

**Shirland and Higham Parish Council**  
Minutes of the Parish Council  
held in Higham Farm Hotel, Monday 18th September 2017, 19:00 hrs.

Councillors Present: Mr P Allsop, Mr D Williamson, Mr B Barnes (Chair) Ms S Smith, Mrs H Liggett, District Couoncillor c Cupit  
In Attendance: Tom Tait (Assistant Clerk) nine members of the public.

**1/9/17 To consider for approval the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 17 July 2017:** Cllr Williamson approved, Cllr Allsop seconded

**2/9/17 To consider accepting apologies for absence:** Apologies received from County Cllr Lewis, Cllr A Lomax, Cllr S Davis and Mrs S Plummer (Clerk & RFO)

**3/9/17 To Record Declarations of Interest:** None recorded

**4/9/17 To receive and approve requests for dispensations from members on matters they have a Disclosable Pecuniary Interest:** No requests

**5/9/17 To determine if any item on the agenda should be taken with the public excluded:** At the request of the Chair item 7 will be taken with the public excluded.

**6/9/17 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):**

A member of the public raised an issue relating to neighbourhood watch. PCSO K Hodnett presented an overview of crime and antisocial behaviour in the Parish. It was noted that there had been a spate of car crimes recently. The Chair thanked Kate for her work and the improved anti-social behaviour situation in the area. It was noted that the recording of domestic crime has changed and such crimes will no longer be recorded in the same way. Details of the forthcoming safer neighbourhood 'drop in' sessions were notified to councillors as 9<sup>th</sup> October Shirland, 24<sup>th</sup> October Stonebroom and 25<sup>th</sup> October Mickley.

A parishioner made reference to the siting of dog waste bin on Quarry lane. A member of the public complained that the council was behaving in a "clandestine way" by holding matters without the public present. The Chair strongly rejected this assertion and explained that the only time when the public are excluded is when the council is discussing human resource matters or any legal issues such as terms of new leases.

**7/9/17 Stonebroom Senior Citizen's Building** (this item was held without the public being present). The Chair gave an overview of the personal circumstances surrounding the current lease holders and the reasons why a new lease of the building is required. The Assistant Clerk provided details of the correspondence between himself and NEDDC in which the District Council sought clarification if the Parish Council were willing to take over the lease in current format.

There is one group who has submitted a proposal to take over the building lease. Taking all aspects into account including requirements of the existing lease, the Parish Council agreed that it did not wish to negotiate a new lease with NEDDC and would do as much as possible to support the proposed new lease holders should they be successful in their application.

**8/9/17 Request to hold live music at Stonebroom Sports Ground 2018:** Following on from the organiser's presentation to Council it was agreed to place a consultation on the website to gauge the local community's attitudes to holding live music event on Stonebroom playing fields.

**9/9/17 Pride in Parish Awards:** The consultation on the website had indicated no strong preferences for one particular area therefore it was agreed to look into three areas. 1. Good Neighbour, 2. Best Garden and 3. Litter Reduction. It was agreed in principle to fund the award through the Chair's fund and members of the public should be encouraged to vote for their winner.

**10/9/17 Shirland Village Hall Lease Update:** No progress to report on the Heads of terms.

**11/9/17 Shirland Cemetery Extension:** The Assistant Clerk informed the meeting of an objection to the planning application which he had addressed. It is hoped to have a decision soon.

**12/9/17 Continuing Items**

- a) Mining Memorial: Work now finished. Some discussion took place on the siting. The Assistant Clerk read out a detailed letter from a Parishioner about the mining memorial in general and the siting of the coal tub in particular. It was agreed that the involvement of Highways Department may be required and the Clerk will investigate this.
- b) A Nation's Tribute: Councillor Barnes circulated a photograph of the work in progress. This was well received. The final site for the memorial is dependent on the location of the mining tub.

**13/9/17 Report from County Councillor:** None received

**14/9/17 Report from District Councillor:** Cllr Cupit advised that the major development to be built to the rear of Shirland Village Hall will still have 40% affordable housing. She continued to say that the Local Planning is ongoing, to be finalised early 2018. In response to Cllr Liggett she stated that the trees in the Churchyard are scheduled to be cut.

Cllr Barnes gave a brief overview from NEDDC.

**15/9/17 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.

Cllr Liggett gave an overview of the healthy eating project and has agreed to assume the role of Community Champion.

**16/9/17 DALC Circulars:** One circular was circulated.

**17/9/17 Correspondence:** The Assistant Clerk presented written communication not previously circulated electronically to Councillors. The Assistant Clerk advised that he had written to the Clerk tendering his resignation effective from 27 January 2018.

**18/9/17 To consider the following planning applications**

<b>Application No</b>	17/00839/FL
<b>Proposal</b>	Demolition of existing barn and construction of new steel frame barn new access track and hardstanding and ménage (Amended plans)
<b>Address</b>	Land to the South of Fairfield Avenue, Stonebroom
No comment	
<b>Application No</b>	17/00895/OL
<b>Proposal</b>	Outline application with all matters reserved for residential development of 9 dwellings

<b>Address</b>	58 Chesterfield Road, Shirland
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No comment

**19/9/17 Personnel Matters**

DBS checks have now commenced for employees and volunteers.

**20 /9/17 To Receive Finance Report, Bank Statements and Bills for Payment:**

The bank statements and bank reconciliation were presented and signed.

The following payments were made: -

<b>Payee</b>	<b>Goods</b>	<b>Amount £</b>
Turning Leaves	Grounds maintenance	1368.00
Communicorp	Local Council's Update	75.00
Access Doors Ltd	Repair to shutter door	564.00
Peak & Northern Footpaths Society	Subscription	22.50
Tom Tait	Office allowance 3 months	50.00
Sally Plummer	Telephone/broadband	24.00
Tom Tait	Office line and broadband	47.50
Wages and Salaries		2040.76