

Shirland and Higham Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting

held at Shirland Village Hall on Thursday 17 March 2022 at 6.45pm

Councillors Present: Cllr Anne Brown (Chair), Cllr Barry Barnes, Cllr John Epton, Cllr Michelle Green, Cllr Alistair Lomax, Cllr Geoff Mather, Cllr Sue Smith.

In Attendance: Helen Dowson (Clerk & RFO).

01/03/22 To consider accepting apologies for absence:

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr P Allsop, Cllr G Liggett, Cllr H Liggett, Cllr M Roe, Cllr D Williamson and Cllr C Cupit.

02/03/22 To Record Declarations of Interest from members on any items to be discussed:

Cllr B Barnes—Stonebroom Volunteer Group, Cllr J Epton—St Leonards Church.

03/03/22 To receive and approve requests for dispensations from members on matters in which they have a Disclosable Pecuniary Interest:

None.

04/03/22 To determine if any item on the agenda should be taken with the public excluded:

None.

05/03/22 To consider for approval the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Thursday 17th February 2022:

Cllr G Mather proposed and Cllr A Lomax seconded that the minutes be approved.

06/03/22 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 B Barnes reported that the beacon on the crossing at Stonebroom is still not working. The Clerk mentioned that she had reported this several times and will contact Derbyshire County Council and Cllr Barry Lewis.

Cllr John Epton reported that the crossing outside the Red Lion PH at Shirland needs the timing checking as pedestrians are having to wait a while to cross. The Clerk to contact Derbyshire County Council.

07/03/22 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 B Barnes proposed, Cllr S Smith seconded and it was unanimously agreed that expenditure up to the value of £1000 can be agreed by the Clerk and the Chair without Full Council approval.

Cllr M Green proposed, Cllr B Barnes seconded and it was unanimously agreed that all policies be adopted.

08/03/22 To consider the quotations received for summer hanging baskets:

Cllr A Brown proposed and Cllr M Green seconded that an order be placed with Woolley Moor Nurseries. A vote was taken and six Councillors agreed with this action and one against.

09/03/22 To consider awarding the Grounds Maintenance Contract 2022/25:

Cllr B Barnes proposed, Cllr A Lomax seconded and it was unanimously agreed that the contract is awarded to LA Landscaping Services Ltd.

10/03/22 To consider an update on planned Platinum Jubilee Celebrations in the Parish:

Cllr B Barnes suggested that a commemorative seat is purchased, the Clerk to look at what options are available.

11/03/22 To consider the renewal of the subscription to the Peak and Northern Footpaths Society:

Cllr A Brown proposed, Cllr M Green seconded and it was unanimously agreed that the subscription be renewed.

12/03/22 To consider the renewal of the subscription to the Derbyshire Association of Local Councils:

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

13/03/22 To consider the quotations received for the landscaping of the Cemetery extension:

No quotations received to date.

14/03/22 To consider the request from St Leonard's Church for a donation from the Belle Acre Charity for the servicing of the Church clock:

Cllr S Smith proposed and Cllr B Barnes seconded that a donation of £200 is made.

This was unanimously agreed except for Cllr J Epton who could not vote on this matter due to an interest declared.

15/03/22 To consider the quotation for the insulation of the Cemetery storage container:

Cllr Barnes proposed, Cllr J Epton seconded and it was unanimously agreed that the container is ordered without insulation. The Clerk to arrange for the base to be sorted.

16/03/22 To consider information regarding the allotments:

Cllr A Brown proposed and Cllr M Green seconded that a Pest Control Officer is asked to look at the Stonebroom Allotment site following reports of a problem with rats. A vote was taken with six Councillors for this action and one against. The Clerk to write to plot holders regarding vermin control and fires.

Cllr A Lomax proposed and Cllr M Green seconded that the number of ducks or chickens allowed on a plot on the new Mickley Allotment site be increased to eight. A vote was taken with five Councillors for this change and two against.

17/03/22 Report from County Councillor:

No report received.

18/03/22 Report from District Councillors:

No report received.

19/03/22 Reports from Councillors on outside bodies and community groups:

No reports.

20/03/22: Report from Chair:

The Chair reported on various meetings she had attended in the last month.

At the meeting of the Stonebroom Community Volunteer Group on the 23rd of February 2022 the Chair reported that their third newsletter had been produced and the treasurer reported the bank balances.

Various other matters were discussed at the meeting including bus timetables, the folding of the Stonebroom Children's Football Club, a proposed trip to the coast and the Green Flag Award scheme.

At the meeting of the Community of Shirland and Higham group on the 8th of March 2022 the Family Fun Day planned for Saturday 4th June 2022 was discussed. The event will be held at Shirland Village Hall from 1.30pm until 4.30pm.

The Scarecrow Festival this year will run throughout May and prizes will be presented at the Jubilee event.

21/03/22 Report from Clerk:

The Clerk reported that Extreme Wheels are not yet able to confirm whether they can provide activities in the Parish in the summer holidays.

The trees on The Triangle at Shirland are to be pollarded on 25th March 2022.

22/03/22 Dalc Newsletters – February(2) and March 2022:

The tree training course was discussed and it was agreed that only one place is required, this is for Cllr H Liggett as agreed last year.

23/03/22 Correspondence (previously circulated to Councillors):

Derbyshire County Council – Response to the further request for a crossing on the A61.

North East Derbyshire District Council – District/Parish Liaison Group meeting and New Local Development Scheme/Shirebrook Growth Plan.

24/03/22 To consider the following planning applications:**Town and Country Planning Act 1990
Consultation of Parish Council**

Application No.:	22/00137/FL
Proposal:	Application to vary condition 3 (Opening hours) pursuant of 21/00635/FL
Address:	Tockfield Ltd Pit Lane Shirland

No comments.

Application No.:	22/00095/FLH
Proposal:	Erection of single storey extension to side elevation to replace conservatory (Revised scheme of 21/00615/FLH)
Address:	1 Cedar Street Stretton

No comments.

Application No.:	22/00132/FL
Proposal:	Demolition of outbuildings and erection of single storey side and rear extensions and associated alterations
Address:	The Red Lion Inn Main Road Shirland

No comments.

Application No.:	22/00185/FL
Proposal:	Proposed footway extension to the north side
Address:	43 Hallfieldgate Lane Shirland

No comments.

25/03/22 To receive bank reconciliations, bank statements and bills for payment:

The bank reconciliation had been circulated prior to the meeting. Cllr M Green proposed, Cllr G Mather seconded and it was unanimously agreed that the bank reconciliation be accepted.

The bank statements were presented for signature.

The following payments were authorised: -

Payee	Goods	Amount £
British Gas	Stonebroom Pavilion - Electricity	63.67
British Telecom	Stonebroom Pavilion - Broadband	62.52
	Telephone line	45.47
O2	Council mobile	30.16
Kaydor Signs	New cemetery signage	720.00
Roweplant	Supply of footbridge	14082.00
Peak and Northern Footpaths Society	2021/22 subscription	22.50
Helen Dowson expenses	Weebly (website provider)	13.72
	Home working allowance January – March 2022	81.00
	100 no. second class stamps	66.00
	Postage	4.89
	Cleaning materials	12.49
Wages and Salaries including HMRC	3 employees	2733.75
Planning With People	Progressing the development of the Neighbourhood Plan	2650.00

Giles Martin **	Neighbourhood Plan data collection	550.00
Brian Stone **	Mower servicing parts, gloves, petrol	120.91
British Gas **	Stonebroom Pavilion – Gas	83.59
Waterplus **	Stonebroom Pavilion – Water	48.95

** Late payment, invoice received after publication of agenda

Receipts since last meeting:-

Received:	Amount £
Burial and interment of ashes	800.00
Memorials	134.00
Children's football	280.00
Adult's football	30.00

The meeting finished at 8.27pm.