

Shirland and Higham Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting

conducted via Zoom Thursday 21 January 2021 at 7.00pm

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

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

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

Apologies received and accepted from Cllr P Allsop, Cllr J Epton, Cllr M Green and Cllr C Cupit.

02/01/21 To Record Declarations of Interest:

None.

03/01/21 To receive and approve requests for dispensations from members on matters in which they have a Disclosable Pecuniary Interest:

None.

04/01/21 To determine if any item on the agenda should be taken with the public excluded:

None.

05/01/21 To consider for approval the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Thursday 15th October 2020:

Cllr A Lomax approved and Cllr G Liggett seconded.

06/01/21 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):

Cllr A Brown informed the meeting about the recent increase in dog thefts. Posters are to be put up in the noticeboards and on the website encouraging owners not to leave dogs unattended.

Jude Milburn from Rykneld Homes and Libby Hawkins spoke about proposals for the Mickley BMX track including the setting up of a club and coaching sessions.

07/01/21 To consider updating Standing Orders:

Cllr A Brown proposed and Cllr M Roe seconded that Standing Orders are updated to allow meetings to be held virtually and allowing voting to be by a show of hands electronically or verbally. This is in response to the Coronavirus Act 2020.

08/01/21 Notice of conclusion of audit:

The audit for the year ended 31st March 2020 is now complete and the statutory 'Notice of Conclusion' displayed.

09/01/21 To consider the meeting dates for 2021:

It was unanimously agreed that meetings will be held on the 3rd Thursday of every month with the exception of December. Cllr M Roe suggested an earlier start time of 6.30pm particularly whilst the meetings are being held remotely, this will be discussed at the February 2021 meeting.

10/01/21 To consider the confirmation of the Caretaker's employment following the end of the probationary period:

Cllr A Brown proposed, Cllr B Barnes seconded and it was unanimously agreed that the Caretaker's employment is confirmed.

11/01/21 To consider the quotation for the provision and installation of an additional bus shelter in Shirland:

Cllr A Brown proposed, Cllr H Liggett seconded and it was unanimously agreed that a consultation letter is delivered to neighbouring properties and providing no negative comments are received the Clerk is to place an order for a new shelter. This shelter will be on the A61 just up from the junction with Strettea Lane.

12/01/21 To consider the replacement of panes in the vandalised bus shelter at Mickley:

Cllr A Brown proposed, Cllr D Williamson seconded and it was unanimously agreed that an order is placed for the panes to be replaced and for the necessary roof repairs to be carried out.

13/01/21 To consider the quotations received for a tree survey of Stonebroom Woodland Area:

Cllr A Brown proposed, Cllr D Williamson seconded and it was unanimously agreed that an order is placed with John Booth.

14/01/21 To consider the request for a donation to the Chair of North East Derbyshire District Council's charitable appeal:

Cllr D Williamson proposed, Cllr B Barnes seconded and it was unanimously agreed that a donation of £200 be made.

15/01/21 To consider the pre-purchasing of graves in Shirland Cemetery:

Cllr M Roe proposed, Cllr S Smith seconded that the pre-purchasing of graves be permitted in the Cemetery.

16/01/21 Report from County Councillor:

No report.

17/01/21 Report from District Councillors:

Cllr H Liggett reported that the housing improvement scheme is currently taking place at Mickley and that there have been slight delays with progress due to recent low temperatures.

Cllr H Liggett also reported that grants have recently been given to four local residents for new boilers and cavity wall insulation.

Cllr H Liggett informed the meeting that new litter bins have been installed near the shop in Shirland and at the top of Strettea Lane, both are being well used.

18/01/21 Reports from Councillors on outside bodies:

No reports.

19/01/21 Report from Clerk:

The Clerk informed the meeting that the grit bins have all been re-filled. The Clerk also stated that she is liaising with the Legal Officer at North East Derbyshire District Council with a view to the works on the Cemetery extension starting as soon as possible.

20/01/21 Correspondence:

Two local residents regarding use of residential properties for businesses – circulated to Councillors.

Unresolved highway issues Main Road Higham – circulated to Councillors.

Forest School Woodland Management Plan – circulated to Councillors, the report was discussed and it was agreed to put this on a future agenda.

21/01/21 Dalc Newsletters October-December 2020 and January 2021:

Distributed electronically to Councillors.

Cllr M Roe left the meeting at 8.30pm.

22/01/21 To consider the following planning applications:

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

Application Number:	20/01230/FL
Proposal:	Construction of a shower and toilet block for campsite
Address:	Yew Tree Farm Mickley Lane Stretton

No comments.

Application Number:	20/01267/LB
Proposal:	Listed Building Consent Application for external masonry repairs, repointing and replacement of external joinery to front elevation (Conservation Atea)
Address:	27 Main Road Higham

No comments.

Application Number:	20/01197/FLH
Proposal:	Application for detached potting shed and log store, rebuilding of a boundary wall, solar panels, wooden shutters to front (Conservation Area/Listed Building)
Address:	28 Main Road Higham

No comments.

Application Number:	20/01287/LB
Proposal:	Application for listed building consent for rebuild of chimneys, replacement glazing and roof to rear porch, re-tiling of roof, repair of walls, replacement of guttering, replacement, creation of new, blocking of old and alteration of windows, rebuilding of a boundary wall. Installation of solar panels, installation of shutters to front, re-roof of outbuildings attached to boundary walls and retrospective application for double glazing (Conservation Area/Listed Building)
Address:	28 Main Road Higham

No comments

Application Number:	20/01282/FL
Proposal:	Proposed photovoltaic solar park and associated infrastructure = (Affecting a public right of way) (Major Development)
Address:	Upper Delves Farm Pit Lane Shirland

Shirland and Higham parishioners currently benefit from immediate access to the countryside surrounding our village for local recreational walks, dog exercise etc in the green and pleasant surroundings that the panoramic vistas and tranquillity of quiet and space together with the local public footpath network offers. Indeed, yet more housing is planned to be built close to this site, and as a consequence, demand for access to open countryside is more crucial than ever.

Whilst we are not opposed to the installation of renewable energy generation, we feel that this application, particularly when aggregated with the concurrent application which borders it and covers Hall Farm and Ufton Fields Farm (which is even larger) has a magnitude of change to the character of the area that is immense when one considers that the solar panels will be mounted on frames up to 3m high, surrounded by tall fencing of a style that is incongruous with cctv cameras mounted at 150m intervals. This will have a consequence of altering our landscape from rural to an industrial setting for a period of 40 years. This would have a major impact on the visual amenity we all currently enjoy in this area and will occur over a long duration.

The Parish Council are very disappointed with the lack of public consultation which has taken place prior to the submission of this application.

Another point the Council wish to raise is there doesn't appear to be any mention of any Section 106 contribution to compensate the community for the impact of the development.

Application Number:	21/00012/FLH
Proposal:	Application for alterations to the roof
Address:	131 Birkinstyle Lane Shirland

No comments.

23/01/21 Finance

The bank reconciliation and 3rd quarter budget monitoring report had been circulated prior to the meeting.

The following payments were authorised: -

Payee	Goods	Amount £
Helen Dowson Expenses	Weebly – internet provider monthly payment	14.11
British Telecom	Broadband – Stonebroom Pavilion	59.76
ASI Security Systems	Alarm at Stonebroom Pavilion - Maintenance package and monitoring charges	537.60
British Gas	Stonebroom Pavilion – Gas	108.20
	Electricity	105.86
Viking	100 no. 2 nd class stamps & inks	164.53
Wages and salaries including HMRC	3 employees	1782.76
Markovitz **	Rock salt	900.00

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

Receipts since last meeting:-

Received:	Amount £
Burial fee	500.00
Memorial application	99.00

The meeting finished at 9.00pm.