

Shirland and Higham Parish Council
Minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council
held in Stonebroom Pavilion, Monday 15th May 2017, 19:00

Councillors Present: Mr B Barnes, Ms Sue Smith, Mr P Allsop, Dr A Lomas, Mr D Williamson, Mr S Davies, Mr T Wild.

In Attendance: Tom Tait (Assistant Clerk), Sally Plummer (Clerk/RFO) and seven members of the public.

1/5/17 To consider for approval the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 24th April 2017: Cllr Allsop approved, Cllr Davies seconded the minutes

2/5/17 To consider accepting apologies for absence: Apologies received from District Cllr's Skinner, Cupit and County Councillor Lewis.

3/5/17 To elect a Chairman for the Year: Cllr Williamson proposed and Cllr Davies seconded that Cllr Barnes be elected Chairman for the forthcoming year. This was unanimously agreed. Cllr Barnes accepted the nomination.

4/5/17 To Elect a Vice-Chairman for the Year: Cllr Davies proposed and Cllr Smith seconded that Cllr Williamson be elected Vice-Chairman for the forthcoming year. This was unanimously agreed. Cllr Williamson accepted the nomination.

5/5/17 Declaration of acceptance of Office by Chair and Vice-Chair: Both Councillors thanked the members for their support and it was agreed the Clerk would complete the necessary documentation at the end of the meeting.

6/5/17 Election of Member to Oversee Financial Transactions: Cllr Williams proposed and Cllr Davies seconded that Cllr Sue Smith be appointed to this position. This was unanimously agreed and Cllr Smith accepted the nomination.

7/5/17 Co-option to the Council: Mrs H Liggett presented herself to be co-opted to the Council. Mrs Liggett gave a brief resume of her community work so far and it was unanimously agreed that Mrs Liggett be co-opted to the Parish Council. The Chairman invited Mrs Liggett to join the meeting.

8/5/17 To record declarations of interest from members on any items to be discussed: None Recorded

9/5/17 To receive and approve requests for dispensations from members on matters they have a Disclosable Pecuniary Interest: No requests

10/5/17 To determine if any item on the agenda should be taken with the public excluded: None raised.

11/5/17 Public Participation (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):

Three members of the public raised issues relating to the future of the allotments in Stonebroom and Mickley. Cllr Barnes responded that it was the Council's stated position to support the continuing presence of allotments within the Parish. Both Clerks had visited the two sites and some health & safety concerns were identified that will be addressed with individual tenants.

Two members of the public raised issues relating to the Forest School Project and potential safety issues with equipment being left in situ. Cllr Smith and the Clerks had visited the site and were full of praise for the work that the school was undertaking and both the staff and pupils should be congratulated on the excellent use of the resource. In relation to the issue of cutting down trees the Clerks were not aware of this nor did they see any evidence of this on their visit but will investigate if any trees have been cut down as part of the project.

12/5/17 Insurance 2017-18: The RFO presented the cost of cover with Zurich for the forthcoming year. Cllr Williamson congratulated the RFO on obtaining such a competitive quote and resulting savings. Cllr Barnes proposed and Cllr Williamson seconded that the RFO's recommendation of a three-year period of cover with fixed costs be accepted by the Council. This was unanimously agreed.

13/5/17 Section 137 Applications: It was agreed to award the following- Shirland Parish Association £200.00 for the Scarecrow Festival. St Peters Church £200.00 towards the maintenance of the Church Clock. The RFO recommended the distribution of funds from the Fiddler and Laverack Charities. Cllr Williamson proposed and Cllr Allsop seconded that, subject to Trustee approval the monies be distributed to local schools using a per pupil head formula.

14/5/17 Allotments: The Clerks reported on their visit to the allotments and the issue of poorly maintained land was discussed. It was agreed that a meeting will be convened to discuss this with representatives of the allotments.

15/5/17 Shirland Village Hall Lease: The Assistant Clerk reported that he is awaiting contact from the Village Hall Management Committee following his email regarding an exploratory meeting to discuss options on a lease extension.

16/5/17 Planning Application Shirland Cemetery Extension: The Architect has visited the site and agreed what assessments will be required as part of the planning process.

17/5/17 Bus Shelter Cleaning: The RFO presented a proposal for the cleaning of the Shelters. Cllr Barnes proposed and Cllr Davies seconded that the Shelters be cleaned every two months and this will be reviewed annually. This was unanimously agreed.

18/5/17 Disposal Sale of Ride on Mower: Following the out sourcing of grass cutting this equipment is now surplus. Cllr Barnes proposed and Cllr Williamson seconded that the mower be offered for sale by sealed bid. The Assistant Clerk will take charge of this process. This was unanimously agreed.

19/5/17 Continuing Items

- a) Play areas: Plans are now in place to clean up the Stonebroom play area and contractors have been invited to tender for the installation of new play equipment. The Caretaker will paint the Stonebroom equipment which is looking rather worse for wear.
- b) Mining Memorial: The tub has been painted and the Assistant Clerk has located appropriate rails for the tub to be fixed upon. The Chairman thanked the Ecclesbourne Valley Railway for donating a section of rail,
- c) A Nation's Tribute: The Chair has submitted the specification to an additional supplier to ensure best value.

20/5/17 Report from County Councillor: None received

21/5/17 Report from District Councillor: Cllr Barnes gave an overview of NEDDC Annual meeting.

22/5/17 Reports from Councillors on Outside Bodies: Concern was raised regarding overhanging trees on Cleveland Road. Cllr Liggett raised concern regarding loose chipping on pavements following roadworks. Cllr Smith requested a bin be sited at Stonebroom School wood. Cllr Barnes re-iterated the need to ensure all access to Council fields etc. is locked to ensure no trespassing. There has been a costly situation at Clay Cross following a barrier being left un-locked.

23/5/17 DALC Circulars: Circular six had been distributed previously to Councillors.

24/5/17 Correspondence: The Assistant Clerk read out an email received from PCSO Hodnett relating to current police numbers highlighting the replacement of PC D Price. It was noted with much disappointment the PCSO Green has not been replaced to date therefore there appears a cut to community policing to the Parish.

25/5/17 To consider the following planning application

Application No 17/00232/FL

Proposal: Change of use of land to keeping of horses and stable block

Address: Land East of Main Railway Line and West of Ogston Lane, Higham

No Objection

Application Number: 17/00528/FLH

Proposal: Widening of existing opening for vehicular access (revised scheme of 17/00138/FLH)

Address: 64 Hallfieldgate Lane Shirland Alfreton DE55 6AA

Council to reiterate its support of this to reduce on-road parking.

26/4/17 To Receive Finance Report, Bank Statements and Bills for Payment:

The Clerk/RFO circulated breakdown of income and expenditure for to date.

The bank statements and bank reconciliation were presented and signed.

The following payments were made: -

Payee	Goods	Amount £
DALC	Training – Spring Seminar	90.00*
Turning Leaves	Mowing Mickley 18.4.17	216.00*
	Mowing Shirland 1.4.17	180.00*
	Mowing Stonebroom 1.4.17	180.00*
	Strimming tennis courts 19.4.17	96.00*
	Total	672.00*
NEDDC	Pump March 17	53.69*
JJ Construction	Replacement Chq	80.00*
D Williamson	Grass Seed - Cemetery	39.00*
Turning Leaves	Stonebroom 24.4.17	180.00
	Shirland 24.4.17	80.00
	Mickley 2.5.17	216.00
	Triangle 2.5.17	72.00
	Stonebroom 8.5.17	180.00

	Shirland 8.5.17 Total chq	180.00 1008.00
British Gas DD	Gas supply Stonebroom	151.35
Water Plus DD	Water supply Stonebroom	81.22
BT DD	Broadband Stonebroom	26.28
CTS Building and Plumbing	Replace roof tile - Shirland	42.00
Kaydor Signs	Signs re litter and dog fouling	324.00
GMS Fabricators	Blast & Paint Coal Trolley	444.00
Walls	Skip Hire	130.00
S Plummer	Telephone	24.00
T Tait	Telephone	28.00
Wages and Salaries	4 employees plus HMRC	1793.57

*Denotes items submitted for late authorisation at previous meeting