

Shirland and Higham Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting

held at Shirland Village Hall on Thursday 18th January 2024 at 7.00pm

Councillors Present: Cllr Mike Roe (Chair), Cllr Barry Barnes, Cllr Anne Brown, Cllr Janice Bush, Cllr Janice Cann, Cllr Michelle Green, 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) and one member of the public.

01/01/24 To consider accepting apologies for absence:

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr Charlotte Cupit, Cllr Barry Lewis and Cllr Heather Liggett.

02/01/24 Declarations of Interest from members on any items to be discussed:

Cllr Barry Barnes – Trustee Fidler and Laverack, Stonebroom Community Volunteer Group and Stonebroom Food Pantry.

Cllr D Williamson – Trustee Fidler and Laverack.

Cllr G Liggett - Contractor for Shed Grounds Maintenance.

Cllr M Kimber – Stonebroom Food Pantry, Stonebroom Community Volunteer Group, volunteer at Stonebroom School's forest school sessions.

03/01/24 To receive and approve requests for dispensations from members on matters in which they have a Disclosable Pecuniary Interest:

None.

04/01/24 To determine if any item on the agenda should be with the public excluded:

None.

05/01/24 To consider for approval the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Thursday 16th November 2023:

Cllr A Brown proposed and Cllr B Barnes seconded that the minutes be approved.

06/01/24 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 member of the public spoke about the brook in Stonebroom, Cllr M Roe and Cllr J Newton agreed to carry out a site visit. The gentleman also asked about the request for a skatepark in Stonebroom, the Chair explained that this would be an extremely large project and will be discussed on a future agenda. Cllr R Knowles mentioned that he has been liaising with Derbyshire County Council regarding visibility at the Chesterfield Road/Strettea Lane junction.

Cllr B Barnes mentioned that he has been approached by residents asking if an area for French boules could be provided in the Parish.

Cllr Barnes reported that the Stonebroom allotment holders are grateful for the recent hedge cutting works.

07/01/24 To consider the Cemetery fees for 2024 and the standards hours of interment:

Cllr J Cann proposed, Cllr M Green seconded and it was unanimously agreed for the fees to remain the same and for the hours of interment from November to March to be changed to 9.30am – 2pm.

08/01/24 To consider the meeting dates and locations for 2024:

Cllr D Williamson proposed and Cllr J Newton seconded that the meetings are held on the 3rd Thursday of each month with the exception of December and the meetings are to be held in Shirland, Stonebroom and Mickley. A vote was taken with eleven Councillors for this action and one against.

09/01/24 To consider setting up a working party to look at Climate Change and the Biodiversity Duty:

Cllr A Brown proposed and Cllr D Williamson seconded that a working party be set up. This decision was unanimous with the exception of Cllr Bush who chose to abstain.

Councillors Anne Brown, Michelle Green, Marg Kimber and James Newton agreed to be on the working party.

10/01/24 To consider the quotation received for the purchase of 4 no. defibrillators:

Cllr J Bush proposed and Cllr M Green seconded that four units are purchased if the four businesses confirm that they are in agreement to the units being fitted to their wall and wired to their electricity.

Cllr B Barnes proposed and Cllr M Green seconded that a payment of £20 per year is offered to the businesses to cover the electricity costs.

A vote was taken with nine Councillors for these actions, two against and Cllr G Liggett chose to abstain.

11/01/24 To consider the installation of an additional litter bin at Stonebroom Sportsground:

Cllr J Newton proposed, Cllr G Mather seconded and it was unanimously agreed to arrange for a bin to be installed near the new teen shelter.

12/01/24 To consider the installation of an additional path at Shirland Playing Fields:

Cllr A Brown proposed and Cllr J Newton seconded that quotes be obtained for an additional path to the new play area gate. This decision was unanimous with the exception of Cllr J Bush who chose to abstain.

13/01/24 To consider the installation of a new five bar gate at Shirland Playing Fields:

Cllr B Barnes proposed, Cllr M Roe seconded and it was unanimously agreed to obtain quotes for a new five bar gate and pedestrian gate.

14/01/24 To consider the correspondence received regarding the request for a bike rack on Main Road Shirland:

The Parish Council are currently awaiting further information from Cllr Barry Lewis on this matter.

15/01/24 To consider the grant offer from the Greenwood Community Forest Initiative for the proposed Mickley Community Woodland:

Following a lengthy discussion Cllr A Brown proposed, Cllr M Green seconded and it was unanimously agreed to turn down the grant offer. Instead, the Parish Council will apply for trees from the Woodland Trust and ask the Mickley Community Volunteer Group to assist with the planting.

16/01/24 Report from County Councillor:

No report.

17/01/24 Reports from District Councillors:

No reports.

18/01/24 Reports from Councillors on outside bodies and community groups:

Cllr M Green mentioned that members of the public with any complaints or comments should be encouraged to write to the Clerk. Cllr Green also mentioned that the Shirland Sunflowers Toddler Group requires volunteers to help with the weekly sessions.

Cllr B Barnes reported that all groups in Stonebroom are running smoothly.

Cllr R Knowles asked if the Community of Shirland and Higham Group could put a small plaque in the coal tub, Councillors agreed to this.

Cllr G Mather mentioned that Shirland Village Hall needs using more and that a representative from the Parish Council should be attending the Shirland Village Hall Management Committee meetings.

19/01/24 Report from Chair:

Cllr M Roe reminded all Councillors about the importance of the Standing Orders and Code of Conduct. Cllr Roe stated that should any Councillors declare an interest in an item of the agenda then they should leave the room whilst that particular item is discussed.

20/01/24 Report from Clerk:

The Clerk spoke about recent issues at the Mickley allotment site and it was agreed to discuss the setting up of an allotment working party on the next agenda.

The six week consultation period for the submitted Neighbourhood Plan has now commenced and all documents are available for viewing at Shirland Village Hall.

Easter events will be taking place at Stonebroom Community Woodland on the 3rd and 4th April 2024.

Permission has been received from Derbyshire County Council to install the speed indicator device on Mickley Lane and relocate the one on Birkinstyle Lane.

The Clerk spoke about Christmas lighting and the limited budget available.

Cllr M Roe left the meeting and Cllr B Barnes took over as Chair.

21/01/24 Dalc Newsletter – December 2023 and January 2024:

Previously circulated to Councillors.

22/01/24 Correspondence (previously circulated to Councillors)

Resident request for lighting in the bus shelter outside Stonebroom School.

Resident request for an additional litter bin at Stonebroom Sportsground.

Police and Crime Commissioner regarding Council Tax discount.

Feedback regarding tree works at Stonebroom Woodland.

Derbyshire Fire & Rescue Service 2024/25 budget consultation.

Bolsover District Council consultation on Planning Advice Note for Biodiversity Net Gain.

23/01/24 To consider the following planning applications:

Application Number:	23/01004FLH
Proposal:	Proposed modification to single garage to form a double garage (Re-submission of application 23/00187/FLH)
Address:	1 Woodland Avenue Shirland

No comments.

24/01/24 To receive the bank reconciliations for November and December 2023, the third quarter budget monitoring report, bank statements and bills for payment:

The bank reconciliations had been circulated prior to the meeting. Cllr J Newton proposed, Cllr M Green seconded and it was unanimously agreed that they be accepted.

Cllr D Williamson proposed, Cllr J Cann seconded and it was unanimously agreed that the following payments are made:

Payee	Goods	Amount (£)
December 2023:		
British Telecom	Stonebroom Pavilion: Broadband	78.19
	Line rental	164.90
Waterplus	Stonebroom Pavilion	34.91
O2	Council mobile	38.00
E.On	Stonebroom Pavilion: Electricity	92.19
	Gas	176.99
January 2024:		
British Telecom	Stonebroom Pavilion: Broadband	78.19
O2	Council mobile	38.96

E.On	Stonebroom Pavilion: Electricity Gas	74.28 121.22
Shed Grounds Maintenance	Tree work at Stonebroom Community Woodland	3032.52
ASI Security Systems	Stonebroom Pavilion – alarm monitoring and maintenance package	576.00
R Beecroft	Stonebroom Pavilion – boiler servicing	80.00
Derbyshire County Council	Licence for Toadhole Furnace Christmas tree	105.00
Bike Track	BMX track maintenance and monthly inspection x 2	863.00
Shelter Maintenance	Cleaning of shelters – November 2023	56.14
G Burley & Sons Ltd	Solar hanging Christmas trees	4330.32
LA Landscaping Services	Cemetery extension - Plantation area Clearing land and extending roadway Shirland play area – removal of barriers 3 no. burials	2160.00 2280.00 598.80 1350.00
Rob Cook Electrical	Christmas trees and lights	5868.00
Helen Dowson Expenses:	Weebly (website provider): November 2023 December 2023 Mileage Key cutting Ink: November 2023 December 2023 Toilet rolls	15.18 14.83 7.20 10.00 22.49 22.49 13.47
Bolsover District Council	Extreme Wheels – 2023	2950.00
Ilkeston Fencing	Shirland play area – new fencing and gates	10394.45
Proludic	Repairs to play equipment at Shirland play area and fitness equipment at Stonebroom Sportsground Teen shelter – Shirland Teen shelter - Stonebroom	2853.04 13273.38 13273.38
Wages and salaries including HMRC	3 employees	2692.01
Markovitz **	Rock salt	257.04
Paul Shardlow **	Filling of grit bins	450.00
Shed Grounds Maintenance	Stonebroom Sportsground – hedge cutting	1574.94

** Late payment, invoice received after publication of the agenda.

Receipts since last meeting:-

Received	Amount (£)
Burials	3600.00
Prepurchase of burial/ashes plots	1350.00
Memorials	70.00
S106 monies	14422.99
Childrens football	40.00

The meeting closed at 8.50pm.