Shirland and Higham Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting

held at Shirland Village Hall on Thursday 20th July 2023 at 7.00pm

Councillors Present: Cllr Mike Roe (Chair), Cllr Barry Barnes, Cllr Anne Brown, Cllr Janice Bush, Cllr Janice Cann, 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 Heather Liggett and thirteen members of the public.

01/07/23 To consider accepting apologies for absence:

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr Barry Lewis.

02/07/23 Declarations of Interest from members on any items to be discussed:

Cllr B Barnes – Trustee Fidler and Laverack, Stonebroom Community Volunteer Group and Stonebroom Food Pantry. Cllr D Williamson – Trustee Fidler and Laverack. Cllr J Cann – Stonebroom Food Pantry and Stonebroom HAF. Cllr J Newton – Stonebroom Food Pantry and Stonebroom Community Volunteer Group. Cllr M Kimber – Stonebroom Food Pantry, Stonebroom Community Volunteer Group and volunteer at Stonebroom Woodland. Cllrs A Brown and G Mather – Shirland Village Hall Management Committee.

03/07/23 To receive and approve requests for dispensations from members on matters in which they have a Disclosable Pecuniary Interest:

None.

04/07/23 To determine if any item on the agenda should be taken with the public excluded: Agenda item 24.

05/07/23 To consider for approval the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Thursday 15th June 2023:

Cllr B Barnes proposed and Cllr J Newton seconded that the minutes be approved.

06/07/23 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 Mickley Community Volunteer Group spoke about plans for the Community Woodland in Mickley following the recent meeting.

Cllr H Liggett mentioned recent complaints regarding the coal tub at Shirland.

Cllr R Knowles spoke about a number of issues in Shirland; Cllr Cupit stated that they were all issues that she was currently dealing with.

Cllr Barnes reported that a tree on Stonebroom Sportsground requires attention.

A member of the public reported that the litter bin outside Stonebroom School is still missing.

Cllr J Cann reported that a member of the public has requested a bus stop on Hallfield Gate Lane.

07/07/23 To consider adopting the General Power of Competence:

To be considered at the next meeting in August 2023.

Cllr Anne Brown and Cllr Geoff Mather left the room.

08/07/23 To consider the quotations received for repairing the potholes on the access road and car park at Shirland Village Hall:

Cllr D Williamson proposed, Cllr B Barnes seconded and it was unanimously agreed to accept the quote from Shaun Brown Paving Ltd.

Cllr Anne Brown and Cllr Geoff Mather returned to the meeting table.

09/07/23 To consider the quotation received for the supply and installation of Christmas trees and lighting:

Cllr A Brown proposed, Cllr J Newton seconded and it was unanimously agreed to place an order for the lights in Higham, Stonebroom and Shirland and the tree and the lights at Mickley.

10/07/23 To consider the new contract for the supply of gas and electricity at Stonebroom Pavilion:

Cllr J Newton proposed, Cllr R Knowles seconded and it was unanimously agreed to go with E.ON through Clear Utility Solutions.

11/07/23 To consider the location of future meetings:

Cllr M Roe proposed, Cllr M Kimber seconded and it was unanimously agreed to hold future meetings at Shirland Village Hall, Stonebroom Community Centre and The Hut at Mickley.

12/07/23 To consider the request for the creation of a Woodland Area at Mickley:

Cllr A Brown proposed, Cllr M Roe seconded and it was unanimously agreed that Mickley Community Volunteer Group be given permission to create the Woodland Area at the top of the field where the new allotment site is situated.

13/07/23 To consider the use of the S106 monies at Shirland:

Cllr A Brown proposed, Cllr D Williamson seconded and it was unanimously agreed to obtain quotes for the creation of paths on the playing field.

Cllr J Cann proposed, Cllr J Newton seconded and it was unanimously agreed to obtain quotes for the installation of a teen shelter.

14/07/23 To consider the charge to Staffa Health for the use of the car park at Stonebroom:

Cllr A Brown proposed, Cllr B Barnes seconded and it was unanimously agreed to charge £350.

15/07/23 Report from County Councillor:

No report.

16/07/23 Reports from District Councillors:

Cllr C Cupit reported that Derbyshire County Council have recently carried out pedestrian counts in Shirland and Stonebroom. The results have not yet been published.

Derbyshire County Council are currently looking into parking on Strettea Lane which is causing visibility issues.

Cllr Cupit reported that the Comet bus service now runs on Sundays and bus travel is free on Sunday mornings for six weeks.

Cllr Cupit is to speak to North East Derbyshire District Council regarding the tree works required in Shirland Churchyard.

Cllr H Liggett spoke about the Christmas lights on the Triangle in Shirland and the problems experienced in recent years.

Cllr D Williamson spoke about the increase in the cost of school meals. Cllr Cupit agreed to feedback the comments to the County Council.

17/07/23 Reports from Councillors on outside bodies and community groups:

Cllr M Kimber reported on the Summer Holiday Activities and Food programme.

Cllr Kimber mentioned that the Stonebroom Community Volunteer Group have organised a coach trip to Bridlington.

Cllr J Bush reported that the Community of Shirland and Higham Group have agreed to plant and maintain the coal tub in Shirland.

18/07/23 Report from Chair:

Cllr M Roe reported on feedback he had received regarding the number of items fly tipped on the field by the new allotment site in Mickley.

Cllr Roe has reported several issues with public footpaths to Derbyshire County Council.

Cllr Roe mentioned that the speed indicator device in Stonebroom will be moved to a different lamp column once permission has been obtained from the County Council.

19/07/23 Report from Clerk:

The Clerk reported that a noticeboard has been installed outside Mainstream Foods in Stonebroom and a vandalised drainage cover has been replaced at Stonebroom Sportsground.

The Clerk reported that the Holiday and Food Activities group have requested to use Stonebroom Woodland on the 17th and 31st August 2023.

Bike Track are hoping to carry out the refurbishment works to Mickley BMX track in August 2023.

The Clerk has recently written to all plot holders on the original allotment site in Mickley following complaints received by North East Derbyshire District Council about bonfires.

The next meeting of the Neighbourhood Plan group is to take place at 7pm on Wednesday 26th July 2023.

20/07/23 Dalc Newsletter - July 2023:

Previously circulated to Councillors.

21/07/23 Correspondence (previously circulated to Councillors)

- Derbyshire County Council Parish and Town Council Liaison Forum.
- Resident regarding Speed Indicator Device in Stonebroom.
- North East Derbyshire District Council Adoption of Statement of Community Involvement.
- PA Images Website image.

22/07/23 To consider the following planning applications:

Application Number:	23/00148/FL
Proposal:	Change of use from agricultural land to parking area
Address:	Camping Site Yew Tree Farm Mickley Lane Stretton

No comments.

Application Number:	23/00539/FLH
Proposal:	Erection of freestanding outbuilding in garden at rear (Conservation Area) (Affecting the setting of a Listed Building)
Address:	Gables Farm Main Road Higham

The Parish Council are very interested in seeing the response from the Conservation Officer.

Application Number:	23/00589/FL
Proposal:	Removal of existing static caravan and erection of two storey industrial warehouse including creation of new access (Affecting setting of a Listed Building)
Address:	Brendeck Ltd Stonebroom Industrial Estate

The Parish Council would like confirmation that procedures and mechanisms are in place to capture any spillages.

Application Number:	23/00100/FL
Proposal:	Retention of Change of Use from Agriculture and Equestrian to proposed family traveller site with two pitches (Amended site plan)
Address:	Green Barn Park Lane Shirland

No comments.

Application Number:	23/00606/FL
Proposal:	Covert Old School House with proposed two storey side extension with Juliet balconies, new roof windows and blocking of one existing driveway entrances (Affecting the setting of a Listed Building)
Address:	Shirland Church Hall Main Road Shirland

No comments.

Application Number:	23/00629/FL
Proposal:	Application for replacement buildings to form horse box and trailer store and tractor/machinery store (Conservation Area/Affecting the setting of a Listed Building) (Revised scheme of 22/01043/FL)
Address:	Quarry Farm Main Riad Higham

No comments.

23/07/23 To receive the bank reconciliation, first quarter budget monitoring report, bank balances, bank statements and bills for payment:

The bank reconciliation and budget monitoring report had been circulated prior to the meeting. Cllr D Williamson proposed, Cllr M Roe seconded and it was unanimously agreed that they be accepted.

The bank balances as at 30th June 2023 were as follows:

Natwest Current Account - £500.00 Natwest Reserve Account - £88075.66 NS&I investment account - £91689.80

Payee	Goods	Amount £
British Gas	Stonebroom Pavilion: Electricity Gas	57.25 19.55
O2	Council mobile	38.48
Waterplus	Stonebroom Pavilion-water	17.69
British Telecom	Stonebroom Pavilion- broadband	78.19
Derbyshire Association of Local Councils	Chair Skills Training and Councillor Essentials Training	250.00
Scott Keegan – Kestrel QAS	Legionnaires risk assessment at Stonebroom Pavilion and Shirland Village Hall	300.00

UK Safety Management	Stonebroom Pavilion-PAT testing	106.80
North East Derbyshire District Council	Litter/dog bin emptying 2023/24	4989.31
The Cumbria Clock Company	Servicing of Stonebroom Church Clock	234.00
R Cook Electrical	Replacing lighting tubes at Stonebroom Pavilion	126.00
LA Landscaping Services	Grave digging	449.00
Helen Dowson expenses	Weebly (website provider) Ink Health and safety signage Thermometers Annual subscriptions to Microsoft 365 and McAfee virus protection	16.18 22.49 22.55 25.98 124.98
Brian Stone expenses	Petrol Spark plug and oil	29.20 20.00
David Williamson	Drainage chamber lid and frame	74.06
Rob Vann	Installation of new noticeboard	180.00
Wages and salaries including HMRC	3 employees	2649.21
LA Landscaping Services **	Grass cutting 22 nd June and 13 th July	1920.00
Institute of Cemetery and Crematorium Management **	2 places on Memorial Management Course	360.00
COEVAL **	Supply and installation of 4 no. Speed indicator devices	11781.60

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

Receipts since last meeting:-

Received:	Amount £
Burial	1000.00
Football	55.00

Members of the public left the meeting at 8.52pm.