

Shirland and Higham Parish Council
Minutes of the Parish Council
held in Higham Farm Hotel, Monday 20th November 2017, 19:00 hrs.

Councillors Present: Mr P Allsop, Mr B Barnes (Chair) Ms S Smith, Mrs H Liggett, Mr A Lomax, Mr S Davies

In Attendance: Sally Plummer (Clerk & RFO) Tom Tait (Assistant Clerk) Cllr C Cupit and thirty-two members of the public.

1/11/17 To consider for approval the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 16 October 2017: Cllr Davis approved, Cllr Allsop seconded with correction noted that Cllr S Davies had been present.

2/11/17 To consider accepting apologies for absence: Apologies received from District Cllr Skinner, County Councillor Lewis & Cllr Williamson

3/11/17 To Record Declarations of Interest: Cllr Barnes & Smith relating to item 25 (17/00585/OL)

4/11/17 To receive and approve requests for dispensations from members on matters they have a Disclosable Pecuniary Interest: Cllr Barnes & Smith relating to item 25 (17/00585/OL)

5/11/17 To determine if any item on the agenda should be taken with the public excluded:
No requests

6/11/17 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):
Some twenty-five minutes were taken up by members of the public expressing their views on planning application 17/01033/OL.

7/11/17 Safeguarding Policy

The Clerk presented the new Safeguarding Policy. Cllr Davis proposed & Cllr Smith seconded that the policy be adopted by Council: Approved

8/11/17 December 2017 Meeting: The meeting will be held at Santos Higham Farm Hotel.

9/11/17 BMX Track maintenance: The cost to re-surface the track is £2897.00. Annual maintenance was costed at £3,000. Council agreed that the repair cost is acceptable but the annual maintenance contract excessive. Cllr Smith proposed & Cllr Davis seconded that a local contractor be sought maintain the track at a price acceptable to the Council.

10/11/17 Electrical Contractor: The Chair explained the problems of sourcing a competent local contractor and it was agreed to employ the services of the previous contractor and advertise on the website again for applications from suitably qualified local contractors.

11/11/17 Hedge Cutting 2017/18: Clerk to ask contractor to provide risk assessment before work commences.

12/11/17 Request to Hold Live Music Event in Stonebroom: The proposed organiser gave a brief presentation and confirmed that the proposal was being developed and agreed to brief Cllr Allsop and the Clerk on its continuing progress.

13/11/17 Shirland Village Hall: Correspondence has been received from the Village Hall Management Committee stating the proposed five-year lease is not acceptable. This, together with the other points raised has been passed to the Council's Solicitor. Cllr Barnes proposed that a small group representing both parties met to explore common ground and possible ways forward.

14/11/17 Shirland Cemetery Extension: The Assistant Clerk reported that conditional planning approval was granted.

15/11/17 Stonebroom Youth Club Grant: This previously approved grant is now being made available for the club to utilise.

16/11/17 Replacement Dog Bins: It was agreed that dog bins which were used extensively could be replaced with larger bins.

17/11/17 Removal of Un-Maintained Planters at Stonebroom: It was agreed the Cllr Smith would lead on this and check whether the Forrest School project might like to take on the maintenance of planters.

18/11/17 Budget 2017-18: The Clerk presented the Council Budget. It was noted that the precept will increase to £84,771 in line with the reduction in the support grant to ensure expenditure remains roughly the same. Cllr Smith proposed and Cllr Allsop seconded that the budget be accepted:
Adopted

19/11/17 Continuing Items

- a) Mining Memorial: Work now finished. Following on from the comments of the Highways department, the tub will be sited on the triangle at the top of Hallfieldgate Lane.
- b) A Nation's Tribute: Nothing further to report as the citing of the tribute is dependent upon the final decision on the siting of the coal mining tub.

20/11/17 Report from County Councillor: None received

21/11/17 Report from District Councillor: Both Cllrs Barnes & Cupit gave an overview of projects at NEDCC

22/11/17 Reports from Councillors on Outside Bodies: Cllr Allsop informed the meeting about the under nine-year-old football matches now being played at Stonebroom and the success of the games.

23/11/17 DALC Circulars: One circular (13/2017 was circulated.

24/11/17 Correspondence: The Clerk presented written communication not previously circulated electronically to Councillors.

25/10/17 To consider the following planning applications:

Application: 17/01033/OL

The Council would raise residents concerns which mainly related to highways issues and increased demand on community infrastructure.

Application: 17/00585/OL

Cllr Barnes and Cllr Smith left the room

The application has previously been put before the Council and there is no further comment to make.

Cllrs Barnes and Cllr Smith returned

Application: 17/01117/FLH

Council to raise objection as obtrusive and not if fitting with Street Scene.

Application: 17/00895/OL – no comment

Application: 17/01125/FL – no comment

Application: 17/01145/LB – no comment

26 /10/17 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 £
B Barnes	Correction of previous payment – travel expenses.	50.00*
B Stone	Mower Fuel	11.81*
Pro Jett	Drain clearance - Pavilion	150.00*
NEDDC	Playground inspections	76.80*
P Allsop	DBS fee x 2	12.00*
Proludic	Playground refurbishment	29700.01
Turning Leaves	Grounds Maintenance	1296.00
Perfect Place	Professional fees re Cemetery Planning Application	2220.00
A-Chem Limited	Cleaning products	70.16
NEDDC	Dog Bins July - Sept	810.85
Barry Barnes	Light bulbs for Pavilion	10.97
Sally Plummer	Telephone/Broadband	24.00
Tom Tait	Office Line rental & Broadband	47.50

*Denotes items presented at previous meeting for late approval.