

SHIRLAND AND HIGHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held in Shirland Village Hall

Monday 21st September 2015

Present: Cllrs: Mr B Barnes (Chair), Mr D Williamson, Mr S Davies, Mrs A Brown, Mrs Sue Smith, Mr T Wild

In Attendance: Tom Tait (Assistant Clerk), Sally Plummer (Clerk/RFO), District Councillor C Cupitt, 2 members of the public, two Community Support Officers

101/15 Approval the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on the Monday 20th July 2015

The minutes were accepted as a true record, Cllr S Davies proposed, Cllr A Brown seconded. Cllr Barnes requested agenda item 14 (d) be taken with the public excluded. This was unanimously agreed.

102/15 Apologies for absence

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

103/15 Declarations of interest from members on any items to be discussed

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

104/15 Disclosable Pecuniary Interest

As above (74/15)

105/15 Police Items

The Community officers read the police report for August 2015. No Comments were made.

106/15 Public Participation (Timed at 5 minutes)

Members of the public again spoke about their concerns regarding flooding under the railway bridge. The Assistant Clerk reported that concerns had been brought to the Cllr Lewis and read out an email he had received relating to previous highway matters that had been brought to his attention.

107/15 Section 137 Applications

No applications received.

108/15 Usage Audit Village Halls and Pavilions

The Assistant Clerk intimated he had sufficient information now relating to the respective hall usage and thanked representatives for providing the data. RESOLVED

109/15 Mickley Village Hall: Request for Financial Assistance

Cllrs Barnes reported that the Village Hall Committee's financial situation has improved. RESOLVED: this request should be deferred for the time being.

110/15 Mickley BMX Track: Annual Maintenance Contract

The Clerk advised that the contractor has reluctantly carried out repairs under warranty. AGREED: The Clerk invites tenders for maintaining the BMX track.

111/15 Request for Grazing of Horses on land at Mickley

Cllr Barnes reported he had received a request for grazing from a parishioner. RESOLVED: No council land will be used for animal grazing.

112/15 Lilac Way: Problems with Vermin

This on going issue is currently with North East Derbyshire District Council's legal department. The vermin problem will be reported to the relevant department.

Continuing Items:

113/15 Adoption of Telephone Kiosk, Shirland

Cllrs Williamson and Barnes to meet to progress this project

114/15 Mining Memorial, Shirland:- public consultation

The consultation is now on the website and comments received suggest 80% of respondents are in favour of the walking trails as an appropriate memorial. AGREED: The consultation phase will terminate at the end of October 2015.

115/15 Shirland Cemetery

The Clerk & Assistant Clerk reported upon a course they attended and the changes required to ensure the cemetery procedures meet current best practice. AGREED: The Assistant Clerk will tender for grave digging services, which include health and safety checks on headstones and comprehensive risk assessments. It was also agreed that the Council will hold a special meeting to discuss the future expansion of the cemetery.

116/15 Shirland Village Hall Structural Repairs & Request for Financial Assistance

This item was taken with the public excluded. The Clerk and Cllr Barnes reported that the builder had identified potential further work that could be required as part of the current maintenance works which could significantly impact upon the budget allocated to the project. A number of possible ways forward were discussed. AGREED: The Clerk will contact the building insurers to ascertain whether any of the work required may be covered under the insurance policy. An architect will be engaged to offer a professional assessment of what further works are necessary to maintain the fabric of the building. A decision will be deferred until all the relevant facts have been established.

Cllr Barnes proposed that financial assistance should be given to the Village Hall Committee to help with a cash flow problem. Cllr Williamson suggested any financial assistance should be in the form of a £1,000 loan facility that the Village Hall Committee could 'draw down' when required. It was noted that current financial projections by the Village Hall Committee indicate a £3,000 surplus for the financial year. AGREED: A loan facility of £1,000 will be offered to the Village Hall Committee. A Good Housekeeping Audit will be implemented by the Village Hall Committee to explore ways of reducing utility bills.

117/15 Report from County Councillor

The Assistant Clerk read out an email from Cllr Lewis

118/15 Report from District Councillor**1**

Cllr Cupitt reported that a new Chief Executive has been appointed and will take up post shortly.

119/15 Reports from Councillors on outside bodies

Cllr Barnes reported on a number of meetings he had attended at North East Derbyshire County Council.

120/15 DALC circulars

DALC communication 19/2015 has been previously circulated to Councillors.

120/15 Correspondence

Various items of general correspondence had previously been circulated to Councillors

121/15 Cllr J Tomlinson

The Assistant Clerk reported that he had not received a reply to his correspondence and Cllr Tomlinson has not signed a declaration of office and has missed six consecutive council meetings. RESOLVED: Mr Tomlinson membership of the Parish Council is terminated.

122/15 Audit 2014-15

The External Audit has been returned and will be displayed as required.

123/15 To consider the following Planning Applications:**Town and Country Planning Act 1990****Town and Country Planning Act 1990
Consultation of Parish Council**

Application Number:	15/00870/FLH
Proposal:	Proposed front, side and rear extensions
Address	38 Strettea Lane Higham Alfreton DE55 6EJ
Applicant	Mr D Eaton

No Comment

Application Number:	15/00525/FL
Proposal:	Retention of stable block – tack room and hay store
Address	Field South Of Byron Grove Stonebroom On the South Side of Dog Lane Shirland
Applicant	Mr Thomas Staniland

The Clerk to state concerns regarding the number of stables and associated buildings being erected without full planning approval and record the Parish Council's reservations about long-term implications if the planning authority allows this to continue.

Application Number:	15/00872/FL
Proposal:	Re-submission of application 15/00034/FL to include repositioning of Plots 7-10 and substitution of house types on Plots 3 and 4
Address	Former Site Of The Double Six Birkinstyle Lane Stonebroom Alfreton
Applicant	Wibb Builders

No comment.

124/15 Finance: To receive RFO Report and bills for payment.

Payee	Goods	Amount
J Taylor	Finance Training*	£ 25.00
Cllr B Barnes	Mower Fuel*	£ 44.02
<i>Sally Plummer</i>	<i>Council Laptop*</i>	<i>£358.00</i>
<i>Information Commissioner</i>	<i>Data Protection registration*</i>	<i>£ 35.00</i>
<i>NEDDC</i>	<i>Dog Bins – April to June 2015*</i>	<i>£675.32</i>
<i>Walker Products</i>	<i>Gate for Mickley BMX*</i>	<i>£354.00</i>
<i>Tom Tait</i>	<i>Telephone/Broadband*</i>	<i>£ 28.00</i>
<i>Sally Plummer</i>	<i>Telephone/Broadband*</i>	<i>£ 20.00</i>
<i>Quantum Digital</i>	<i>Web Hosting*</i>	<i>£24.00</i>
<i>B Stone</i>	<i>Mower Fuel*</i>	<i>£ 11.70</i>

**Denotes retrospective approval requested.*

The following were submitted for approval at the meeting: -

Payee	Goods	Amount
<i>Salary payments</i>		<i>£1660.28</i>
<i>T Tait</i>	<i>Travel</i>	<i>£ 6.30</i>
<i>T Tait</i>	<i>Telephone/Broadband</i>	<i>£ 28.00</i>
<i>S Plummer</i>	<i>Telephone/Broadband</i>	<i>£ 20.00</i>
<i>B Stone</i>	<i>Fuel/equipment</i>	<i>£ 14.49</i>
Turning Leaves	Ground maintenance	£ 396.00
Viking	Office Equipment	£ 146.93
NEDDC	Playground Inspection x 2	£ 65.80
DALC	Training	£ 40.00
Grant Thornton	Audit	£ 510.00