

Shirland and Higham Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting

held at Shirland Village Hall on Thursday 21st March 2024 at 7.10pm

Councillors Present: Cllr Mike Roe(Chair), Cllr Anne Brown, Cllr Janice Bush, Cllr Janice Cann, Cllr Margaret Kimber, Cllr Ritchie Knowles, Cllr Guy Liggett, Cllr James Newton and Cllr David Williamson.

In Attendance: Helen Dowson (Clerk & RFO), PCSO Mike Coates and four members of the public.

01/03/24 To consider accepting apologies for absence:

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr Barry Barnes, Cllr Michelle Green, Cllr Geoff Mather and Cllr Charlotte Cupit.

02/03/24 Declarations of interest from members on any items to be discussed:

Cllr M Kimber–Stonebroom Food Pantry and Stonebroom School volunteer. Cllr D Williamson–Trustee Fidler and Laverack. Cllr Guy Liggett–sub contractor for Shed Grounds Maintenance. Cllr J Cann–Stonebroom Food Pantry.

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

None.

04/03/24 To determine if any item on the agenda should be with the public excluded:

None.

05/03/24 To consider for approval the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Thursday 15th February 2024:

Cllr J Newton proposed and Cllr R Knowles seconded that the minutes be approved.

06/03/24 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 resident spoke about the muddy surface near the bridge at Stonebroom, Cllr M Roe recommended that the gentleman speaks to Cllr C Cupit. The gentleman stated that he is keen to arrange a litter pick and he was informed that the Parish Council can supply litter pickers and bags.

Cllr J Bush mentioned that residents are concerned about the amount of litter in the ditches on Common Lane, Cllr M Roe agreed to speak to North East Derbyshire District Council regarding this.

Cllr R Knowles informed the meeting that Ground Solutions are conducting a site visit at Fox Hollies on 28th March 2024 and Councillors are welcome to attend.

A gentleman enquired about the recent felling of trees at an address on Main Road Shirland. Cllr M Roe informed the resident that he will need to speak to North East Derbyshire District Council regarding this.

07/03/24 Visit from PCSO Mike Coates:

PCSO Mike Coates spoke about speeding and anti-social behaviour in the Parish and Councillors were given the opportunity to ask questions.

08/03/24 To consider for approval the adoption of the following: Financial Regulations, Standing Orders, Asset Register, Retention Policy, Risk Assessments, Safeguarding Policy and Stonebroom Pavilion/Shirland Village Hall CCTV Policies:

Cllr J Bush proposed, Cllr M Roe seconded and it was unanimously agreed to approve all the documents once an amendment had been made to the Standing Orders. The amendment is to state that during all meetings mobile phones must be on silent.

09/03/24 To consider the renewal of the subscription to the Derbyshire Association of Local Councils:

Cllr D Williamson proposed, Cllr J Newton seconded and it was unanimously agreed to renew the subscription.

10/03/24 To consider the renewal of the membership to the Peak and Northern Footpaths Society:

Cllr D Williamson proposed, Cllr M Roe seconded and it was unanimously agreed to renew the subscription.

11/03/24 To consider the quote received for the summer hanging baskets:

Cllr D Williamson proposed, Cllr A Brown seconded and it was unanimously agreed to accept the quote.

12/03/24 To consider the quotes received for the installation of new gates at Shirland Playing Fields:

Cllr M Kimber proposed, Cllr A Brown seconded and it was unanimously agreed to accept the quote from Ilkeston Fencing and claim the cost from the available S106 monies.

13/03/24 To consider the quote received for an additional path to Shirland Play Area:

Cllr J Newton proposed and Cllr A Brown seconded to accept the quote and claim the cost from the available S106 monies. A vote was taken with seven Councillors in favour of this action and two against.

14/03/24 To consider feedback from the allotments working party:

The Clerk gave feedback from the first meeting of the working party. Cllr R Knowles proposed and Cllr D Williamson seconded that the letters and agreements previously circulated be sent out to all plot holders. A vote was taken with eight Councillors in favour of this action and one against.

15/03/24 To consider the request from St Leonards Church for a grant from the Fidler and Laverack Bell Acre fund for the servicing of the clock and bells:

Cllr R Knowles proposed and Cllr J Newton seconded that a grant to the value of £200 be given. This action was unanimously agreed with the exception of Cllr D Williamson who could not vote due to an interest declared earlier in the meeting.

16/03/24 To consider reports of anti-social behaviour in Stonebroom:

This was discussed with PCSO Mike Coates earlier in the meeting.

17/03/24 To consider donating to the Chair of North East Derbyshire District Council's charity appeal:

Cllr J Newton proposed, Cllr A Brown seconded and it was unanimously agreed to donate £200.

18/03/24 To consider allowing a football club from Crystal Peaks to use the football pitch and facilities at Stonebroom:

Cllr J Newton proposed and Cllr A Brown seconded that this will be considered and discussed at a future meeting once further information has been received.

19/03/24 Report from County Councillor:

No report.

20/03/24 Reports from District Councillors:

No reports.

21/03/24 Reports from Councillors on outside bodies and community groups:

Cllr J Cann reported that Stonebroom Food Pantry has now been open for a year.

22/03/24 Report from Chair:

Cllr M Roe reported that he has been consulting with Cllr Steve Pickering regarding dog fouling in the Parish. Cllr Roe mentioned that residents can report any problem areas on the North East Derbyshire District Council website.

23/03/24 Report from Clerk:

The Clerk reported that she has written to the four businesses in the Parish that had verbally agreed to have defibrillators installed on their properties. To date only one reply has been received giving consent. The biodiversity working group has met for the first time and the draft policy will be circulated prior to the next meeting.

Extreme Wheels are at Shirland Playing Fields on the 3rd April 2024 and Mickley BMX track on the 10th April 2024.

Jason Sadler has been in contact regarding the fencing and tools which Rykneld Homes have available for the Mickley woodland project. Rykneld are interested in working with the Parish Council on the project.

The Neighbourhood Plan is currently with the examiner.

24/03/24 Dalc Newsletter – March 2024:

Previously circulated to Councillors.

25/03/24 Correspondence (previously circulated to Councillors)

- Resident - Stonebroom tennis courts.
- North East Derbyshire District Council – Draft Licensing Act 2003 Policy Consultation. Invitation to Chair’s Civic Service.
- Derbyshire County Council – Parish and Town Council Liaison Forum.
- Severn Trent Water – culverted watercourse Lilac Way Shirland.
- Amber Valley Borough Council – Pre-submission Local Plan 2022-2040 Regulations 19 and 20 Consultation.
- Resident – teen shelter at Stonebroom Sportsground.
- Resident – Mickley BMX track access points.
- Derbyshire Children’s Holiday Centre – request for donations.
- Ground Solutions UK – Fox Hollies Shirland
- Resident – children’s activities in Mickley.
- Police and Crime Commissioner – automatic number plate recognition pilot scheme.
- Bolsover District Council – draft Shirebrook Growth Plan.

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

26/03/24 To consider the following planning applications:

Application Number:	24/00115/TPO
Proposal:	Application to prune Ash, Holly and Hawthorn (W1) covered by NEDDC TPO 82
Address:	New Rectory Main Road Shirland

No comments.

Application Number:	24/00148/FLH
Proposal:	Proposed conversion of undercroft to external store and partial habitable accommodation plus single storey corner infill extension to rear of property
Address:	1 Well Lane Higham

No comments.

Application Number:	23/01089/FL
Proposal:	The installation and operation of a renewable energy generating station comprising of ground-mounted photovoltaic solar arrays together with inverter/transformer units, BESS units, control house, substation, onsite grid

	connection equipment, storage containers, site access, access gates, internal access tracks, security measures, other ancillary infrastructure, and landscaping and biodiversity enhancements (Major Development/Affecting Public Right of Way)
Address:	Land to North of Stretton Road Morton

No comments.

27/03/24 To receive the bank reconciliation, bank statement and bills for payment:

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

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

Payee	Goods	Amount (£)
British Telecom	Stonebroom Pavilion: Line rental	139.61
	Broadband	78.19
Waterplus	Stonebroom Pavilion	17.69
O2	Council mobile	38.48
E.On	Stonebroom Pavilion: Electricity	85.55
	Gas	84.79
R Beecroft	Shirland Village Hall – repair to urinals	90.00
Bike Track	BMX track maintenance and monthly inspection	431.50
LA Landscaping Services	2 burials	998.00
Helen Dowson Expenses:	Weebly (website provider)	14.76
	Ink	22.49
	Gloves for Caretaker	11.99
	Soap for Pavilion	17.25
	Home working allowance (January – March 2024)	78.00
Wages and salaries including HMRC	3 employees	2692.01
Shed Grounds Maintenance	Stonebroom Sportsground – flailing work	308.52
Paul Shardlow	Filling of grit bins	396.00
Stonebroom Community Volunteer Group	Stonebroom Pavilion advert in newsletter	25.00
CSE Crosscom	Annual CCTV service contract – Shirland Village Hall and Stonebroom Pavilion	1890.00
Greg Long Tree Care	Tree works at Cemetery	540.00
North East Derbyshire District Council	Maintenance of pumping station at Shirland Village Hall (August 2023 – January 2024)	394.52
UK Safety Management	Stonebroom Pavilion – Fire alarm service	192.00
	Emergency light service	192.00
Kaydor Signs	Signage – Shirland Playing Fields and Stonebroom Sportsground	600.00

Viking	Audio recorder and files	151.76
Waterplus **	Stonebroom Pavilion	41.41
Shed Grounds Maintenance **	Hedge cutting Stonebroom Pavilion car park	573.60

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

Receipts since last meeting:-

Received:	Amount (£)
Burials/interments of ashes	4347.00
Memorial applications	134.00

The meeting closed at 9.06 pm.