

SHIRLAND AND HIGHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held in Shirland Village Hall

Monday 19th September 2016, 19:00

Councillors Present: Mr B Barnes, Mr D Williamson, Mrs A Brown, Mrs Sue Smith, Mr P Allsop, Mr A Wild, Mr S Davis.

In Attendance: Tom Tait (Assistant Clerk), Sally Plummer (Clerk/RFO), Mrs Julia Williams and three members of the public.

1/9/16 Cllr Brown proposed the minutes to be accepted as a true record and Cllr Davis seconded the motion. The minutes were unanimously approved.

2/9/16 Apologies were received from County Councillor Barry Lewis, District Cllr C Cupid

3/9/16 No declarations of interest were recorded except Cllr Brown in her capacity as Chair of Shirland Village Hall Management Committee

4/9/16 No Pecuniary Interests were disclosed

5/9/16 No items will be held with the public excluded.

6/9/16 Police Issues: Due to no Police presence and no crime and anti-social behaviour information available the Clerk was unable to read out the local crime statistics. Members of the public expressed their disappointment that the Police had now withdrawn their presence from the Neighbourhood Watch Scheme. Councillors also expressed their frustration that local crime statistics appear to have been stopped being produced. The meeting felt that the culmination of these developments, together with the continuing concerns of anti-social behaviour within the parish, appears that the police are not committed to such community initiatives that support police in their efforts. Council requested the Clerk to write to the Police and Crime Commissioner detailing their concerns and asking for a meeting with him.

7/9/16 All public participation related to item 6/716. It was reported that the Council Office received a telephone request from a Parishioner to look into the possibility of citing a public convenience in Shirland. It was unclear if this requested related to the land at the top of Hallfieldgate Lane.

8/9/16 Public Notice Boards: Discussion took place relating to the citing of the Higham Parish Notice Board which is located at the edge of Higham Village. The Assistant Clerk requested that consideration be given to locating the noticeboard in the centre of the Village. It was agreed that this matter be deferred to the next meeting. The Assistant Clerk will conduct a consultation exercise to gauge Parishioner opinion on the location of a new board in Stonebroom as well as Higham together with the possibility of distributing minutes in local post offices.

9/9/16 Stonebroom Pavilion: Council felt both the specification and estimate costs were too high and asked the Clerk to explore anti-vandal measures that were more cost effective.

10/9/16 Shirland Village Hall: The 7-a-side goal posts currently located at Stonebroom Pavilion will be installed and the rusting goal posts removed and safely disposed of

11/9/16 Continuing Items

A Play Areas: Play Areas Shirland checked by our employees. NE quote was over £1000.00 NEDDC look after Mickley. The Clerk is looking into additional training for staff to conduct playground inspections. Look into training for Brian to assess play equipment. The Caretaker at Stonebroom will paint the surrounding play area fence and equipment at Stonebroom.

B Shirland Cemetery: Cllr Barnes will coordinate the removal of the pile of spoil in the Cemetery. This will free up addition space for cremation plots and enhance the appearance of the Cemetery.

C Shirland Village Hall lease: The sub group looking into the re-leasing of the hall is awaiting data from the Village Hall Management Committee to enable it to complete a discussion document to be circulated to Councillors. It was announced that the AGM of the Village Hall Management -Committee was scheduled for the 28th September 2016.

D Mining Memorial: The Assistant Clerk reported that all photographs have now been purchased and have been sent to the company who are designing the information board.

E Defibrillator: This has been handed over to Miners Welfare and the banner purchased

12/9/16 No report was available from the County Councillor. Much discussion took place about the poor state of pavements and roads within the Parish. It was agreed that Cllr Barnes invite County Councillor Lewis to take a tour of the problem areas within the Parish

13/9/16 Cllr Barnes gave an overview of possible re-configurations that may result as the Government takes forward its devolved local Government initiatives.

14/9/16 Reports from Councillors on Outside Bodies: Cllr Brown and Cllr Allsop updated the meeting on their respective Parish related meetings.

15/9/16 DALC Circulars: 13/16 has been previously circulated to Councillors.

16/9/16 Communications: The Clerk read out two routine items of communications.

17/9/16 To consider the following Planning Applications:

Application number:	16/00860/CUPDMB
Proposal:	Application for prior approval for proposed change of use of agricultural building land to a dwelling house (Class C3)
Address:	Hillside Farm, Main Road, Stretton

Application number:	16/00872/FLH
Proposal:	Application for erection of a Garden Room
Address:	Ivy Farm, Main Road, Higham

No objections or comments made.

18/9/16 It was AGREED to undertake the Water Hygiene recommendations at Shirland Village Hall and to ask for more details of the work suggested by the Contractor including estimated costs.

19/9/16 The External Audit for 2015/16 has been returned. There were no additional costs, though some minor recommendations were made.

20/9/16

The Clerk/RFO gave details of expenditure and income for the first 6 months of the year and updated the forecast for the year end.

Bank Statements and Reconciliation presented for signature.

The following bills were approved for payment: -

Payee	Goods	Amount £
Tom Tait	Office Allowance July – Sept 2016	50.00
RS Annex	Top Soil	150.00
BT	Telephone Stonebroom (DD)	45.49
BT	Broadband Stonebroom (DD)	25.08
Reids	Water Hygiene Surveys	758.40
Go EXTreme	Summer Holiday Activity	200.00
Turning Leaves	Grounds maintenance	468.00
Public Works Loan Board	Loan repayment (DD)	3881.03
Communicorp	Local Councils Update	75.00
Sporting Fixtures	Summer Holiday Activity	100.00
NEDDC	Rent for play area - Mickley	1.00
British Gas	Electricity - Estimate	182.05
Wall's	Skip Hire - Cemetery	125.00
Grant Thornton	Annual Audit fee	400.00
David Williamson	Lawn seed for Cemetery – re-charge SWLF	38.00
Tom Tait	Mining Photos – (re-charge DCC)	78.00
Tom Tait	Telephone/Internet	24.00
Sally Plummer	Telephone/Internet	20.00
	Wages and Salaries	1865.30