

Shirland and Higham Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting

held at Shirland Village Hall on Thursday 19th January 2023 at 7.00pm

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

In Attendance: Helen Dowson (Clerk & RFO), Cllr Charlotte Cupit, Cllr Barry Lewis (left during early part of meeting) and eight members of the public.

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

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr John Epton, Cllr Michelle Green, Cllr Mike Roe and Cllr Sue Smith.

02/01/23 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.

Prior to the meeting Cllr A Brown, Cllr J Bacon and Cllr G Mather requested in writing a dispensation to allow them to participate in the discussion and vote for agenda item 12. A vote was taken with 4 Councillors for this action and 1 against.

03/01/23 To receive and approve requests for dispensations from members on matters in which they have a Disclosable Pecuniary Interest:

None.

04/01/23 To determine if any item on the agenda should be taken with the public excluded:

Agenda item 29/01/23.

05/01/23 To consider for approval the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Thursday 17th November 2022:

Cllr B Barnes proposed and Cllr H Liggett seconded that the minutes be approved.

06/01/23 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 the public thanked the Parish Council for carrying out the footpath work at the Community Woodland. The gentleman spoke about the need for an enhanced road sweeping programme in Stonebroom and reported an issue with the surface of a public footpath in the village - the Clerk to report to Derbyshire County Council.

Cllr J Bacon reported that she had received a request for a Parish Council noticeboard at the bottom of Stonebroom near the entrance to the industrial estate – to be included on the February agenda.

Cllr A Lomax reported that he had met with a representative from Virgin Media back in December 2022 – the Clerk to contact Virgin Media for a progress update.

07/01/23 To consider the budget and the precept request for the 2023/24 financial year:

The proposed budget was circulated to Councillors prior to the meeting. A discussion was held and Cllr B Barnes proposed and Cllr H Liggett seconded that the budget be accepted with no increase to the precept and a request for £91247 be submitted to North East Derbyshire District Council. A vote was taken and this was unanimous with the exception of Cllr G Liggett who chose to abstain.

08/01/23 To consider the Cemetery fees for 2023:

Cllr H Liggett proposed, Cllr D Williamson seconded and it was unanimously agreed that the fees remain the same.

09/01/23 To consider the meeting dates for 2023:

Cllr A Brown proposed, Cllr J Bacon seconded and it was unanimously agreed that meetings be held on the third Thursday of each month with the exception of December.

10/01/23 To consider placing the order for the new play equipment at Stonebroom and Mickley:

Cllr A Brown proposed, Cllr H Liggett seconded and it was unanimously agreed to place the order for Stonebroom.

Cllr H Liggett proposed, Cllr G Mather seconded and it was unanimously agreed to place the order for Mickley.

11/01/23 To consider approving the draft version of the Neighbourhood Plan prior to the Regulation 14 consultation and approve expenditure which will be incurred during the consultation:

Deferred until a future meeting due to some Councillors needing more time to read the Plan.

12/01/23 To consider the quotations received for a new kitchen and appliances at Shirland Village Hall:

Cllr H Liggett proposed, Cllr D Williamson seconded and it was unanimously agreed to accept the quote from Alfreton Bespoke Carpentry and Joinery.

13/01/23 To consider the request for a litter bin by the bus shelter on Main Road Shirland:

Cllr A Brown proposed, Cllr H Liggett seconded and it was unanimously agreed that a request is made to North East Derbyshire District Council.

14/01/23 To consider the provision and installation of two additional War Memorials in the Parish:

Deferred until the February 2023 meeting.

15/01/23 To consider donating chairs to the Stonebroom Food Pantry:

Cllr A Lomax proposed, Cllr H Liggett seconded and it was unanimously agreed that the chairs be donated.

16/01/23 To consider the live streaming of meetings:

Deferred until a future meeting.

17/01/23 To consider the access to Stonebroom Woodland:

Cllr J Bacon proposed, Cllr D Williamson seconded and it was unanimously agreed to purchase a combination padlock.

18/01/23 To consider the quote received for work following the tree survey at Stonebroom Woodland:

Cllr A Brown proposed, Cllr J Bacon seconded and it was unanimously agreed that the quote be accepted providing that the Contractor is taking away all logs, branches etc.

19/01/23 To consider the renewal of the membership of the Peak and Northern Footpaths Society:

Cllr A Brown proposed, Cllr A Lomax seconded and it was unanimously agreed that the membership be renewed.

20/01/23 Report from County Councillor:

No reports.

21/01/23 Reports from District Councillors:

Cllr Cupit mentioned that North East Derbyshire District Council are still accepting comments on the High Street Stonebroom application.

Cllr Cupit said that the Enforcement team are dealing with the Old Church Hall building in Shirland and the former Crown Public House in Higham.

Cllr Cupit also reported that further consultations are to be carried out in relation to the Stonebroom Community Governance Review.

Cllr H Liggett reported on a number of street cleansing issues.

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

22/01/23 Reports from Councillors on outside bodies and community groups:

Cllr B Barnes expressed his thanks to the various groups in Stonebroom that carried out successful events last Summer, Halloween and Christmas.

Cllr J Bacon mentioned that she had attended the last meeting of the Food Pantry but was unaware of future meeting dates. Cllr Bacon said that she will be attending the next meeting of Stonebroom Community Centre.

23/01/23: Report from Chair:

The Chair reported on the recent anti-social behaviour at Shirland Playing Fields resulting in the picnic benches being uprooted and turned upside down. Cllr Brown reported this to the Police.

Cllr Brown reported on the recent Annual General Meeting of the Shirland Village Hall Management Committee. Now the floor has been replaced plans are being made to decorate the Hall. Cllr Brown reported on the well-attended events that take place regularly at the Hall.

The Chair had attended a meeting of the Community of Shirland and Higham group where past and future events were discussed.

24/01/23 Report from Clerk:

The Clerk reported that the Parish Council have been successful in obtaining a grant to the value of £6287 towards the cost of the Speed Indicator Devices.

25/01/23 Dalc Newsletter – December 2022:

Previously circulated to Councillors.

26/01/23 Correspondence (previously circulated to Councillors):

Derbyshire County Council regarding Public footpath diversion – the Clerk to confirm that the Parish Council want to make a formal objection.

27/01/23 To consider the following planning applications:

Application Number:	22/01104/FLH
Proposal:	Application for proposed double garage and two storey rear extension with Juliet balcony
Address:	Ad Astra House Chesterfield Road Shirland

No comments

Application Number:	22/01134/FLH
Proposal:	Application for installation of a 12 panel solar PV system to roof pitches of detached garage (Listed Building/Conservation Area)
Address:	29 Main Road Higham

The Parish Council are concerned that similar applications have been turned down due to the properties being in a conservation area.

Application Number:	22/01179/TPO
Proposal:	Application for pruning works to Copper Beech trees T1 and T2 covered by NEDDC Tree Preservation Order 141
Address:	7 Hallfieldgate Lane Shirland

No comments

Application Number:	23/00005/AD
Proposal:	Application for advertising consent for 8 flags and 1 free standing sign
Address:	Land between 1 St Leonards Place and Shirland Primary School Park Lane Shirland

The Parish Council are surprised to see that these flags are already in place, eight flags seems very excessive.

Application Number:	22/01245/FLH
Proposal:	Proposed single storey front and rear extension and two-storey side extension
Address:	123 Birkinstyle Lane Shirland

No comments

Application Number:	23/00019/FLH
Proposal:	156 Birkinstyle Lane Stonebroom
Address:	Application to regularise the erection of a single storey timber shed on the front garden of the property, to include laying of a concrete base.

No comments

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

28/01/23 To receive bank reconciliations, third quarter budget monitoring report, bank statements and bills for payment:

The bank reconciliations and the budget monitoring report had been circulated prior to the meeting. Cllr J Bacon proposed, Cllr D Williamson seconded and it was unanimously agreed that these be accepted.

The following payments were authorised: -

Payee	Goods	Amount £
December 2022:		
British Telecom	Stonebroom Pavilion: Broadband	68.34
	Telephone line	45.47
O2	Council mobile	9.14
British Gas	Stonebroom Pavilion: Electricity	72.25
	Gas	64.96
Waterplus	Stonebroom Pavilion: Water	11.14
January 2023:		

Helen Dowson Expenses	Compost for planters	30.00
	Weebly (website provider):	
	November 2022	15.94
	December 2022	15.15
LA Landscaping Services	Burial x 2	849.00
	Interment of ashes x 2	238.00
	Topping up of grave	30.00
	Works to Stonebroom Pavilion car park	420.00
Markovitz	Rock salt	306.00
Shelter Maintenance	Bus shelter cleaning	53.46
Bridge Thermoplastics	2 no. planters	199.90
Plantscape	Christmas Trees on lampposts	4826.40
Wages and salaries including HMRC	3 employees	2039.40
The Friends of Stonebroom School	S137 grant	200.00
British Gas	Electricity	100.76
	Gas	97.82
Paul Shardlow	Filling all Parish Council grit bins on two occasions	720.00
O2	Council mobile	15.10
R Beecroft	Boiler service at Stonebroom Pavilion	80.00
British Telecom	Broadband – Stonebroom Pavilion	68.34
ASI Security	Annual alarm charges – Stonebroom Pavilion	576.00
Rob Cook Electrical	Christmas tree and lights at Mickley and lights in Shirland, Stonebroom & Higham	2040.00
Jay Young Flooring **	Floor – Shirland Village Hall	5760.00
Water Plus **	Stonebroom Pavilion: Water	11.14

**Invoices received after publication of the agenda.

Receipts since last meeting:-

Received:	Amount £
Burial/interments of ashes	2057.00
Pavilion lettings	120.00
Football	255.00