

Shirland and Higham Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting

held at Shirland Village Hall on Thursday 19th October 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 James Newton and Cllr David Williamson.

In Attendance: Helen Dowson (Clerk & RFO), Cllr Heather Liggett and twenty two members of the public.

01/10/23 To consider accepting apologies for absence:

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr Geoff Mather, Cllr Charlotte Cupit and Cllr Barry Lewis.

02/10/23 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 M Kimber–Stonebroom Community Volunteer Group and Stonebroom Food Pantry.

Cllr G Liggett-Contractor for Shed Grounds Maintenance.

03/10/23 To receive and approve requests for dispensations from members on matters in which they have a Disclosable Pecuniary Interest:

None.

04/10/23 To determine if any item on the agenda should be with the public excluded:

None.

05/10/23 To consider for approval the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Thursday 21st September 2023:

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

06/10/23 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):

A number of young people were in attendance to ask about having a skate park in Stonebroom and they mentioned that there is a petition in the village. Cllr M Roe spoke about the issues with the drainage on the sportsfield and the need for that to be sorted first. Cllr B Barnes and Cllr A Brown spoke about the process and answered any questions. Cllr M Roe mentioned that the Parish Council will welcome the petition.

A member of the public asked to meet with representatives of the Parish Council regarding a number of issues in Stonebroom.

A resident spoke about there being no bus services at Hallfield Gate which is causing problems for the elderly.

07/10/23 To consider the quotations received for works to the Cemetery extension:

Cllr A Brown proposed, Cllr J Newton seconded and it was unanimously agreed to place an order for the extension to the roadway and the planting of an area at the top of the Cemetery.

08/10/23 To consider the quotation received for the installation of two additional CCTV cameras at Stonebroom Sportsground:

Cllr M Green proposed, Cllr A Brown seconded and it was unanimously agreed that once the Clerk circulates further information from Zycomm regarding the cameras and the recorder upgrade then a decision will be made by email as to whether to place the order.

09/10/23 To consider the quotation received for annual maintenance packages for the CCTV systems at Shirland Playing Field and Stonebroom Sportsground:

Cllr D Williamson proposed, Cllr M Green seconded and it was unanimously agreed to place the order.

10/10/23 To consider the quotations received for hedge cutting at Stonebroom Sportsground:

Cllr D Williamson proposed and Cllr M Kimber seconded that an order be placed with Shed Grounds Maintenance. This was unanimously agreed with the exception of Cllr G Liggett who was unable to vote on this item due to an interest declared.

11/10/23 To consider the quotations received for the installation of new fencing and gates at Shirland play area:

Cllr D Williamson proposed and Cllr B Barnes seconded that an order be placed with Ilkeston Fencing. A vote was taken with eight Councillors for this action, two Councillors against and one Councillor chose to abstain.

12/10/23 To consider the quotations received for the removal of the wooden barriers at Shirland play area:

Cllr D Williamson proposed and Cllr B Barnes seconded that an order be placed with LA Landscaping Services. A vote was taken and ten Councillors were for this action and one against.

13/10/23 To consider the Cemetery Regulations:

Cllr A Brown proposed, Cllr J Cann seconded and it was unanimously agreed to change the regulations to allow dogs on leads in the cemetery. It was also agreed that the Clerk sends out correspondence to all Funeral Directors reinforcing that at least seven days' notice is required for all interments. Councillors unanimously agreed that any bookings received without the seven days' notice period will be turned down.

14/10/23 To consider the installation of additional defibrillators in the Parish:

Cllr R Knowles proposed, Cllr A Brown seconded and it was unanimously agreed that Councillors will approach several local businesses to see if they will agree to having a unit which is purchased and maintained by the Parish Council installed on their building and be prepared to pay the electricity costs. Once the number is known quotes will be obtained.

Standing Orders were suspended at 8.25pm to allow a member of the public to speak.

15/10/23 To consider feedback from the recent site meetings at the proposed Mickley Woodland Area:

Cllr J Newton proposed, Cllr M Kimber seconded and it was unanimously agreed that an area of 3400m² will be allocated for the proposed woodland at the top of the allotment field. It was agreed that the Parish Council will apply for grant funding once the necessary information has been received including a revised plan. The Clerk requested that the Mickley Volunteer Group provide risk assessments prior to any work being carried out.

Councillors to let the Clerk know if they are interested in being on a Mickley Woodland working group.

Standing orders were reinstated at 8.40pm.

16/10/23 Report from County Councillor:

No report.

17/10/23 Reports from District Councillors:

Cllr H Liggett spoke about defibrillators and the possibility of Rykneld Homes providing a unit at the bungalows in Stonebroom.

Cllr Liggett mentioned that she is extremely disappointed with the recent road repairs in Shirland which have been carried out by Derbyshire County Council's contractor.

Cllr Liggett is liaising with Derbyshire County Council regarding footpath and bridleway flooding.

18/10/23 Reports from Councillors on outside bodies and community groups:

Cllr B Barnes spoke about the missing roof tiles at Shirland Village Hall. Cllr A Brown confirmed that she is meeting with contractors to obtain quotes.

Cllr A Brown mentioned that Shirland Village Hall Management Committee are holding a Halloween party on the 28th October 2023. Cllr Brown also mentioned the Community Café which takes place on the first Thursday of every month.

It was mentioned that the Christmas lights switch on in Shirland is to take place at 5.30pm on Friday 1st December 2023.

19/10/23 Report from Chair:

Cllr M Roe spoke about the need to secure the refuse bin store at Shirland Village Hall.

20/10/23 Report from Clerk:

The Clerk spoke about the installation of the teen shelters and the filing of the grit bins.

The Clerk is to obtain prices to provide a stone surface on the footpath at the bottom of Shirland Playing Field.

The application for permission to site the Toadhole Furnace Christmas tree was sent to Derbyshire County Council back in August 2023 and permission has still not been received.

The Clerk mentioned the need to remove the grit bin and dog waste bin from the land at the junction of Strettea Lane.

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

21/10/23 Dalc Newsletter – October 2023:

Previously circulated to Councillors.

22/10/23 Correspondence (previously circulated to Councillors)

North East Derbyshire District Council – Review of Polling Districts and Polling Places.

23/10/23 To consider the following planning applications:

Application Number:	23/00871/TPO
Proposal:	Application for pruning works to Lime trees covered by NEDDC TPO no. 26
Address:	St Leonards Church Main Road Shirland

No comments.

24/10/23 To receive the bank reconciliation, bank statements and bills for payment:

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

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

Payee	Goods	Amount £
British Gas	Stonebroom Pavilion: Electricity – final bill	17.98
E-On	Stonebroom Pavilion: Electricity Gas	91.48 31.59
O2	Council mobile	38.48

British Telecom	Stonebroom Pavilion: Broadband	78.19
LA Landscaping Services	3 no. ashes interments Grass cutting – September and October Concrete base and installation of seat at Mickley Weed spraying areas of the Cemetery extension	357.00 1920.00 780.00 300.00
Shelter Maintenance	Bus shelter cleaning	56.14
Waterplus	Stonebroom Pavilion	33.09
Society of Local Council Clerks	Annual subscription	187.00
Wages and salaries including HMRC	3 employees	2594.37
Helen Dowson expenses	Weebly (website provider) Ink Poppy wreaths	14.91 22.49 40.00
Brian Stone expenses	Petrol Stihl strimmer Strimmer line Repairs to mower	15.59 330.00 27.00 135.00
Bike Track	Refurbishment works at Mickley BMX track	3924.00
North East Derbyshire District Council	Stonebroom Pavilion trade waste collection	165.62
ASI Security **	Stonebroom Pavilion-new alarm signalling unit	529.20
AA Tree Surgeons **	Stonebroom Sportsground – tree works	900.00
Viking **	Postage stamps, paper, stationery	163.30
Planning with People **	Neighbourhood Plan – completing all submission documents	4400.00
Waterplus **	Stonebroom Pavilion	23.38

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

Receipts since last meeting:-

Received:	Amount £
Ashes interments	1426.00
Memorial applications	233.00
Grant for Neighbourhood Plan	2543.00
Precept	45623.50
Wayleave payment from National Grid	17.73

The meeting closed at 9.10pm.