

Shurdington Parish Council

Minutes of the meeting held virtually on Monday 11th January 2021 at 7.30 p.m. using ZOOM

PRESENT:

- Cllr George Porter (Chair)
- Cllr Clare Stewart (Vice Chair)
- Cllr Chloe Gunn
- Cllr Derwen Hinds
- Cllr Graham Allen
- Cllr Phil Hunt

IN ATTENDANCE:

- Cllr Sandra Sowerbutts
- Cllr Richard Allen
- Cllr Phil Surman
- Cllr Debbie Harwood [Brockworth Parish Council]
- One member of the public
- John Kay [Acting Parish Clerk]

001/21 APOLOGIES

There were no apologies.

002/21 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

003/21 PUBLIC QUESTIONS

Cllr Debbie Harwood, representing Brockworth Parish Council highlighted ongoing planning applications in the surrounding area, including Brockworth which will have a negative impact on the road network including the A46 through Shurdington and existing facilities e.g. doctor surgeries. Cllr Harwood would like to promote a joined up approach by objecting to further developments without proper infrastructure improvements.

IT WAS AGREED that Shurdington Parish Council would support objections to developments, located within neighbouring parishes, which would negatively impact the village and would consider supporting a protected area of the A46 corridor from further development.

A resident highlighted ongoing flooding on Greenway Lane since 23rd December, as yet no response or an acknowledgment has been received from GCC highways. **IT WAS AGREED** that the Clerk would contact GCC Highways highlighting the problem, the Clerk would also alert Badgeworth PC to the problem.

004/21 MINUTES

The Minutes of the Meeting of Council held on the 14th of December 2020 were confirmed as a true record. The meeting was held virtually and the minutes are to be signed by the Chair at a future date.

005/21 MATTERS ARISING

The Council reviewed the Matters Arising Log that had been circulated with the agenda. Progress was noted and those matters that remained outstanding were discussed and carried forward.

Cllr Stewart joined the meeting.

IT WAS AGREED to contact GCC Highways relating to the damaged verge in School Lane and highlight the works done without approval, the impact on drainage and the disappointing response to the initial enquiry. Cllr Hinds willing to meet GCC Highways representative on site to discuss issues.

IT WAS AGREED to highlight to GCC the continuing blockage of the ASH5 footpath.

IT WAS AGREED to discuss with the landowner the need for fly tipping signage at Greenway Lane and for the Clerk to highlight the ongoing issue with GCC Highways and Tewkesbury Borough Council. The Clerk to add Fly Tipping to future Council agendas.

IT WAS AGREED that no progress with newsletter could be made until Covid restrictions are relaxed.

006/21 REPORTS FROM PARISH, BOROUGH AND COUNTY COUNCILLORS

Cllr Surman had provided a copy of the Service Position Statement to the Parish Council prior to the meeting. The Clerk agreed to share with Councillors.

Cllr Hunt updated Council on his ongoing researching of records on trees within the parish and confirmed that an audit of the trees will follow the completion of this task. He has reported a dangerous tree in Greenway Close to GCC Highways. Cllr G Allen producing a map of trees with "tree protection orders" for the website.

Cllr Stewart reported potholes in School Lane and a potential encroachment of the playing field by No. 4 Vicarage Close where a memorial tree has also been cut down. **IT WAS AGREED** that the Clerk would contact Tewkesbury Borough Council regarding this planning matter.

007/21 WEBSITE: PHASE 2 DEVELOPMENT

The Clerk reported that he had contacted the new website administrator and confirmed costs. Cllr Hinds to contact them to progress phase 2.

008/21 FINANCIAL MATTERS: PAYMENTS REQUIRING AUTHORISATION

The Council **APPROVED** the following payments:

Smart Alex Window Cleaning	£ 15.00
John Kay (December)	£ 672.00
Zoom monthly subscription	£ 14.39
GPFA	£ 50.00
CPRE	£ 36.00
GAPTC	£ 25.00
Countrywide Grounds Maint.	£ 99.00

009/21 FINANCIAL MATTERS: PAYMENTS MADE

The Council **NOTED** that the following payment had been made:

McAfee (Anti-virus subscription) £89.99

010/21 FINANCIAL MATTERS: BANK RECONCILIATION

The Council **NOTED** the following bank reconciliation for the period 7th December 2020 to 3rd January 2021.

	Treasurers Acct	Business Acct	Total
Balance at 7 th Dec:	£ 192.10	£55,625.82	£57,817.92
Outgoings	£1,112.92		
Incomings		£0.46	
Transfer of funds	£2,000.00	-£2,000.00	
Balance at 3rd Jan	£1,079.18	£53,626.28	£54,705.46

011/21 FINANCIAL MATTERS: 2021/22 BUDGET & PRECEPT

IT WAS RESOLVED to raise the precept by 3% for 2021/22 to £27,610. This equates to a rise of 82p per Band D property and will raise an additional £2,840 in funds for Shurdington Parish Council.

012/21 FINANCIAL MATTERS: COVID & YOUTH FUNDS

The Councillors discussed the best way to progress the new funds, both of which have been allocated provision in the 2021/22 budget.

IT WAS AGREED to set up a working group to establish the needs of the local community for those affected by the Covid pandemic and how best to benefit the local youth within the village. Cllrs Porter, Gunn, Sowerbutts, Stewart & Hinds would contact local organisations and key volunteers/individuals to establish where financial assistance would be best allocated.

013/21 FINANCIAL MATTERS: WAR MEMORIAL FUND

The Clerk provided an update that the Parish Council held a total of £837.50 towards funding a new war memorial.

014/21 FINANCIAL MATTERS: GRANT REQUEST

IT WAS AGREED that the Friends of Leckhampton Hill & Charlton Kings Common should be invited to submit a formal grant application for consideration by Council.

015/21 PLANNING MATTERS: APPLICATIONS

There were no current applications to consider.

016/21 PLANNING MATTERS: DECISIONS

The Council **NOTED** the decisions made by Tewkesbury Borough Council since the last meeting.

017/21 ENFORCEMENT INVESTIGATION

The Clerk agreed to provide a monthly update on any ongoing enforcement investigations.

018/21 TREE PLANTING

IT WAS AGREED that any new tree planting would be unlikely to take place due to the current Covid restrictions. Some of the new trees on the village green required to be straightened up. The Sports Committee need to be consulted on any proposed planting within the playing fields.

019/21 ALLOTMENTS

The minutes of the allotment committee meeting held on the 23rd of November 2020 were received.

A new tenant member of the Committee was appointed and two plot holders were required to be contacted about tree planting. The annual rents were being increased by 20% to help fund the improvements to the water supply. Plot holders are to be advised in January of the planned increase.

154/20 DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

Based on the advice provided by the National Association of Local Councils it was **AGREED** that the Council would continue to meet remotely and that the date and time of the next meeting would be **8th February 2021 at 7:30pm** [via zoom]

There being no further business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 9:00p.m.

Signed:

Dated: