

Shirland and Higham Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting

conducted via Zoom Thursday 18 March 2021 at 6.47pm

Councillors Present: Cllr Anne Brown (Chair), Cllr Peter Allsop, Cllr Barry Barnes, Cllr John Epton, Cllr Michelle Green, 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), Cllr C Cupit and Cllr B Lewis.

01/03/21 To consider accepting apologies for absence:

Apologies received and accepted from Cllr M Roe who had informed the Chair that he may be late joining the meeting.

02/03/21 To Record Declarations of Interest:

None.

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

None.

04/03/21 To determine if any item on the agenda should be taken with the public excluded:

None.

05/03/21 To consider for approval the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Thursday 18th February 2021:

Cllr B Barnes approved and Cllr D Williamson seconded.

06/03/21 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):

None.

07/03/21 To consider the installation of a seat on the grassed area between Priestley Avenue and Bronte Street Mickley:

Cllr D Williamson proposed, Cllr H Liggett seconded and it was unanimously agreed that an order is placed for a backed bench. Cllr A Brown proposed and Cllr D Williamson seconded that the quote received for the installation is accepted, this was also unanimously agreed.

08/03/21 To consider a new additional allotment site in Mickley:

A discussion was held regarding the location of the allotments on the proposed site on Mickley Lane. It was agreed that a site meeting would take place on Sunday 28 March 2021.

09/03/21 To consider for approval the adoption of the following: Financial Regulations, Standing Orders, Asset Register, Retention Policy, Risk Assessments, Grant Awarding Policy, Safeguarding Policy and Stonebroom Pavilion/Shirland Village Hall CCTV Policies:

Cllr A Brown proposed, Cllr G Mather seconded and it was unanimously agreed that the policies be approved and adopted.

Cllr M Roe and Cllr B Lewis joined the meeting at 7.07pm.

10/03/21 To consider forming a Working Party to work on the Neighbourhood Plan:

Cllr A Brown proposed and Cllr M Green seconded that Helen Metcalfe is invited along to the next meeting to speak about the process, a vote was taken with ten Councillors for this action and two against. Cllr H Liggett, Cllr A Brown, Cllr M Green and Cllr G Mather expressed interest in being part of a Working Party.

11/03/21 To consider the renewal of the subscription to the Derbyshire Association of Local Councils:

Cllr D Williamson proposed, Cllr B Barnes seconded and it was unanimously agreed that the subscription be renewed.

12/03/21 To consider the comments received regarding the proposed bus shelter on the A61 at Shirland near the junction with Strettea Lane and to consider placing the order:

All comments received had been circulated to Councillors prior to the meeting. Cllr H Liggett proposed, Cllr A Brown seconded and it was unanimously agreed that the order is placed.

13/03/21 To consider the quotation received for a new bus shelter at Main Road Shirland near the junction with Church Street:

Cllr H Liggett proposed, Cllr M Roe seconded and it was unanimously agreed that the quote be accepted. The idea will now be put out for public consultation.

14/03/21 Report from County Councillor:

Cllr B Lewis reported on the County Council's response to the pandemic and the £15 million pounds which has been allocated to assist with the recovery in the County.

Cllr Lewis also spoke about the Green Entrepreneurs Community Energy Scheme which was launched on 17th March 2021.

The County Council have recently announced a £47 million pounds capital programme for highway works.

The informal consultation to change the status of Mickley School from infant to primary is now complete. £1.25 million pounds is committed to this if the formal consultation is successful.

Cllr B Lewis stressed the importance of reporting potholes in the Parish so that they can be inspected and the necessary works carried out. Cllr Lewis agreed to request a Highways Inspector to survey the potholes on Mickley Estate and Stonebroom Estate as requested by Cllr B Barnes.

15/03/21 Report from District Councillor:

Cllr C Cupit mentioned that the next District/Parish liaison meeting is due to take place on 26th March 2021.

Cllr Cupit spoke about the Council's refuse contractor going into administration, all staff have been transferred to the Council and the red bins are now emptied in-house. A £24.1 million grant has recently been obtained for works in Clay Cross and feasibility studies are to be carried out on the railway station and Sharley Park.

Cllr Cupit reported that although the consultation regarding the solar farm closes on 19th March 2021 comments will still be accepted for a further month.

The Chesterfield Road planning application is at the reserved matters stage and Cllr Cupit is working with Officers and members of the public on making some changes to the proposals.

Cllr C Cupit spoke about the importance of Neighbourhood plans.

Cllr H Liggett reported that herself and Cllr M Roe are working on several footpath issues with an Officer from Derbyshire County Council.

Cllr Liggett also mentioned that the flytipping offender had been caught for the offence on Common Lane.

16/03/21 Reports from Councillors on outside bodies and community groups:

Cllr A Brown reported on the Mickley Partnership meeting attended by herself and Cllr H Liggett. The swift boxes are being installed on the houses that have been completed and Jude is visiting the school to see if it is possible to install some there.

Libby is hoping to start the lessons at the BMX track on 11th April 2021.

The Partnership are looking at what residents would like to see happening post-Covid. The Mickley Tenants and Residents Association are asking for people to come forward to get involved as some members have recently left the group.

The Partnership have requested a community allotment on the proposed new allotment site.

Work is being carried out to the storage area at The Hut, this is being done free of charge by the Contractors working on the estate.

Cllr Brown reported on the recent Chair's meeting she had recently attended hosted by Dalc. The main topics covered were the Current Coronavirus legislation, the Dalc excellence scheme and a recent survey by the Police. The survey showed that the public's main priorities are speeding, anti-social behaviour and police presence, wildlife heritage crime and supporting victims.

17/03/21 Report from Clerk:

The Clerk reported on the cost of the solar powered trees on lamp columns. A company is to be approached to provide a price for installing solar powered lights on existing trees.

British Telecom have been requested to disconnect the telephone box prior to its removal.

The Clerk is liaising with North East Derbyshire District Council regarding the possibility of installing litter bins in Stonebroom Woodland Area.

Several ideas have been received for the use of the S106 monies at Shirland, the ideas will be circulated to Councillors prior to the next meeting.

The Clerk reported that new signage for Stonebroom Woodland area needs to be considered.

Cllr M Green left the meeting at 8.30pm.

18/03/21 Dalc Newsletter March 2021:

Distributed electronically to Councillors.

19/03/21 Correspondence

Response from Derbyshire County Council re request for pedestrian crossing on A61 at Mickley – ‘the request for a formal crossing facility cannot be supported at this time’ (previously circulated).

Amber Valley Borough Council consultation on ward boundaries (previously circulated).

Amber Valley Borough Council Local Plan update (previously circulated).

Response from Derbyshire County Council re request for convex mirrors – ‘the Department for Transport no longer authorises the use of mirrors on the highway’ (previously circulated)

Request for paving slabs in front of post box on Birkinstyle Lane Stonebroom – this is a highway verge and therefore the request has been passed to DCC.

Bolsover District Council Extreme Wheels – this is not something the Council are considering this year.

20/03/21 To consider the following planning applications:

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

Application Number:	21/00164/FLH
Proposal:	Open porch to front doorway. Enclosed porch to side. Replace existing conservatory with orangery to rear. Dormer to upstairs bedroom. Additional timber storage to rear of existing garage.
Address:	The Cottage Belper Road Shirland

The Parish Council are concerned about the size of the build.

Application Number:	20/00191/FLH
Proposal:	Construction of 2 agricultural buildings
Address:	Land North and North East of The Bungalow Main Road Shirland

The Parish Council object to this application. The proposed buildings are not in keeping with the nature of a listed building. There is concern about the height of the eaves. There is also concern regarding what the buildings are to be used for

particularly the one for livestock – this is too close to existing buildings and may lead to smells, problems with flies etc. There is a watercourse in close proximity to this site which causes concerns.

Cllr B Barnes left the meeting at 8.55pm.

21/03/21

The bank reconciliation had been circulated prior to the meeting.

The following payments were authorised: -

Payee	Goods	Amount £
Derbyshire Association of Local Councils	Annual subscription	815.32
North East Derbyshire District Council	Routine maintenance of pumping station at Shirland Village Hall – July-Oct 2020	329.68
	Playground inspections 2020	91.20
O2	Council mobile	28.80
Shelter Maintenance	Shelter cleaning	46.02
British Gas	Stonebroom Pavilion – Electricity Gas	84.19
		125.81
British Telecom	Stonebroom Pavilion- Line rental Broadband	45.47
		59.76
Kaydor Signs	CCTV signage at Shirland	300.00
Helen Dowson Expenses	Weebly – internet provider monthly payment	13.37
	Zoom monthly payment	14.39
	Grave Register	211.20
	Home working allowance Jan – March 2021	81.00
	Planning application fee	142.00
Wages and salaries including HMRC	3 employees	1782.76
Viking	Ink	95.35

Derbyshire County Council **	Licence for shelter in front of Stonebroom School	40.00
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**** Recorded on late payment schedule, invoice received after publication of the agenda.**

Receipts since last meeting:-

Received:	Amount £
Interment of ashes	400.00

The meeting finished at 9.02pm.