

Shirland and Higham Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting

held at Stonebroom Pavilion on Thursday 21st September 2023 at 7.00pm

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

In Attendance: Helen Dowson (Clerk & RFO), Cllr Charlotte Cupit and two members of the public.

01/09/23 To consider accepting apologies for absence:

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr Barry Barnes, Cllr Janice Bush, Cllr Mike Roe, Cllr Heather Liggett and Cllr Barry Lewis.

02/09/23 Declarations of Interest from members on any items to be discussed:

Cllr D Williamson – Trustee Fidler and Laverack, Cllr J Cann – Stonebroom Food Pantry, Cllr M Kimber – Stonebroom Community Volunteer Group, Cllr J Newton - Stonebroom Food Pantry and Stonebroom Community Volunteer Group.

03/09/23 To receive and approve requests for dispensations from members on matters in which they have a Disclosable Pecuniary Interest:

None.

04/09/23 To determine if any item on the agenda should be with the public excluded:

None.

05/09/23 To consider for approval the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Thursday 17th August 2023:

Page 2027 – Should read Cllr J Bush left the room and then returned to the meeting.

Cllr A Brown proposed and Cllr M Green seconded that once the amendment has been made the minutes are approved.

06/09/23 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 resident asked about the meeting dates being available on the Parish Council website. The Clerk mentioned what page they are on and then a discussion was held regarding the possibility of an old website still being found using some search engines. Cllr J Newton agreed to look into this.

A resident spoke about regular fly tipping incidents on public footpaths in Stonebroom.

Cllr J Newton mentioned that users of the tennis courts would like to thank the Parish Council for re-lining the courts.

Cllr R Knowles reported that Main Road Shirland will be closed for two days in the near future whilst road repairs are carried out at the junction with Fox Hollies.

07/09/23 To consider the ordering of lamp-post poppies and wreaths from the British Legion:

Cllr A Brown proposed and Cllr G Mather seconded that two wreaths and a maximum of one hundred poppies are ordered and a donation of £275 be given to the British Legion Riders if they are willing to install the poppies again.

08/09/23 To consider the approval and adoption of the amended Grant Awarding Policy:

Cllr R Knowles proposed, Cllr M Kimber seconded and it was unanimously agreed to adopt the policy.

09/09/23 To consider the quotation received for works to the hedge at Stonebroom Sportsground:

To be discussed at the October meeting once further quotes have been obtained.

10/09/23 To consider the correspondence received from WHP Telecoms Ltd regarding the base station upgrade at Higham:

Cllr J Newton proposed, Cllr A Brown seconded and it was unanimously agreed to send a response stating that the Parish Council have no issues with the proposals.

11/09/23 To consider renewing the subscription to the Society of Local Council Clerks:

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

12/09/23 To consider the request from the Stonebroom Holiday Activity and Food group to store equipment at Stonebroom Pavilion:

Councillors are to meet at the pavilion with a view to tidying the store. Cllr A Brown proposed, Cllr R Knowles seconded and it was unanimously agreed to allow the group to use the store providing there is room available.

13/09/23 To consider the provision of Extreme Wheels for 2024:

Cllr A Brown proposed and Cllr M Kimber seconded that an order is placed for the programme in 2024, a vote was taken and eight Councillors voted for this action and one against.

Cllr J Cann proposed, Cllr M Green seconded and it was unanimously agreed to hold this year's October half term session at Mickley.

14/09/23 To consider ideas for the S106 monies available:

Cllr J Newton proposed, Cllr G Mather seconded and it was unanimously agreed to obtain quotes for the installation of new fencing and gates at Shirland play area.

Cllr A Brown proposed and Cllr M Kimber seconded that an order is placed for a teen shelter at Stonebroom Sportsground. A vote was taken and eight Councillors were for this action and one Councillor chose to abstain.

15/09/23 Report from County Councillor:

No report.

16/09/23 Reports from District Councillors:

Cllr C Cupit reported that Derbyshire County Council are looking into the bus routes in Shirland, Cllr Cupit also mentioned that a new dial a bus service is now in operation in North East Derbyshire.

Cllr C Cupit continues to raise the issues regarding the HGVs on Park Lane.

17/09/23 Reports from Councillors on outside bodies and community groups:

Cllr M Green reported that she is able to obtain information on Rykneld Road and will bring the information to the October meeting.

Cllr J Newton mentioned the Stonebroom Volunteer Group fundraising event for the Animal Park and asked Councillors to attend if available.

Cllr A Brown reported that the fun dog show at Shirland Village Hall was well attended and raised money for the hall. The committee are planning a family Halloween disco.

Cllr R Knowles reported that the village show organised by the Community of Shirland and Higham group was successful and raised money for the group.

18/09/23 Report from Clerk:

The Clerk reported that the BMX track refurbishment works have started.

The independent playground inspections have recently been carried out and the annual tree survey at Stonebroom Community Woodland has been completed.

19/09/23 Dalc Newsletter – September 2023:

Previously circulated to Councillors.

20/09/23 Correspondence (previously circulated to Councillors)

North East Derbyshire District Council – Community Ownership Fund.

Member of the public - request for defibrillator.

21/09/23 To consider the following planning applications:

Application Number:	23/00726/FL
Proposal:	Loft conversion, construction of front and rear dormers along with associated alterations
Address:	43 St Leonards Place Shirland

No comments.

Application Number:	23/00704/FL
Proposal:	Installation of a shed to the front
Address:	21 Goose Green Lane Shirland

The Parish Council would like to question the scale of the shed.

Application Number:	23/00784/FL
Proposal:	Section 73 application for removal of condition 15 (water treatment drainage plant) pursuant of planning approval application 21/01454/FL
Address:	Land South East of 2 Church Street Shirland

No comments.

Application Number:	DCC TPO Application 82029950
Proposal:	T1 Sycamore, T2 group of Beech, T3 group of Sycamores, T4 Ash – all trees to be raised by approx. 2m. To remove major dead wood over 25mm
Address:	The Laurels Main Road Higham

No comments.

22/09/23 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 G Liggett seconded and it was unanimously agreed that it be accepted.

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

Payee	Goods	Amount £
British Gas	Stonebroom Pavilion: Electricity	66.86
	Gas – final bill	12.83
E-On	Stonebroom Pavilion: Electricity	5.54
	Gas	9.50
O2	Council mobile	38.96
British Telecom	Stonebroom Pavilion: Broadband	78.19
	Line rental	45.47
UK Safety Management	Stonebroom Pavilion- New fire extinguisher	202.80

LA Landscaping Services	2 no. ashes interments	238.00
Wages and salaries including HMRC	3 employees	2594.37
The Community of Shirland and Higham group	Grant	300.00
Alliance Contracting Solutions	Retention release – Cemetery car park and access road	612.59
Amberol	Seat and fixings	528.90
North East Derbyshire District Council	Annual playground inspections Rent for play area land Tennyson Street/Mickley Lane	162.00 1.00
Shaun Brown Paving	Patching works – Shirland Village Hall New paths – Shirland playing fields	5906.06 17307.59
Gilvar Lining Ltd	Lining works – Stonebroom Sportsground	1050.00
RC Vann	Securing picnic benches at Stonebroom Sportsground Securing picnic benches at Stonebroom Woodland and replacing guttering and brackets at Stonebroom Pavilion	120.00 480.00
Helen Dowson expenses	Weebly (website provider) Ink Home working allowance (July – September 2023) Tennis net First aid box supplies for pavilion Cleaning products for pavilion Mileage	14.63 22.49 78.00 74.49 14.65 7.47 20.70
LA Landscaping Services **	Grass cutting: 31 August 2023 15 September 2023	1920.00
Zycomm **	Call out to Stonebroom Pavilion	108.00

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

Receipts since last meeting:-

Received:	Amount £
Ashes interment	250.00
Memorial application	99.00

The meeting closed at 8.40pm.