

Shurdington Parish Council

Minutes of the meeting held on Monday 9th August 2021 at 7pm in the Century Hall, Shurdington Community Centre.

IN ATTENDANCE

- Cllr George Porter (Chair)
- Cllr Clare Stewart (V-Chair)
- Cllr Chloe Gunn
- Cllr Derwen Hinds
- Cllr Graham Allen
- Cllr Phil Hunt
- Cllr Sandra Sowerbutts
- John Kay, Shurdington Parish Clerk
- Two members of the public

130/21 APOLOGIES

Cllr Phil Surman (business) and Cllr Richard Allen (personal) provided their apologies.

131/21 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

132/21 PUBLIC QUESTIONS

A member of the public highlighted that nothing had been done with the footway in Church Lane and requested an update from GCC Highways.

IT WAS AGREED to write to the owner of Kingsley House, Church Lane about overhanging beech hedge.

Comments were made about hedges and speed limits in Leckhampton Lane. The hedges had recently been reported to GCC Highways and the speed limit reduction had previously been refused.

133/21 MINUTES

The Minutes of the Meeting of Council held on the 12th July 2021 were confirmed as a true record and were signed by the Chair.

134/21 MATTERS ARISING

Cllr Porter reported that there was no barbed wire at the rear of the property called Arlingham which borders the playing field but he had been unable to meet the owner.

The Clerk provided an update on the matters arising.

135/21 REPORTS FROM PARISH, BOROUGH AND COUNTY CLLRS

There were no County or District reports in the absence of Cllrs Vines & Surman.

It was reported that a disabled resident is unable to use the footway at No. 2 Bishop Road due to the hedge, although it has been recently trimmed. This was a matter previously investigated and due to the position of the hedge it is impossible to provide further width without removal.

The footway and carriageway in Lawn Crescent is in poor condition and is to be reported to GCC Highways.

Cllr Stewart reported that 15 taxi vouchers had been used last month at a cost of £30, there remains £88 in the bank account.

The drain cover on Shurdington Road (nr Hillview Gardens) has not been repaired although the defect had been closed by GCC Highways. It is now back on the list to be repaired. The manhole cover reported on Shurdington Road near Chamosair reported to BT last month by a member of the public has not been repaired but has been sprayed with white paint.

The footpath at 6-8 Marsh Terrace is in poor condition, Bromford to be asked to confirm responsibility.

It was noted that the weeds on the footpaths/kerb channels are very untidy and cause damage to the surface. **IT WAS AGREED** to report this to GCC Highways and to request the Local Highway Manager to attend the next Council meeting. Cllr Stewart to see if weed removal could form part of the upcoming Eco week in the village.

Cllr Gunn to let the Clerk know if the dog waste bin in Chargrove need to be repaired.

Any vehicles which regularly obstruct footpaths should be reported to the police via 101.

The path in Betty Roberts Lane remains in very poor condition, but no work has taken place on the nearby watercourse meaning any repairs would be temporary. Worryingly there is no mention of flooding in Severn Trent report for nearby planning application.

136/21 WEBSITE: PHASE 2 DEVELOPMENT

The new layout is now live and Councillors encouraged to provide the information required to populate pages.

137/21 TREE MATTERS

The recent tree cutting by Chris Arnold Tree Surgery has been excellent and Councillors were very pleased with the results.

IT WAS AGREED to accept the quote for works to trees on the playing fields.

138/21 FINANCIAL MATTERS: PAYMENTS REQUIRING AUTHORISATION

The Council **APPROVED** the following payments:

HMRC	£ 145.80
John Kay (salary)	£ 583.24
Chris Arnold Tree Surgeon	£,1440.00
Smart Alex Window Cleaning	£ 20.00
Countrywide Grounds Maint.	£ 198.00
AADEFIB	£1,824.00
Shurdington Post Office	£ 250.00
EES	£ 165.00

The bank reconciliation up to 2nd August 2021 was noted.

139/21 PLANNING MATTERS: APPLICATIONS

21/00774/FUL - 7 Greenway Close, Shurdington: Erection of rear conservatory to replace existing UPVC conservatory. Support

21/00582/FUL - 3 Greenway Close, Shurdington: Change of use from residential to dual use (Residential/Childminding Business). Object

21/00868/FUL - Blenheim Way School Lane Shurdington: Erection of a single dwelling and associated access. **IT WAS RESOLVED** to object to the application on the grounds of the impact to the Green Belt, impact on adjoining properties, flooding and traffic movements during construction.

It was noted that a verge in Blenheim Orchard has not been reinstated and is now being used for parking. The matter to be passed to GCC Highways.

It was noted that the Parish Council had been invited by a developer to discuss their plans for a proposed residential development at land at Badgeworth Lane, Shurdington.

140/21 PLANNING MATTERS: DECISIONS

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

141/21 ENFORCEMENT INVESTIGATION

There were no updates available.

142/21 ALLOTMENTS

Cllr Hunt provided an update on allotment matters including: an additional skip hire and plot management.

The Councillors considered a complaint regarding early/late access to the allotment site and the use of bonfires. The Councillors did not consider unrestricted access to the allotment site as unreasonable but would send a note to all tenants reminding them to be considerate to the nearby residents when accessing the site at “unsociable hours”, the use of bonfires; which is restricted to arisings from the allotment plots and awareness of weather conditions e.g. wind direction.

IT WAS AGREED to request that the Allotment Committee review the current policy on bonfires and to consider if an evening curfew was manageable.

143/21 LOCAL COUNCIL AWARD SCHEME

IT WAS AGREED to re-submit an application for the Foundation Award.

144/21 NOTICEBOARD

IT WAS AGREED to replace the noticeboard at the village shop up to a value of £500.

145/21 NEXT COUNCIL MEETING

The next meeting of Council was scheduled for 7pm on Monday 13th September 2021 and would be held in the Community Centre.

There being no further business, the Chair closed the meeting at 20:30pm.

Signed:

Dated: