

Shirland and Higham Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting

held at Stonebroom Pavilion, Monday 18th November 2019 at 7pm

Councillors Present: Cllr Anne Brown (Chair), Cllr Peter Allsop, Cllr Barry Barnes, Cllr John Epton, Cllr Guy Liggett, Cllr Heather Liggett, Cllr Alistair Lomax, Cllr Geoff Mather, Cllr M Roe.

In Attendance: Helen Dowson (Clerk & RFO), Cllr C Cupit, Cllr H Shingleton and eight members of the public.

01/11/19 To consider accepting apologies for absence: Apologies received and accepted from Cllr M Green, Cllr B Lewis, Cllr Sue Smith and Cllr David Williamson.

02/11/19 To Record Declarations of Interest: Cllr A Brown and Cllr G Mather – Shirland Village Hall Trustees, Cllr J Epton – Priest, Church of England.

03/11/19 To receive and approve requests for dispensations from members on matters in which they have a Disclosable Pecuniary Interest: None.

04/11/19 To determine if any item on the agenda should be taken with the public excluded: None.

05/11/19 To consider for approval the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 21st October 2019: Page 1825 requires amending to read: Cllr A Brown, Cllr M Green and Cllr G Mather left the meeting table and sat at the front of the room. Cllr H Liggett approved and Cllr M Roe seconded.

06/11/19 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 the public spoke in detail about the footways in Stonebroom in relation to leaf detritus and the lack of mechanical sweeping. Cllr H Liggett and the Clerk agreed to speak to Steve Brunt.

A parishioner spoke about the revised planning application for Hallfield Gate Lane.

Cllr Shingleton, Chair of Wessington Parish Council spoke about the Neighbourhood Plan process and answered various questions from Councillors.

Standing Orders were suspended after fifteen minutes to allow the discussion to continue and then reinforced before the next agenda item.

07/11/19 To consider the 2020/21 budget:

The proposed budget had previously been circulated to all Councillors. It was noted that the precept will increase to £91247 following the demise of the Council Tax Support Grant. Cllr A Brown proposed and Cllr H Liggett seconded that the budget be accepted and the precept request be submitted to North East Derbyshire District Council.

08/11/19 To consider the meeting dates for 2020:

Meetings to be held on the 3rd Monday of every month with the exception of December; Cllr J Epton proposed and Cllr B Barnes seconded.

09/11/19 To consider ideas to celebrate and commemorate the 75th Anniversary of VE Day:

Councillors discussed the meaning of the day and ideas to celebrate and commemorate including the lighting of the beacons, putting up bunting and engaging with schools. Cllr A Brown mention that Shirland Village Hall has events planned for all residents of the Parish. It was agreed that this should be an ongoing agenda item to allow plans to be made.

10/11/19 To consider a donation to the British Legion Bikers for the installation of the lamp post poppies:

Councillors commented on the excellent work carried out by this group putting up and taking down the poppies. Cllr A Brown proposed a donation of £150, Cllr H Liggett seconded this and it was unanimously agreed.

11/11/19 To consider the quotations received for LED Lighting in the main room at Stonebroom Pavilion:

It was agreed that before a decision is made the energy consumption of LED lights and fluorescent tubes is looked at.

12/11/19 To consider the results of the public consultation regarding the provision of outdoor fitness equipment at Stonebroom:

The results of the consultation were discussed. Cllr A Brown proposed, Cllr G Mather seconded and it was unanimously agreed that quotes are obtained for the three most popular items that parishioners wish to see: bicycle, stepper and rower. These items will be installed on the former tennis court behind the multi-user games area.

The consultation also resulted in some residents requesting improved children's play facilities in Stonebroom. It was agreed that a further consultation will be carried out to see what items of play equipment residents would like to see provided.

13/11/19 To consider the request from St Peter's Church Stonebroom PCC for a contribution to work to bell tower:

The Clerk pointed out that the Parish Council does not have the power to assist Churches in this way. It was agreed that the Clerk looks at the Fidler and Laverack charity accounts to see if any funding can be provided from these sources, this will then be discussed at the meeting in January 2020.

14/11/19 To consider the quotations received for a CCTV system at Shirland Village Hall:

Only one quote has been received to date therefore this will be deferred until the meeting in January 2020.

15/11/19 To consider the quotations received for works to the goal mouths at Stonebroom:

The quotations were discussed; Cllr A Brown proposed and Cllr M Roe seconded that an order is placed with Lightwood Landscapes.

16/11/19 To consider the information from the Solicitor regarding the Village Hall lease.

The Clerk informed the meeting that no further information has been received.

17/11/19 Report from County Councillor:

No report received.

18/11/19 Report from District Councillors:

Cllr C Cupit mentioned that North East Derbyshire District Council are preparing a Climate Change action plan for Parish Councils.

Cllr C Cupit also mentioned that the Parish/District Liaison meeting is to take place on Monday 25th November 2019.

Cllr C Cupit stated that resurfacing works have been carried out on Main Road Shirland and Howarth Close Mickley has been tidied up following enforcement action.

Cllr H Liggett spoke about a number of issues during the period of heavy rainfall; a property in Shirland was flooded and Cllr H Liggett wanted to thank the Street Scene department at North East Derbyshire District Council who assisted with sandbags. Cllr Liggett also reported that a garage was flooded on Hallfield Gate Lane.

19/11/19 Report from Councillors on Outside Bodies;

Cllr H Liggett suggested that in the future battery-operated Christmas lights are put up in the trees on the triangle at Shirland.

20/11/19 Correspondence:

PCSO Kate Hodnett - speeding within the Parish – training is available on the use of the speeding equipment and Kate is to set up a day of enforcement in the Parish when staffing allows.

Derbyshire County Council – standing water Bumpmill Lane, 30mph signage and wall at Belper Road Higham – all responses previously circulated to Councillors.

Cllr A Brown referred to an email recently sent to all Councillors by the Clerk.

Cllr A Brown reported that Cllr G Liggett had recently received communication from North East Derbyshire District Council informing him that no further action will be taken with regards to the complaint made by a member of the public back in July 2019.

21/11/19 To consider the following planning applications:

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

Application Number:	19/00335/OL
Proposal:	Outline planning application for up to 120 new residential units and site access with all matters reserved (apart from access) (Major development/Departure from Development Plan/Affecting Setting of Conservation Area)
Address:	Land to the South of Hallfieldgate Lane Shirland

The Parish Council strongly object to this application and would like to make the following comments:

- A very well attended public meeting recently took place in the village regarding this application and all attendees strongly objected to the proposals.
- Hallfield Gate Lane is a busy road with heavy traffic particularly at peak times. We understand that the traffic survey was done on a midweek afternoon. The treatment of the junction at Hallfield Gate Lane and the A61 as two junctions represents an unfair view of the volume of traffic that will back up from the junction at peak times. The Parish Council are aware of two cars being written off recently following incidents on Hallfield Gate Lane; the first was a car which was parked up and the second was following an accident at the junction of Byron Street. These are the incidents that the Parish Council are aware of but there are probably more.

- The proposed development would have a large impact on the functionality of local doctors' surgeries and schools. The village school is currently at full capacity.
- Routes around this area i.e. Chesterfield Road, Town End and Goose Green Lane are already extremely busy both in the morning and evening
- We note that a 'walk to school' club has been proposed; Councillors are extremely concerned about the safety and condition of this route.
- The application suggests that traffic leaving the development would exit via the A61 however the Parish Council believes that in practice, the majority of vehicles bound for Chesterfield would turn onto Belper Road which will impact on the amount of traffic travelling through the conservation area of Higham. Drivers turning out of Hallfield Gate Lane onto the B6013 have very limited views of oncoming traffic. Hallfield Gate Lane is used by cars coming from and to the Matlock direction.
- In the draft Local Plan Shirland was allocated 192 houses to be built, 48 of these have already been built with another 92 plus 40 being approved. The proposal is outside the settlement development limit and is not scheduled for housing in the draft Local Plan.
- Concern about the foul sewage flow; the figure quoted is actually for the average flow not the peak flow as stated, the peak flow is still of an unknown quantity.
- The future maintenance of the balancing ponds is of concern, as it is not sufficient to state that it will be "undertaken by a management company in perpetuity". Who will pay for this and who is inspecting the area to decide when maintenance needs to be actioned?
- The new application states that the site has not been subject to opencast, archaeological potential must be considered. The Parish Council feel strongly that a geophysical survey of the site should be carried out to allow archaeological potential/significance to be judged.
- Concern about how pedestrians would safely leave the development.
- The proposed development would greatly affect the street scene and views from the A61 and would significantly impact the amenity of vistas both looking towards and looking out of the village. The development would not preserve or enhance the area, both requirements of the Local Plan.
- The Parish Council are concerned about the impact on wildlife and habitat destruction.
- The Parish Council are also concerned about the retention of mature trees which have TPO's and have been a highly visual aspect of that part of the village for many years.
- To conclude this application is not sustainable on the grounds that it violates at least two of the primary objectives that the latest version of National Planning Policy Framework defines as 'sustainable development':

The second social objective is intended to "support strong, vibrant and healthy communities, by ensuring that a sufficient number and range of homes can be provided to meet the needs of present and future generations; and by fostering a well-designed and safe built environment, with accessible services and open spaces that reflect current and future needs and support communities' health, social and cultural well-being;"

This application certainly does not meet the needs of present and future generations, and does not support "communities' health, social and cultural well-being" because the current parish does not have the necessary infrastructure.

The third environmental objective is intended to "contribute to protecting and enhancing our natural, built and historic environment; including making effective use of land, helping to improve biodiversity, using natural resources prudently, minimising waste and pollution, and mitigating and adapting to climate change, including moving to a low carbon economy."

This application violates most, if not all, of the points in this objective.

Application Number:	19/01047/CUPDMB
Proposal:	Prior notification for change of use of an agricultural building to a dwelling house under class Q (resubmission of 19/00724/CUPDMB)
Address:	Land South of 47 Chesterfield Road Shirland

The Parish Council are concerned that if permission is allowed this may set a precedent for further applications to change the use of agricultural buildings.

Application Number:	19/01080/FL
Proposal:	Application for 2 no. dwellings on previously numbered building plots 16 and 17 (previously approved on 07/01253/FL and 06/00071/FL)
Address:	1 Haworth Close Stretton

No comments.

22/11/19 Finance

The Bank Reconciliation had been circulated prior to the meeting and this along with the bank statements were presented for signature.

The following payments were authorised: -

Payee	Goods	Amount £
O2	Council mobile	29.94
British Telecom	Broadband–Stonebroom Pavilion	58.56
Derbyshire Association of Local Councils	Councillor training	50.00
Proludic	Parts for playground equipment	270.55
North East Derbyshire DC	Maintenance of pumping station at Shirland Village Hall	133.02
Markovitz	Rock salt	900.00
Wages and salaries including HMRC	3 employees: – November December	1719.10 1719.10
Waterplus	Water supply - Stonebroom Pavilion	86.05
British Gas	Gas - Stonebroom Pavilion	75.42
Helen Dowson	Memorial plaque for cemetery seat Postage	24.00 1.06

	Heavy duty mat for Stonebroom Pavilion	17.82
Reids	Outside light – Stonebroom Pavilion	309.60
Viking **	Ink and paper	82.12

** Recorded on late payment schedule, invoice received after publication of the agenda.

Receipts since last meeting:-

Received:	Amount £
Children's Football	7.00
Table tennis	60.00
Memorial inscription **	35.00

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The meeting finished at 8.48pm.