

SHIRLAND AND HIGHAM PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of the meeting held in Shirland Village Hall
Monday 21st December 2015

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

In Attendance: Tom Tait (Assistant Clerk), Sally Plummer (Clerk/RFO), District Councillors C Cupitt and D Skinner and 10 members of the public

173/15 Approval the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on the Monday 16th November 2015

The minutes were accepted as a true record, Cllr D Williamson proposed, Cllr A Brown seconded.

174/15 Apologies for absence

The Clerk had received apologies from Cllr P Stevens, Cllr M Green, District Cllr B Lewis

175/15 Declarations of interest from members on any items to be discussed

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

176/15 Disclosable Pecuniary Interest

Non disclosed

177/15 Police Items

No police representatives were present therefore the Clerk read out the crime statistics for September 2015.

178/15 Public Participation (Timed at 15 minutes)

One member of the public spoke about their concerns relating to a series of anti-social behaviour incidents around the Staffa Health surgery in Stonebroom. These included youths jumping off roofs, entering parishioner's gardens and throwing mud at exterior walls and windows. Despite frequent calls to the police, a number of members of the public expressed disappointment with the response from the police. Cllr Barnes asked the complainants to further him with more details of the incidents so he could take the matter up with the community policing department.

One member of the public felt that some artefacts on a grave at Shirland Cemetery were not in keeping with the surrounding graves. The Assistant Clerk will investigate.

Members of the public complained that a number of cars were parking in the spaces used for Staffa Health in the evening playing loud music and concerns were also raised that illegal activities may be taking place. Cllr Barnes agreed to speak with Staffa Health relating to the main gate being locked in the evening to prevent cars parking.

179/15 Section 137 Applications

No applications received.

180/15 Fidler and Laverack Charities

The Clerk proposed an amalgamation of the charities to facilitate easier reporting and administration. RESOLVED: By a unanimous vote Council agreed to the proposal.**180/15**

181/15 Use of the CISWO field for implementation of the Forest Schools Programme for Stonebroom Primary and Nursery School pupils

Cllr Barnes presented an application from the schools: AGREED that the schools will be granted access to the Council's land for the purposes of the project, subject to ensuring clear risk assessments have been carried out and insurance is in place.

182/15 External Audit arrangements 2017/18

The Clerk outlined new arrangements for external audit and proposed the Council adopt the DALC recommend scheme. AGREED: The Clerk will make the necessary arrangements.

183/15 Mickley BMX Track Annual Maintenance

The Clerk had received an application from a suitable company to be placed on the Approved Contractors list for maintaining the BMX track. Councillors felt that such contractors should ideally be local to the area.

184/15 Grit Bins

Cllrs Smith and Williamson had liaised with two suppliers over filling the grit bins when required. AGREED to accept the lower quote.

Continuing Items:

185/15 Adoption of Telephone Kiosk, Shirland

Nothing to report

186/15 Mining Memorial, Shirland: - public consultation

Cllr Barnes, Williamson and the Clerks will form a sub group to press ahead with the memorial

187/15 Shirland Cemetery

The Assistant Clerk proposed the computerisation of all cemetery records. AGREED: The Assistant Clerk will compile a tender for publication for this work.

188/15 Shirland Village Hall Structural Repairs

These were coming to an end and it was agreed to discuss with the contractor arrangements for monitoring any further movement of the roof.

189/15 Village Hall loans

Shirland Village Hall was up to date with payments. No meeting had been held by the Mickley Village Hall Management Committee to discuss the loan terms. Cllr Jones reiterated that he did not feel that the Committee could service the loan due to low hire income.

190/15 Stonebroom and Shirland Play Areas

The Clerk informed Council that repairs had been effected to the defective equipment at Stonebroom Play Area. Parts are still awaited for further work at both sites.

191/15 Report from County Councillor

The Clerk read out an email from County Councillor Lewis. Cllr Barnes requested that the Clerk write to Cllr Lewis in relation to some Highways work which has still not been undertaken despite assurances.

192/15 Report from District Councillor

Cllr Cupitt reported on issues relating to fly tipping and the lack of any enforcement. She asked that any fly tipping issues were brought to her attention.

Cllr Skinner appraised Council on the cuts to support services the District Council were making in a response to a reduction in Central Government Funding. He also outlined new Housing Tenancy legislation for Council House Tenants which will result in people being forced to move out of their homes in certain circumstances.

193/15 Reports from Councillors on outside bodies

Cllr Barnes reported on a number of meetings he had attended at North East Derbyshire County Council. Including one relating to Winter Fuel and vulnerable people.

Cllr Brown reported from a meeting of Shirland Village Hall Management Committee and asked that the lease to be an agenda item at the January 2016 meeting.

194/15 DALC circulars

DALC communication 21 & 22 /2015 has been previously circulated to Councillors.

195/15 Correspondence

Various items of general correspondence had previously been circulated to Councillors

196/15 To consider the following Planning Applications: Town and Country Planning Act 1990 Consultation of Parish Council

Application Number:	15/01207/FLH
Proposal:	Proposed detached garage to rear (Conservation Area)
Address	The Farrows Main Road Higham Alfreton

No comment

Application Number:	15/00929/FL
Proposal:	Erection of 1no. dwelling house (Conservation Area) (Amended Plans) (Further Amended Plans)
Address	Ash Tree Farm Main Road Higham Alfreton

The Parish Council commented that it had reservations regarding the height of the roof and about further development in the conservation area.

Application Number:	15/01197/OL
Proposal:	Demolition of existing garage and erection of 1 No dwelling
Address	3 The Croft Shirland Alfreton DE56 6EY

Council to record concerns regarding the adequacy of the sewage provision in relation to the proposed dwelling

Application Number:	15/01102/FLH
Proposal:	Creation of new vehicular entrance /highway crossing to existing dwelling house (conservation area)
Address	Longbourne Chase Main Road Higham Alfreton

Council commented that the proposal would be detrimental to the Street Scene.

Application Number:	15/01133/FLH
Proposal:	Formation of new access and construction of a driveway for two vehicles (conservation area)
Address	25 Main Road Higham Alfreton

No Comment

Application Number:	15/01089/FL
Proposal:	Retention of open fronted barn and miniature horse stable with caravan and horse trailer
Address	Land approx. 100M North of Pasture House Pasture Lane Stonebroom

The Council to comment that it observes increasingly seeing erection of buildings in the countryside.

197/15 Finance Report from Cllr Smith

Cllr Smith reported that a recent inspection of accounting records and procedures had been satisfactory. To take place on a three monthly basis.

197/15 RFO Report and bills for payment.

The Clerk/RFO had previously circulated details of income and expenditure for the last month and year to date.

The following items were authorised for payment: -

Payee	Goods	Amount £
NEDDC	Chair's Appeal (S137)	200.00*
NEDDC	Dog Waste	675.32*
Communicorp	Subscription – Local Council Update	75.00*
E-on	Mickley Village Hall Loan	53.93*
Campaign for Rural England	Subscription- Direct Debit	36.00*
B Stone	Mower Spares (Belmont)	28.00
NEDDC	Pump – Shirland July	52.97
NEDDC	Pump – Shirland August	52.97
H M Chambers	Professional Fees – Survey – Shirland	462.00
DALC	Training auto-enrolment	50.00

*Denotes retrospective approval.