Shirland and Higham Parish Council Minutes of the meeting held in Stonebroom Pavillion on February 23th 2015

Present: Cllrs: Mr. B. Barnes (in the Chair) Mrs. A. Brown, Mrs. P. Stevens Mrs. J. Bacon, Mr. T. Wild, Mr. S. Jones, Mrs. R. Sowerby Mr. D. Williamson, T.Tait (Clerk), Two members of public

Apologies: Mr. R Moaks, Mr Sam, Mrs M Green, Cllr D Skinner

260/14 Mrs A Brown declared an interest on agenda item 'Shirland Village Hall' due to her membership of the Hall Management Committee. No pecuniary interests were disclosed.

Police Items 261/14

PCO G Green presented the crime & anti social behaviour statistics for the preceding month. The positive impact the BMX track has made was discussed in relation to a significant reduction in vandalism and less large groups of young people gathering in the area. AGREED: These points will be identified in the Clerk's report to the Police and Crime Commissioner's Office.

Public Participation 262/14

Members of the public raised concerns relating to vehicular traffic mounting the grass at the junction between Quarry Lane and West Street, Stonebroom. The issue of wheelie bin stickers with speed warnings was also discussed: AGREED: The Clerk will liaise with the County Councillor to explore possible solutions to traffic problem at Quarry Lane/ West Street. (Session timed at 11 minutes)

Continuing Items

Shirland Cemetery 263/14

One out of Parish interment has taken place.

Adoption of Telephone Kiosk, Shirland 264/14 (252/14) The consultation exercise between BT and the District Council has commenced. Councillors were reminded the need to write to NEDDC supporting the adoption.

Xmas Decorations, Shirland 264/14 (251/14) The sub group has yet to meet.

Mickley Bike Track 245/14

The Clerk informed the meeting that despite repeated phone calls to the main contractor, no signage had been erected. He has been assured the signs will be in place by the end of January.

Vandalism 246/14

The broken glass in the northbound bus shelter on the A61 has been repaired again. RESOLVED: A suitable toughened glass replacement will be sourced for any further breakages.

Stonebroom School Wall 247/14

RESOLVED: Cllr Bacon informed Council that the repairs to the wall have been carried out to a high standard.

Report From County Councillor 248/14

None received

Report from District Councillor 249/14

Cllr Barnes informed Council that North East Derbyshire's Local Plan will be published in February 2015.

No report received from Cllr Skinner

Reports from Councillors on Outside Bodies 250/14

No reports received.

DALC Circulars 251/14

All DALC communications have been previously circulated to Councillors.

Christmas Decorations 2015 252/14

Cllr Wild presented a proposal to hire solar powered Xmas trees to be erected on selected lamposts in Shirland. Council welcomed the proposal in principle. AGREED: A working group of Cllrs Wild, Williamson and Tomlinson will take the proposal forward and report back to Council with a recommendation.

Adoption of Phone Box A61/ Hallfieldgate Lane 253/14

Cllr Williamson proposed that Council approach BT for permission to adopt the phone box with a view to changing the use to a book exchange. AGREED: The Clerk will commence the adoption process with BT and consult with North East Derbyshire District Council.

Seating at 'Red Arrow' Bus Shelters, Higham 254/14

A parishioner has requested Council provide seating at the bus stops. AGREED: The parishioner can be supplied with a modified walking stick that can fold into a seat to make his/her wait more comfortable. A Councillor will donate the walking stick.

Financial Standing Orders 255/14

RESOLVED: Council unanimously adopted the Financial Standing Orders circulated by the Clerk in December 2014.

Parish News Letter 256/14

The Clerk distributed a draft copy of the Newsletter that is scheduled to be published in January 2015.

Planning Applications 257/14

Town and Country Planning Act 1990

Consultation of Parish Council

Application Number:	14/01232/FL
Proposal:	Construction of a detached dwelling
Address:	The Paddock Hallfieldgate Lane Shirland Alfreton
Applicant:	********

No Objections

Town and Country Planning Act 1990

Consultation of Parish Council

Application Number:	14/01159/FLH
Proposal:	New rear two storey extension including deck area - new front porch including changes to the front boundary treatment and hard standing finishes
Address:	125 Birkinstyle Lane Shirland Alfreton DE55 6BT
Applicant:	********

No Objections

December Accounts 258/14

The following accounts were authorized for payment:-

Bill Payments/ Income December 15th 2014 to January 19th 2015

Expenditure

Payee	Goods	Amount
AON	Insurance (increased cover for new CCTV)	73.18
Quantum DM	Web Hosting	24.00
Severn Trent	Final bill Mickley Allotments	19.87
Walls	Cemetery Skip Hire	115.00
NEDDC	Litter Bins Mickley	478.37
ASI	Alarm Servicing (Stonebroom Pavillion)	461.64
Richard Savidge	Land Valuation	240.00
T Tait	Expenses	11.70
T Tait	Broadband/ VOIP Calls	20.00
Salaries & Wages	Clerk & Caretaker Salary & Wages	1689.88
HMRC	Tax & National Insurance	576.58

Income

BT	Rebate	18.11
Donations	Youth Club/Pitch Hire/ Table Tennis	170.00

Offer to Purchase Land 259/14 (238/14)

This item was taken with the public excluded. Following receipt of the independent land valuation, Council concluded that the land was of greater value to the parish in its current form and usage than being sold for building development. RESOLVED: The Clerk writes informing the developer of the decision.

The meeting closed at 21:45