

**SHIRLAND AND HIGHAM PARISH COUNCIL**  
Minutes of the meeting held in Shirland Village Hall  
Monday 19 October 2015

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

In Attendance: Tom Tait (Assistant Clerk), Sally Plummer (Clerk/RFO), District Councillor C Cupitt, County Councillor B Lewis (to agenda item 130/15) 6 members of the public.

**125/15 Approval the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on the Monday 21st September 2015**

The minutes were accepted as a true record, Cllr D Williamson proposed, Cllr A Brown seconded. Cllr Barnes requested agenda item 11 (d) be taken with the public excluded. This was unanimously agreed.

**106/15 Apologies for absence**

The Clerk had received apologies from Cllr Skinner, Cllr Green, Cllr Davis

**127/15 Declarations of interest from members on any items to be discussed**

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

**128/15 Disclosable Pecuniary Interest**

As above (74/15)

**129/15 Police Items**

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

**130/15 Public Participation ( Timed at 15 minutes + addition 5 minutes for County Cllr Report)**

One member of the public spoke about their concerns relating to a proposed development in Stonebroom and their fears of an increase in anti-social behaviour. Cllr Barnes agreed to raise their concerns with the local community police. Another member of the public raised concerns relating to another planning matter in Higham. The chair agreed that this member of the public could further address the Council when application 15/00929/FL is discussed. One member of the public enquired about the siting of the proposed mining memorial. County Cllr Lewis presented his report at this time detailing various repairs that had been undertaken to pavements and highways. The chair thanked him for his report.

**131/15 Section 137 Applications**

No applications received.

**132/15 Mickley BMX Track Annual Maintenance**

The Annual maintenance contract was discussed: AGREED The Assistant Clerk will advertise the tender for this work on the Parish Council's website.

**133/15 Allotments**

Cllr Barnes raised the need to increase rent for an allotment. AGREED: Allotment rent will increase from £10.00 per annum to £15.00 from 2016.

**Continuing Items:****134/15 Adoption of Telephone Kiosk, Shirland**

Nothing to report

**135/15 Mining Memorial, Shirland: - public consultation**

The Assistant Clerk reported that the consultation showed 85% of respondents were in favour.

**136/15 Shirland Cemetery**

The tender has been awarded to two Grave Diggers to ensure continuity of service.

**137/15 Shirland Village Hall Structural Repairs & Request for Financial Assistance**

This matter was taken with the public excluded. The Builder has raised a concern relating to the roof. AGREED: A structural engineer be appointed to provide the Council with a report. Further discussion took place on good housekeeping measures the Village Hall Management Committee are required to implement to reduce costs of services to the Hall.

**138/15 Report from County Councillor Presented during public participation session (130/15)****139/15 Report from District Councillor**

Cllr Cupitt reported on issues relating to the new District Council Offices and public transport.

**140/15 Reports from Councillors on outside bodies**

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

**141/15 DALC circulars**

DALC communication 20 /2015 has been previously circulated to Councillors.

**142/15 Correspondence**

Various items of general correspondence had previously been circulated to Councillors

**143/15 Draft Budget 2016-7**

The Clerk presented the draft budget for the forthcoming year. This was well received by the Chairman and Councillors were asked to appraise themselves of its contents so it can be voted on at the next meeting.

**144/15 Mickley Village Hall**

The financial situation has changed from the previous position and Cllr Barnes reported the Village Hall Committee are again asking for financial help: AGREED A sum of £1,000 be made available for the committee to 'draw down' as necessary. This will be in the form of an interest free loan over a three-year period. Re-payments will be by monthly instalments.

**145/15 To consider the following Planning Applications:**

**Town and Country Planning Act 1990  
Consultation of Parish Council**

<b>Application Number:</b>	15/00929/FL
<b>Proposal:</b>	Erection of 1no dwelling house (conservation Area)
<b>Address</b>	Ash Tree Farm Main Road Higham Alfreton
<b>Applicant</b>	*****

It was AGREED that the Parish Council would comment that it considers the height/scale and size of the property is not appropriate for the area and that an additional large property will put excessive pressure on access.

**146/15 Finance: To receive RFO Report and bills for payment**

Payee	Goods	Amount £
PWLB	Loan – Mickley BMX Track	3771.03
Royal British Legion	Wreath x 2	34.00
Turning Leaves	Mowing Mickley & Shirland x 2	792.00
British Gas DD	Stonebroom Electricity	198.59
Sally Plummer	Printer Cartridge (Curry's)	21.99
DALC	Training	90.00
Tom Tait	Telephone/Broadband	28.00
Sally Plummer	Telephone/Broadband	20.00
NEDDC	Pump maintenance	52.97
SW Lancs Farmers	Gate – Cemetery	198.42
NEDDC	Waste Collection	87.62
Salary Payments		1733.72

The summary of income and expenditure to 19 October was circulated. Bank reconciliation and the most recent bank statements were presented for signature.