

Shirland and Higham Parish Council
Minutes of the meeting held in Stonebroom Pavilion
Monday 20th March 2017, 19:00

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

In Attendance: Tom Tait (Assistant Clerk), Sally Plummer (Clerk/RFO) D Skinner (District Councillor) and eight members of the public.

1/3/17 To consider for approval the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 20 February 2017: Cllr Davis approved, Cllr Williamson seconded the minutes

2/3/17 To consider accepting apologies for absence: Apologies received from Cllr A Wild, District Cllr Cupit and County Cllr Lewis.

3/3/17 To record declarations of interest from members on any items to be discussed: None Recorded

4/3/17 To receive and approve requests for dispensations from members on matters they have a Disclosable Pecuniary Interest: No requests

5/3/17 To determine if any item on the agenda should be taken with the public excluded: Cllr Barnes requested item 24 was discussed with the public absent due to the Human Resource Content. Approved Unanimously

6/3/17 Co-option to Council: Dr Alistair Lomas was invited to join the parish Council as a co-opted member. Cllr Barnes welcomed Dr Lomas.

7/3/17 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 referred to a meeting held in Stonebroom to discuss HST2. The same member also raised the issue of neighbourhood watch and offered dates of the next meetings. A member of the public complained about the condition of the Stonebroom Allotments. Another member of the public raised concerns relating to Derbyshire County Council Highways Department's plans to move the bus stop on the A61 south bound near Shirland Church. The Clerk informed the meeting that a shelter could not be erected at the existing bus stop. A member of the public raised their disappointment about the lack of police response to the robbery of an elderly infirm parishioner outside Walls Coal Hire in Shirland in which her purse was stolen. The parishioner stated it had taken 14 days until a formal response from the Police. Other members of the public expressed disappointment in how the Parish is being policed. Cllr Barnes informed the meeting that an opportunity for the public to meet the Police and Crime Commissioner is being finalised and encouraged members of the public to make their concerns known to him.

8/3/17 Lynn Luditt NEDDC presentation on Community Health Champions: Lynn gave a brief overview of this new initiative and Cllr Barnes thanked her for her attendance at the meeting.

9/3/17 To appoint internal auditor 2016-17: Cllr Davis proposed and Cllr Williamson seconded that Mrs J Taylor be re-appointed as Internal Auditor: Agreed Unanimously.

10/3/17 Risk Assessment 2017: The Clerk reported that, due to the corrective measures implemented by Council, that risk exposure has been reduced. Cllr Williams proposed and Cllr Davis seconded that the Risk Assessments be adopted for a further year: Agreed Unanimously.

11/3/17 Council Allotments: Following the complaint from a member of public about Stonebroom Allotments, Cllr Barnes notified the meeting that the Pavilion Caretaker will be monitoring the usage of the allotment. The Assistant Clerk will modify the 2017 Allotment Agreement to ensure that Licensee compliance can be enforced in a sensitive manner to provide improved street scene as well as better maintained buildings.

12/3/17 Council's suggestions for new road name at Stonebroom: The Assistant Clerk reported that the consultation had identified several possible names, some of which were not suitable. It was proposed that Meadows Close be put forward as the new name. This was agreed unanimously.

13/3/17 Parking on Green Triangle at Shirland: This matter seems to have resolved itself.

14/3/17 Shirland Village Hall Lease: A meeting to discuss the Parish Council's offer of a five year lease extension to be given to the Shirland Village Hall Management Committee will be arranged as soon as convenient.

15/3/17 Approved Contractors' Applications: There has been a poor response from local contractors, however it was agreed that the Parish should endeavour to use local trades.

16/3/17 Continuing Items:

- a) Shirland and Stonebroom Play Areas: The play area reports for all Parish play areas has been received. Concern was raised re signage at Stonebroom and it was agreed to order a new sign.
- b) Bus Shelter on Main Road, Shirland: The Clerk is continuing liaising with Highways Department on possible solutions.
- c) Shirland Cemetery: The assistant Clerk has met with the Architect and is awaiting a firm proposal. He re-iterated that if current demand and usage continues no new burial plots will be available in 24-30 months.
- d) Mining memorial: The refurbishment of the mining tub will be £350 to £400.
- e) "A Nation's Tribute" 11 November 2018: Cllr Barnes reported the Brazier has been sourced from a local supplier at a cost of £700.00 plus VAT.
- f) Repairs to lighting – Stonebroom Pavilion: it was agreed to accept the lower quotation from a local tradesman and the Clerk will arrange for the emergency light replacement to commence.

17/2/17 Report from County Councillor: no report received.

18/03/17 Report from District Councillors: Cllr Skinner gave a very comprehensive and informative overview of the NEDDC local plan. He also spoke about the consequences to parishioners regarding the impending closure of Clay Cross Job Centre.

19/03/17 Reports from Councillors on outside bodies: Cllr Allsop expressed disappointment that despite a meeting with the County Councillor there are still several pothole problems throughout the Parish but especially in Stonebroom.

20/7/17 DALC circular(s) previously circulated to Councillors: – No. 04/2017: Cllrs Barnes and Smith will be attending the Training on Social Media which is part of the Spring Seminar.

21/7/17 Correspondence: The Clerk referred to correspondence that has been previously circulated electronically. Additionally the Clerk had received the resignation of Cllr Anne Brown, Cllr Barnes thanked Anne for her contribution to the Council over many years.

**22/7/17 To consider the following Planning Applications:
Town and Country Planning Act 1990 - Consultation of parish Council**

Application No	17/00232/FL
Proposal	Application of change of use of land to keeping of horses and stable block
Address	Land East of Main Railway Line and West of Ogston Lane Higham

No objection

Application No	17/00262/FL
Proposal	Application to convert old schoolhouse into a 4 bedroom detached dwelling. (Affecting setting)
Address	Shirland Church Main Road Shirland

No objection but to raise concerns that the work commenced before planning permission granted.

Additionally the following was received for comment on 16 March following the publication of the agenda: -

Application No	17/00301/FL
Proposal	Application for erection of one dwelling and one garage with associated access of Belper Road (revised scheme of 15/01288/FL) (Conservation area)
Address	The cottage Belper Road Shirland

The Parish Council objected on the grounds that this is a conservation area, and the vista from Belper Road and Valley Road should be considered.

23/3/17 Human Resources: The Chair and Vice Chair have met and reviewed the situation with staff concerned in respect of roles and duties.

24/7/17 RFO Report:

Income and Expenditure report issued, a full year report will be made available during April.
The following payments were authorised:

Payee	Goods	Amount £
Cllr Smith	Ribbon for Mining Memorial	3.96*
Higham & Shirland WI	S137	200.00*
Shirland Welfare Band	S137	200.00*
Stonebroom Snr Citizens	S137	200.00*
Barry Barnes	Expenses - Fuel	50.00*
Public Works Loan (DD)	Repayment	3881.03
NEDDC	Pump No 16 – Jan 17	161.07
SADS UK	Cabinet	335.00
T Tait	Office allowance	50.00
S Plummer	Telephone	20.00
T Tait	Telephone	28.00
Wages and salaries	4 employees & HMRC	1865.30