

Shirland and Higham Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting

held at Mickley Hut on Thursday 16th November 2023 at 7.00pm

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

In Attendance: Helen Dowson (Clerk & RFO) and one member of the public.

01/11/23 To consider accepting apologies for absence:

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr Charlotte Cupit, Cllr Barry Lewis and Cllr Heather Liggett.

02/11/23 Declarations of Interest from members on any items to be discussed:

Cllr Barry Barnes – Trustee Fidler and Laverack, Stonebroom Community Volunteer Group and Stonebroom Food Pantry.

Cllr D Williamson – Trustee Fidler and Laverack.

Cllr J Cann – Stonebroom Food Pantry.

Cllr G Liggett - Contractor for Shed Grounds Maintenance.

03/11/23 To receive and approve requests for dispensations from members on matters in which they have a Disclosable Pecuniary Interest:

None.

04/11/23 To determine if any item on the agenda should be with the public excluded:

None.

05/11/23 To consider for approval the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Thursday 19th October 2023:

Cllr A Brown proposed and Cllr B Barnes seconded that the minutes be approved.

06/11/23 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 M Green reported that she has been liaising with the owner of the shop at Mickley regarding the possible installation of a defibrillator. Cllr Green suggested that the Parish Council offer an incentive to cover the cost of the electricity.

A member of the public spoke about the brook in Stonebroom, Cllr M Roe and Cllr J Newton agreed to carry out a site visit.

Cllr R Knowles reported that Santos Higham Farm may agree to have a defibrillator installed outside.

Cllr M Kimber has spoken with the doctor's surgery in Stonebroom and they have agreed to having a defibrillator on their outside wall.

Cllr B Barnes suggested carrying out a site visit and then obtaining quotes for a replacement gate at Shirland Village Hall Playing Fields.

Cllr M Green mentioned out that the Caretaker at the Shirland Village Hall is employed by the Shirland Village Hall Management Committee. Cllr Green reported that the dog bin on Birkinstyle Lane Shirland has slipped down the post.

07/11/23 To consider the budget for the 2024/25 financial year:

The proposed budget was circulated to Councillors prior to the meeting. A discussion was held, Cllr D Williamson proposed and Cllr A Brown seconded that the budget be accepted with a 5% increase to the precept which means a request for £95809 is to be submitted to North East Derbyshire District Council. A vote was taken and ten Councillors voted in favour of this decision and two against.

08/11/23 To consider the Local Government Services Clerk's Pay Agreement 2023:

The 2023/24 National Salary Award is to be implemented.

09/11/23 To consider and approve for submission the Neighbourhood Plan and associated documents:

Cllr M Green proposed and Cllr J Newton seconded to formally submit the Neighbourhood Plan to North East Derbyshire District Council. A vote was taken and eleven Councillors voted in favour of this decision and one against.

10/11/23 To consider for adoption the following policies: Complaint's procedure, Dismissal and Disciplinary, Grievance, Equal Opportunities, Health and Safety, Lone Worker, Press, Privacy and the Business Continuity Plan:

Cllr M Roe proposed and Cllr J Newton seconded that the policies be adopted. This decision was unanimous with the exception of Cllr G Liggett who chose to abstain.

11/11/23 To consider the recent tree survey carried out at Stonebroom Community Woodland and the quotations received for the recommended works:

Cllr M Roe proposed and Cllr A Brown seconded that an order be placed with Shed Grounds Maintenance. This decision was unanimous with the exception of Cllr B Barnes, Cllr M Kimber and Cllr G Liggett who could not vote due to interests declared.

12/11/23 To consider the recent tree survey carried out at Shirland Cemetery and the quotations received for the recommended works:

Cllr A Brown proposed and Cllr J Newton seconded that an order be placed with Greg Long Tree Care. A vote was taken and this decision was unanimous with the exception of Cllr G Liggett who could not vote due to an interest declared.

13/11/23 To consider the correspondence received regarding the request for a bike rack on Main Road Shirland:

Cllr M Green proposed and Cllr A Brown seconded that the Parish Council does not submit the application to Derbyshire County Council. A vote was taken and three Councillors were for this action, two voted against and seven chose to abstain.

Cllr R Knowles to speak to the Red Lion asking them to consider installing the rack around the back of the building.

14/11/23 Report from County Councillor:

No report.

15/11/23 Reports from District Councillors:

No report.

16/11/23 Reports from Councillors on outside bodies and community groups:

Cllr B Barnes reported that the Remembrance Sunday service at Stonebroom was well attended and it was an honour to lay the wreath on behalf of the Parish Council.

Cllr M Roe mentioned that the service at Shirland was very good and well attended and thanked the Parish for showing support.

Cllr A Brown reported that the Shirland Village Hall's AGM is to take place on Wednesday 29th November 2023. A Christmas gift and craft fayre is to take place at the Village Hall on the 10th December 2023.

Cllr R Knowles mentioned that the Shirland lights switch on is to take place on Friday 1st December 2023.

Cllr M Kimber reported that Stonebroom Community Volunteer Group have a quiz night on the 17th November 2023 and have arranged a bus trip to York on the 9th December 2023. A Christmas party is being held on the 29th December 2023.

Cllr J Cann reported that the Mickley Community Volunteer Group are holding a jumble sale at The Hut on the 26th November 2023 and an early New Year party on the 28th December 2023.

17/11/23 Report from Chair:

Cllr M Roe reported that he has received clarification from North East Derbyshire District Council regarding the use of the S106 monies in Shirland. The money is to be used for recreational purposes inside or outside at Shirland Village Hall.

Cllr Roe mentioned that a petition regarding the condition of public footpaths in the Parish has been submitted to Derbyshire County Council. The County Council have acknowledged the petition and said they will in touch in due course.

Cllr Roe spoke about the amount of effort that had been put into the organisation of the Halloween events at Stonebroom Woodland.

Cllr B Barnes reported on the recent site meeting at Stonebroom Pavilion store.

18/11/23 Report from Clerk:

The Clerk reported that the Parish Council are still waiting to hear from Derbyshire County Council's Highways Department regarding the recent applications.

The teen shelters in Stonebroom and Shirland are currently being installed.

19/11/23 Dalc Newsletter – November 2023:

Previously circulated to Councillors.

20/11/23 Correspondence (previously circulated to Councillors)

Bolsover District Council – Draft Supplementary Planning Document on Local Parking Standards.

21/11/23 To consider the following planning applications:

Application Number:	23/00704/FLH
Proposal:	Retention of a shed to the front (Amended Plans)
Address:	21 Goose Green Lane Shirland

The Parish Council are concerned about the size of the shed and the inadequate drainage to neighbouring properties. The shed is above the building line of the existing house.

Application Number:	23/00741/FL
Proposal:	Proposed brick outbuilding to replace wooden shed
Address:	11 Wellington Park Shirland

The Parish Council are concerned that according to the site plan the brick outbuilding is not being built on the footprint of the existing shed. The scale and massing of the proposal appears very large for a storage shed. Plans for the disposal of the rainwater from the building are not detailed on the plan.

Application Number:	23/00918/FL
Proposal:	Proposed two storey detached dwelling and garage with creation of new access
Address:	Land North of 14 and between 10 and 18 Birkestyle Lane Shirland

The Clerk to request an extension to the deadline for comments.

Application Number:	23/00949
Proposal:	Single storey porch to front
Address:	6 Burnside Avenue Shirland

No comments

Application Number:	Appeal for application 22/01134/FLH
Proposal:	Application for installation of 12 panel solar PV system to roof pitches of detached garage
Address:	29 Main Road Higham

No further comments.

22/11/23 To receive the bank reconciliation, second quarter budget monitoring report, bank statements and bills for payment:

The Clerk confirmed the bank balances as at the 31st October 2023:

Natwest current account - £500

Natwest reserve account - £63113.79

N S & I investment account - £91689.80

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

Cllr J Cann proposed, Cllr M Green seconded and it was unanimously agreed that the following payments are made:

Payee	Goods	Amount £
E-On	Stonebroom Pavilion: Electricity Gas	103.50 53.96
O2	Council mobile	38.96
British Telecom	Stonebroom Pavilion: Broadband	78.19
LA Landscaping Services	Grave digging	450.00
Markovitz	Rock salt	257.04
Wages and salaries including HMRC	3 employees: November 2023 December 2023	3387.33 2692.01
Helen Dowson expenses	Weebly (website provider) Ink Home working allowance (October – December 2023) Cable ties Hire charge for Mickley Hut Grit bin	15.28 22.49 78.00 1.69 36.00 127.13
Bike Track	Monthly BMX track maintenance and inspection	431.50
Amberol	Seat and fixings	528.90

North East Derbyshire District Council	Removal of broken seat from Mickley	36.78
Paul Shardlow	Topping grass at Shirland Village Hall Playing Fields	108.00
Brian Stone expenses	Petrol	15.97
British Legion Riders	Installation of poppies	275.00
Royal British Legion	Donation received from resident	6.00
Kaydor Signs **	New sign at Mickley BMX track play area and amendments to Cemetery signs	234.00
Mac Tree Services **	Tree surveys – Stonebroom Woodland and Shirland Cemetery	560.00

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

Receipts since last meeting:-

Received:	Amount £
Staffa Health – car park rental	50.00
Prepurchase of burial plot	550.00
Childrens football	40.00
Donation for lamppost poppies	6.00

The meeting closed at 8.44pm.