proposal:</b>	Change of use from allotment to use Class 3 residential and the construction of a single storey 3 bed bungalow
<b>Address:</b>	Land to North of 4 West Street Stonebroom

No comments.

**26/02/24 To receive the bank reconciliation, bank statements and bills for payment:**

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

Cllr R Knowles proposed, Cllr J Newton seconded and it was unanimously agreed that the following payments be made:

<b>Payee</b>	<b>Goods</b>	<b>Amount (£)</b>
British Telecom	Stonebroom Pavilion: Broadband	78.19
Waterplus	Stonebroom Pavilion	17.22
O2	Council mobile	38.96
E.On	Stonebroom Pavilion: Electricity Gas	73.51 73.04
ASI Security Systems	Stonebroom Pavilion: Replacement sensor due to water damage	199.14
R Beecroft	Stonebroom Pavilion:	255.00

	Repair boiler and burst pipe	
Bike Track	BMX track maintenance and monthly inspection	431.50
Rob Cook Electrical	Stonebroom Pavilion: Supply and fit 4 light fittings due to water damage	444.00
Shelter Maintenance	Cleaning of shelters – January 2024	56.14
LA Landscaping Services	2 burials 1 interment of ashes	998.00 139.00
Helen Dowson Expenses:	Weebly (website provider) Ink Stationery 'No Dogs' signage Mop heads	14.59 22.49 2.99 23.57 13.99
Derbyshire Association of Local Councils	Allotment training – Cllr Brown	40.00
Viking	Paper, postage stamps and stationery	145.34
Coeval	Supply and installation of speed indicator device	3308.40
Wages and salaries including HMRC	3 employees	2692.01
Shed Grounds Maintenance	Stonebroom Community Woodland – removal of fallen trees	355.68
Paul Shardlow	Filling of grit bins	396.00
Brian Stone **	Paint for mower	14.99
CSE Crosscom Ltd (Zycomm) **	New recorder	972.00

Receipts since last meeting:-

<b>Received:</b>	<b>Amount (£)</b>
Burial/interment of ashes	1338.00
Prepurchase of ashes plot	250.00
S106 monies	45023.91
Childrens football	20.00

The meeting closed at 9.16 pm.