

**SHIRLAND AND HIGHAM PARISH COUNCIL**  
Minutes of the meeting held in Shirland Village Hall  
Monday 16 November 2015

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

In Attendance: Tom Tait (Assistant Clerk), Sally Plummer (Clerk/RFO), six members of the public

147/15 **Approval the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on the 19<sup>th</sup> October 2015:** Cllr Williamson proposed and Cllr Brown seconded that the minutes be approved. The minutes were approved unanimously.

148/15 **To consider accepting apologies for absence:** Apologies from Cllr Stevens and Cllr Green were received.

149/15 **To record declarations of interest from members on any items to be discussed.** Cllr Brown declared an interest in items 13 d and 13 e

150/15 **To receive and approve requests for dispensations from members on matters they have a Disclosable Pecuniary Interest:** No Councillor declared any pecuniary Interests.

151/15 **To determine if any item on the agenda should be taken with the public excluded:** Cllr Barnes requested that item 19 'Staff Contracts' and item 20 'Approval of the Budget 2016-17' be taken with the public excluded.

152/15 **Co-option of new Councillor(s):** Cllr Barnes requested that Mr Steven Jones be considered as a co-opted member. Mr Jones has already served on the Parish Council representing Mickley village and he felt his input would be invaluable. Mr Jones spoke briefly to the Council and following a unanimous vote that Mr Jones be co-opted onto the Council he was invited by Cllr Barnes to join members of the Parish Councillors at the table.

153/15 **Police Items:** The Community Police Officers gave a presentation to the council on October's crime and anti-social behaviour statistics. Council noted the increase in both recorded crime and anti social behaviour. It was also noted that the Public Space Protection Order was now in place for Mickley.

154/15 **Public Participation:** A member of the public raised a question relating to anti-social behavior which was answered by the police officers present. (Session timed at 5 minutes)

155/15 **Section 137 Applications:** There were no applications for funding.

156/15 **Mickley BMX Track: Annual Maintenance Contract**  
The Assistant Clerk has advertised the BMX track tender on the Council's website. Cllr Barnes agreed to contact 'Biketrack.org', the company who built the track, to inform them of the tender process.

157/15 **Stonebroom and Shirland Play Areas:** Cllr Barnes introduced a member of the public who had expressed concerns about the apparent lack of play facilities for younger children in Stonebroom. It was noted that the facilities in the parish were open to all children in the parish and it was agreed to set up a sub group chaired by Cllr Barnes to look into the feasibility of attracting additional funding for a play area for younger children in Stonebroom.

It was further noted that two existing pieces of play equipment were damaged and there appeared to be a fault with the design. The Clerk agreed to progress this matter and effect repairs.

158/15 **Churchyard Access:** It was agreed that the church would have access from the Parish Council field to the Church Cemetery for which an annual sum of £1.00 shall be payable to the Parish Council.

159/15 **Adoption of Telephone Kiosk, Shirland:** Cllr Barnes and Cllr Williamson agreed to investigate a change of proposed use from book lending facility to produce exchange for the Telephone kiosk in Shirland.

160/15 **Mining Memorial, Shirland:** Following on from the consultation which confirmed the public's preference for a memorial, The Assistant Clerk is liaising with Dan Boyes to ascertain the cost of a memorial pathway and signage.

161/15 **Shirland Cemetery: Sub-Group:** The subgroup presented its report to Council and their recommendations for an increase in fees to cover increasing costs were accepted unanimously by the Council. Fees for grave purchases will increase from 1<sup>st</sup> January 2016.

162/15 **Shirland Village Hall Repairs:** The Structural engineer had examined the roof at Shirland Village Hall and his report is awaited.

163/15 **Village Hall Loans:** The loan of £1,000 to Mickley Village Hall was raised as the Parish Council are now paying utility bills on behalf of the Mickley Hall Management Committee. Cllr Jones stated he was unsure that the Management Committee could afford to pay back the loan as they have only two hirers. It was noted that Shirland Village Hall had received an interest free loan of the same amount and were paying this back at £26.00 per month. It was agreed that the same facility and terms be offered to Mickley Village Hall Management Committee.

164/15 **Report from County Councillor:** No Report had been received

165/15 **Report from District Councillors:** Cllr Barnes gave a brief update on District Council Matters.

166/15 **Reports from Councillors on outside bodies:** Cllr Brown gave an update on the Festival of Light.

167/15 **DALC circulars previously circulated to Councillors:** There were no DALC reports for last month

168/15 **Correspondence**

The Councillors had received electronic copies of correspondence previously. The Clerk had received a letter from Cllr Sam Davies who regretfully, owing to health reasons, wished to tender his resignation. The Council would like to place on record sincere thanks to Cllr Davies for many years of active and loyal service to the Parish.

169/15 **Staff Contracts**

A discussion took place on changes to staff contracts in light of new legislation covering pension schemes and fixed term contracts. In view of the important implications for Council Employees it was agreed that the Clerk would meet with staff individually to brief them on the changes and advise on a way forward

170/15 **Approval of Budget 2016 -17:** The Clerk tabled the 2016 budget. Cllr Barnes thanked the Clerk for an excellent job and a vote was taken which was unanimous to adopt the budget.

It was AGREED that for 2016/2017 the precept would be unchanged, despite the ongoing reduction in grant funding from £13,369.37 to £12,032.43.

171/15 **Planning Applications**

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

<b>Application Number:</b>	15/01108/FLH
<b>Proposal:</b>	Proposed front, side and Rear Extensions
<b>Address</b>	38 Strettea Lane, Higham, Alfreton DE55 6EJ
<b>Applicant</b>	*****

<b>Application Number:</b>	15/01020/LB
<b>Proposal:</b>	Application for listed building consent to replace existing windows
<b>Address</b>	Shirland Park, Farm Lane, Shirland
<b>Applicant</b>	*****

<b>Application Number:</b>	15/01037/FLH
<b>Proposal:</b>	Conversion of loft into room with dormer to rear and brick built shed to front
<b>Address</b>	27 St Leonard's Place, Shirland
<b>Applicant</b>	*****

<b>Application Number:</b>	15/01049/FL
<b>Proposal:</b>	Retention of solar powered floodlights to existing mencege
<b>Address</b>	Land approx. 100m north of Pasture House, Pasture Lane, Stonebroom
<b>Applicant</b>	*****

<b>Application Number:</b>	15/00450/FLH
<b>Proposal:</b>	Proposed side extension to form accessible shower room

<b>Address</b>	Beehive Cottage, Park Lane, Shirland
<b>Applicant</b>	*****

<b>Application Number:</b>	15/01074/FLH
<b>Proposal:</b>	Conversion of the existing roof space to living accommodation with the insertion of 2no Dormer windows in rear elevation ( Conservation area)
<b>Address</b>	Longbourne Chase Main Road Higham Alfreton
<b>Applicant</b>	*****

It was noted that application no 15/00450/FLH had been withdrawn.  
There were no other comments.

### 172/15 Finance

Finance: To receive RFO Report and bills for payment.

The Clerk/RFO tabled a report summarising Income and Expenditure for the previous 4 weeks, and for the year to date.

The following payments were approved by the Council.

<b>Payee</b>	<b>Goods</b>	<b>Amount £</b>
NEDDC	Pump May 2015	52.97*
NS&I	Transfer (replacement cheque)	25000.00*
NEDDC	Mickley loan payment	87.62*
Severn Trent	Mickley loan payment	102.01*
NEDDC	Waste collection – Cemetery	87.62
Turning Leaves	Mowing	396.00
Turning Leaves	Gate fixing	384.00
Wibb Builders	Repairs to Shirland Village Hall	18180.00
Brian Stone	Mower Fuel	11.10
Tom Tait	Telephone/Broadband	28.00
Sally Plummer	Telephone/Broadband	20.00
Sally Plummer	Stationery/postage	14.64
Tom Tait	Mileage	12.60
	Wages and salaries	1757.97

\*Denotes retrospective approval