

SHIRLAND AND HIGHAM PARISH COUNCIL
 Minutes of the meeting held in Stonebroom Pavilion
 Monday 20th July 2015

Present: Cllrs: Mr B Barnes (Chair), Mr D Williamson, Mr S Davies, Mrs A Brown.

In Attendance: Tom Tait (Clerk), Sally Plummer (Assistant Clerk/RFO), County Councillor B Lewis, District Councillor C Cupitt, 3 members of the public.

72/15 Approval the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on the Monday 15th June 2015

The minutes were accepted as a true record, Cllr S Davies proposed, Cllr A Brown seconded.

73/15 Apologies for absence

The Clerk had received apologies from Cllr Smith, Cllr Skinner, Cllr Wild, Cllr Green, Cllr Stevens.

74/15 Declarations of interest from members on any items to be discussed

Cllr A Brown declared an interest in matters relating to Shirland Village Hall.

75/15 Disclosable Pecuniary Interest

As above (74/15)

76/15 Police Items

The Clerk read the police report for June 2015. The high incidence was noted, however there was no report of anti-social behaviour.

77/15 Public Participation (Timed at 4 minutes)

Mrs J Bacon asked to be removed as contact for alarm at Stonebroom Pavilion. AGREED – Assistant Clerk to contact ASI.

The footpath from Stonebroom to Morton is overgrown Cllr Lewis to report.

No action has taken place regarding the tree on Quarry Lane (minute 52/15). The Clerk has reported this to Derbyshire County Council.

78/15 Section 137 Applications

No applications received.

79/15 Mickley Village Hall: Request for Financial Assistance

Cllrs Barnes and Brown attended meeting of Mickley Hall Committee on 1 July 2015.

During the last financial year the Hall incurred losses of £1667. Whilst the Council would like to ensure this facility remains in place it also has to consider good use of public money and if Mickley Village Hall will ever be viable.

Cllr Barnes and Cllr Brown will attend a further meeting week commencing 27 July 2015 and report back to Council.

80/15 Repairs to Mickley BMX Track

The Clerk advised that the contractor has agreed to carry out the repairs under warranty.

An annual maintenance contract for the BMX track will be considered at the September meeting

81/15 Use of Stonebroom Pavilion for meetings

Following public discussion at the meeting held on 15th June 2015 (52/15) the Clerk raised concern that the Council has created a sport facility/play area but is asking young adults to be quiet when meetings are held in the Pavilion. The Parish has other halls which could be used for meetings. RESOLVED to offer village halls for public meetings and that the Stonebroom Pavilion will be used for sport only.

82/15 Audit of Village Hall Usage

The Clerk noted that the Parish has a number of facilities and that in order to ensure best value he will be carrying out an audit of their use. It is the Council's responsibility to ensure due probity and to consider usage when making financial decisions.

There is also an issue of the Council giving financial assistance to a building it does not own. Cllr Lewis would enquire if Mickley Village Hall could apply to Derbyshire County Council for any grants.

83/15 Parish Grounds Maintenance

Further to minute 63/15 the Assistant Clerk and Chair are to meet with contractors' week commencing 27 July 2015 to obtain quotes for grounds maintenance.

84/15 Stonebroom Maypole

Cllr Smith had obtained two quotes for a Maypole (minutes 67/15). This would be available for all schools to loan. AGREED Assistant Clerk to purchase Maypole.

85/15 Parish News Letter

The Clerk is compiling the Summer Newsletter and will include a public consultation on the format the Mining Memorial will take.

Continuing Items:**86/15 Adoption of Telephone Kiosk, Shirland**

The adoption is now complete. The Council now needs to modify and equip for use as a book exchange facility. The Clerk, Cllrs Williamson and Barnes to meet to progress.

87/15 Christmas Decorations, Shirland:- final decision

It was RESOLVED that the Council will not be providing Christmas decorations this year.

88/15 Mining Memorial, Shirland:- public consultation

See minute 85/15 above.

89/15 Shirland Cemetery

The remains of one person have been moved from London and interned in the Cemetery. The Clerk noted the high standard of maintenance at the Cemetery.

90/15 Shirland Village Hall Structural Repairs & Ground Maintenance

Concerns have been raised regarding ground maintenance which is being addressed (minute 83/15) and the goal posts. Cllrs Barnes and Williamson to erect goal posts as matter of urgency.

The Assistant Clerk read the quote for repairs supplied by R Wibb, Builder. It was noted that although the Clerk had requested 3 quotes only two contractors met as agreed and only one had submitted a quote. Owing to Cllr Brown's declaration of interest the Council was not able to act. It was AGREED that an Extra Ordinary meeting be called to consider essential repairs.

91/15 North East Derbyshire District Council's initial draft of the Local Plan Part 1 and Schedule of Potential Housing Sites consultation

Nothing to report.

92/15 Report from County Councillor

Cllr B Lewis advised that Rural Action Derbyshire may be able to help source funding for Mickley Village Hall and queried whether the hall should be paying rates. Derbyshire County Council had undertaken the task of making savings. The challenge has been considerable. There will be a full County Council consultation in September regarding school crossing patrols Cllr Lewis asked if there were any local issues to let him know. Schools do have a separate budget which can be used to fund this essential but expensive service.

Previously identified repairs to the highway in Mickley have been undertaken. There is still an area in need of repair near the Industrial Estate in Stonebroom. The Quarry Lane issue will be reported.

93/15 Report from District Councillor

Cllr Cupitt reported that a new Chief Executive has been appointed. The Corporate Plan has been approved with focus on future growth and development.

94/15 Reports from Councillors on outside bodies

Cllr Brown reported the Scarecrow Festival held at Shirland Village Hall had been a successful family day. Future scheduled events are a dog show and Festival of Light.

Cllr Barnes reported Rykneld Homes will be holding a BMX meeting 6.00 – 8.00 pm on 28 July 2015 with view to Mickley becoming a recognised BMX Club.

Cllr Barnes also reported that planning application for 2 properties on land at School Close, Stonebroom has been submitted. North East Derbyshire DC has received substantial offer for the access road, and Cllr Barnes has asked for a proportion of this to come to Parish Council for projects.

Rural Action Derbyshire meeting at Cromford - Cllr Smith to attend.

95/15 DALC circulars

DALC communication 18/2015 has been previously circulated to Councillors.

96/15 Correspondence

The Clerk read recent correspondence. Items requiring attention included:

Mickley Community and Tennant Association – Transfer of ownership of lamppost with CCTV. RESOLVED to adopt the lamppost.

North East Derbyshire DC – still waiting completed expense forms from two Shirland and Higham Parish Councillors, and one signed Declaration of Interest. Both are serious issues which the clerk has tried to address with the Councillors concerned.

AGREED – to take to next meeting the question of how long a Councillor can hold office in this situation. To notify councillors involved.

97/15 To consider the following Planning Applications:

Town and Country Planning Act 1990

Consultation of Parish Council

Application Number:	15/00583/FL
Proposal:	Conversion of former Barn to a Farmhouse Kitchen.
Address:	Higham Dairy Farm Bumpmill Lane Shirland Alfreton

Applicant:	*****
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No objections

98/15 Finance: To receive RFO Report and bills for payment.

The RFO presented income and expenditure report for the first quarter of the financial year. It showed total Income including the first 6 months precept of £48,807 against expenditure of £17,011. It was noted that the Council still needs to exercise caution as the it has identified significant costs of repairs to Shirland Hall and the Mining Memorial.

Chq	Payee	Goods	Amount
4557	Brian Stone	Expenses –retrospective approval	33.52
4558	Chq cancelled		
4559	Shirland Parish Association	Section 137 Grant – retrospective	200.00
DD	British Gas	Gas – Stonebroom 6 months	808.39
DD	British Telecom	Broadband – Stonebroom	23.40
4560	NEDDC	Pumping maintenance Shirland	52.97
4561	DALC	Training	25.00
4562	Quantum Digital	Web hosting	24.00
4563	Sally Plummer	Phone and Broadband	20.00
4564	Tom Tait	Phone and Broadband	26.00
4565	Tom Tait	Computer facility 1/4ly payment	50.00

a) NS&I Account authorised signatories

It was resolved that Cllr B Barnes, Cllr D Williamson and Sally Plummer, RFO be authorised to signatories for the NS&I Account.

99/15 To determine if any item on the agenda should be taken with the public excluded.

AGREED: Agenda item 24 to be taken with the public excluded.

100/15 Employee Matters

Council discussed a range of employment issues including the change in business usage of the Community Halls and the impact community groups use and any potential impact on staffing requirements.

The Clerk brought to Council's attention a health issue that is impacting upon his ability to fully undertake the role of Clerk to the Council. RESOLVED: From the 1st September 2015 Sally Plummer will undertake the role of Parish Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer with Tom Tait assuming the role of Assistant to the Parish Clerk.