

Shirland and Higham Parish Council
Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting
held in Higham Farm Hotel, Monday 21 May 2018 at 7pm.

Councillors Present: Mr P Allsop, Mr B Barnes (Chair) Mr S Davis, Ms S Smith, Mrs H Liggett, Mr A Lomax, Miss L Williams.

In Attendance: Sally Plummer (Retiring Clerk), Helen Dowson (Clerk & RFO), District Councillor C Cupit and 8 members of the public.

1/05/18 Appointment of Chairman and signing of the declaration of acceptance. Cllr Davis proposed and Cllr Allsop seconded that Cllr Barnes be elected Chairman for the forthcoming year. This was unanimously agreed. Cllr Barnes accepted the nomination. Declaration to be signed at the end of the meeting.

2/05/18 Appointment of Vice Chairman and signing of the declaration of acceptance. Cllr Barnes proposed and Cllr Smith seconded that Cllr Williamson be elected Vice-Chairman for the forthcoming year. This was unanimously agreed. Cllr Williamson had indicated prior to the meeting that if nominated he would be willing to accept the role, declaration to be signed as soon as practicable.

3/05/18 Election of member to oversee financial transactions. Cllr Barnes proposed and Cllr Davis seconded that Cllr Sue Smith be appointed to this position. This was unanimously agreed and Cllr Smith accepted the nomination.

04/05/18 To consider for approval the minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on 19 March 2018 and the Meeting of the Parish Council held on Monday 16 April 2018.

Cllr Allsop proposed and Cllr Davis seconded that the minutes be approved.

5/05/18 To consider accepting apologies for absence: Apologies received from Cllr Williamson, Cllr Skinner and Cllr Lewis.

6/05/18 To Record Declarations of Interest: None

7/05/18 To receive and approve requests for dispensations from members on matters they have a Disclosable Pecuniary Interest: None

8/05/18 To determine if any item on the agenda should be taken with the public excluded: It was requested that the complaint under agenda item 26 be taken with the public excluded.

9/05/18 Public Participation (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 raised the issue of litter around the parish. The Clerk to look into working with volunteer litter picking groups. The Chair reported that this had been done successfully in the past. Other ideas included "Britain in Bloom" and working with schools.

A member of the public reported that the goal posts at Shirland Village Hall were down again, and that the 4 roof tiles need replacing urgently.

Forthcoming events at Shirland Village Hall include a Fun Dog Show on 27 May and on 16 June the annual Scarecrow Festival to which all Councillors are invited.

A member of the public reported that the Neighbourhood watch group met on 16 April, the PCSO had attended. This group now meets twice yearly.

It was reported that the Community Café at Shirland Village Hall had been well received.

10/05/18 To receive the Internal Audit Report - previously circulated.

11/05/18 Approve Annual Governance Statement 2017/18 – The Clerk read the Statement to Councillors, the Statement was approved and signed by the Chair and the Clerk

12/05/18 Approve Accounting Statement 2017/18 – This was approved and signed by the Chair and Clerk/RFO.

13/05/18 British Legion Derbyshire ‘Lamp Post Poppies’ Campaign

The Clerk appraised the Council of the Campaign. It was agreed that Councillors will look for potential sponsors of the Poppies, suggested donation of £3.00 per poppy, interested parties should contact the Clerk. The Clerk will need to obtain permission from DCC and will need the lamp post numbers. To look at having poppies in the main road of each village including Toad Hole Furnace.

14/05/18 Provision of new bus shelter Chesterfield Road near junction with Strettea Lane

Awaiting site inspection and costs from Derbyshire County Council.

15/05/18 NEDDC local plan regarding gypsy and traveller provision – The Council has been approached regarding the possibility of a small gypsy and traveller site on its land adjoining the BMX field at Mickley. Councillors did not consider this would be appropriate NEDDC to be notified.

16/05/18 Provision of dog waste bin at the Forest School site - approved.

17/05/18 Report on meeting with allotment holders - Cllr Lomax reported on a positive, well attended meeting with allotment holders. The Clerk to obtain costs for provision of skips on a one-off basis for each site. The Clerk to obtain a price for water provision at Stonebroom, the costs to be borne by the allotment holders.

18/05/18 Shirland Village Hall replacement windows and doors. Three quotes had been submitted, it was agreed to proceed with the supplier offering best value.

19/05/18 Parish Notice Boards – the Clerk to obtain quotes for new notice boards for each village.

20/05/18 New Equipment for Groundsman – In order to meet the Council’s requirements at the Cemetery the hedge cutter and mower need to be replaced. It was agreed to purchase the hedge cutter and to make further investigations regarding the mower.

21/05/18 Stonebroom football pitches – The Clerk to obtain further quotes for drainage.

22/05/18 Continuing Items

- a) “A Nations Tribute” Permission has been given by the Diocese to site the Beacon at the Church now Planning Permission is awaited.
- b) Cemetery – drawings are finalised meeting to be arranged.

23/05/18 Report from County Councillor - no report

24/05/18 Report from District Councillor – A new Chair, Cllr Jacqueline Ridgeway has been elected, her charity is the Mental Health Care at Chesterfield Royal Hospital the outgoing Chair raised £5,500. No updates on large planning application. The Local Plan is on track for submission 30 May 2018, there will be changes to the Planning Procedure over the next few months to allow easier access to the public.

Cllr Liggett raised the issue of lack of mowing in the Parish and reported that she considered NEDDC’s response to her complaint regarding effluent and flooding had not been thoroughly investigated.

25/05/08 Report from Councillors on outside bodies.

Cllr Barnes reported on the success of the Community Champions event at Shirland Village Hall. A range of activities have been planned by the Police and Xtreme Wheels 13,14 and 15 August 1.00pm - 4.00pm at Mickley.

26/05/18 Correspondence

Street naming – no comment

Litter picking – discussed under public speaking

Offer from Severn Trent to adopt pond - to be declined

Circulation of weekly planning lists – Councillors would like to continue to receive these even if Shirland and Higham Parish is not listed.

27/08/18 GDPR Update - the Clerk is producing a plan.

28/05/18 DALC Circular 6 – previously circulated.

29/05/18 To consider the following planning applications

18/00372/FUL – no comment

18/00319/FUL – no comment

18/00443/CATPO – no comment

18/00436/FLH – no comment

30/05/18 Finance Report

The bank statements and reconciliation were presented, the finance report had been previously circulated.

The following payments were authorised: -

Payee	Goods	Amount £
Sally Plummer	Room Hire Santo’s	30.00
	Broadband	24.00
Joanne Taylor	Internal Audit	125.00
DALC	GDPR Training Course	45.00
Tom Tait	Postage	13.92
	Office allowance	16.67

Helen Dowson	Purchase of printer Mileage	69.99 40.35
Brian Stone	Petrol	11.70
BT	Stonebroom Pavilion	50.28
British Gas	Stonebroom Pavilion	260.42
North East Derbyshire DC	Planning application fee for beacon	117.00
Barry Barnes	Purchase of fridge for Stonebroom Pavilion Mileage	98.94 36.00
Viking	Lockable storage cupboard and stationery	219.17
Wages and Salaries including HMRC	5 employees	4396.27