

# Shurdington Parish Council

Minutes of the meeting held on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> December 2021 at 7pm in the Century Hall, Shurdington Community Centre.

## IN ATTENDANCE

- Cllr George Porter (Chair)
- Cllr Clare Stewart (V-Chair)
- Cllr Derwen Hinds
- Cllr Phil Surman
- County Cllr Robert Vines.
- Cllr Phil Hunt
- Cllr Richard Allen
- Cllr Chloe Gunn
- John Kay, Shurdington Parish Clerk
- Two members of the public.

## 194/21 APOLOGIES

Cllrs Sandra Sowerbutts and Graham Allen (both personal) provided their apologies.

## 195/21 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllrs Porter and Stewart both declared a non-pecuniary interest in relation to the grant request from the Shurdington Parochial Church Council (Agenda Item 8.4, Minute 201/21)

## 196/21 PUBLIC QUESTIONS

One member of the public confirmed that he had submitted comments prior to the meeting in relation to the planning application 21/01387/FUL - South Park Farm, Chargrove Lane. The Clerk confirmed this had been received and distribute to the councillors. The Chair acknowledged that the Council share the views expressed.

A member of the public commented on planning application 21/01397/FUL & 21/01398/LBC - Brickhouse Farm, Chargrove Lane, referring to the large footprint of the extension proposed on a listed building, though acknowledging it had been slightly reduced from the pre-application proposal. The back of the property was the side that faced the road so the extension would be visible. A second member of the public reported that the proposed extension would be visible from many locations within the parish including Perry Orchard.

A member of the public commented on planning application 21/01286/OUT - Land South Of Badgeworth Lane And West Of Shurdington Road, Shurdington and note the recent Planning Inspectors report which Tewkesbury Borough Council accepted the recommendation. The Chair confirmed that although pre-applications discussions had taken place the Council maintained its objection to the area being developed.

## 197/21 MINUTES

The Minutes of the Meeting of Council held on the 8<sup>th</sup> November 2021 were confirmed as a true record and were signed by Cllr Porter.

## **198/21        MATTERS ARISING**

### Public Right of Way Matters

The stile at the church remained in a dangerous condition, ownership of the bank at ASH3 had not been confirmed, no agency accepting responsibility. Cllr Porter agreed to take photographs of the stile and the Clerk was requested to contact the landowner. The Parish Council are willing to consider funding the stile repair/replacement if this could speed up the necessary repair.

Cllr Stewart meeting Bromford representative this week.

## **199/21        REPORTS FROM PARISH, BOROUGH AND COUNTY CLLRS**

Cllr Vines reported that Gloucestershire County Council were currently considering the 2022/23 budget and would provide an update in January. Cllr Vines agreed to contact the PROW team about the stile near the church but requested a location plan.

Cllr Vines confirmed the BT manhole cover on the A46 near the Bell Inn had been repaired.

Cllr Surman reported that he had raised the Parish Council's objection to the proposed change in relation to planning objections from Town and Parish Councils being automatically referred to Committee being removed. A consultation would now be held before a decision is made. There will be two planning site visits held for proposals at Blenheim Way and Greenway Close.

It was confirmed that there can be two planning applications "active" at the same time for the same location.

Cllr Stewart reported that dog mess had been reported at the play area, with the sign having been removed and she was receiving more complaints about footpaths in the village by elderly residents who find it easier to walk on the road. 15 taxi vouchers had been used in November with £180 in the fund.

Cllr Hinds provided an update on the recent site visit by the Local Highways Manager – see appendix 1.

The hedge as you enter Chargrove Lane from the A46 is overgrown, Highways inspected recently, no action was taken.

Some adverts have been removed, but some remain at The Bell and Cornerways. The flashing sign at Shire Cars has been removed. It was noted that Highways would not permit any signage on lamp posts.

## **200/21        TREE MATTERS**

There were no matters to report, but the Clerk was requested to ask for an update on the requested Tree Protection Order.

## 201/21 FINANCIAL MATTERS

The Council **APPROVED** the following payments:

HMRC (PAYE)	£ 145.80
John Kay (salary)	£ 583.24
John Kay (expenses)	£ 78.59
Parish Online	£ 129.60
Shurdington Community Centre	£ 120.00
Furniture@work	£ 336.00
PCC of St Pauls	£ 20.00
Smart Alex Windows	£ 20.00
CPRE	£ 36.00
Cllr Richard Allen	£ 1.98

The bank reconciliation up to 6<sup>th</sup> December 2021 was noted.

### To consider grant application from the Shurdington Parochial Church Council

The Clerk reported that the current NALC guidance included that “whilst there is no consensus on this issue (churchyard maintenance costs), a council that considers making a payment in these circumstances needs to consider whether it is prudent to take a course of action that it cannot be certain is legally valid.”

**IT WAS RESOLVED** to award the grant. Cllrs Porter & Stewart abstained.

### To consider the draft budget for 2022/23

The draft budget was noted and would be confirmed at the January 2022 meeting of Council.

### To agree delegated authority for the Parish Clerk to purchase a new laptop.

**IT WAS RESOLVED** to allow the Clerk to purchase a new laptop up to a value of £500. The laptop is to be Windows 11 compatible.

## 202/21 PLANNING MATTERS: APPLICATIONS

It was noted that the Parish Council had objected to planning applications since the last meeting:

21/01312/PIP- and Adjacent Blenheim Way Shurdington: Erection of a single dwelling

21/01287/FUL - Devonia Main Road Shurdington: Demolition of existing dwelling and erection of 1no. 4 bed dwelling and 3no. 5 bed.

Councillors were requested to submit their comments on the outstanding applications to allow the Clerk to submit responses prior to the deadlines for the following applications:

21/01286/OUT - Land South Of Badgeworth Lane And West Of Shurdington Road, Shurdington: Residential development comprising up to 57 dwellings.

21/01411/FUL - Rivenell, Farm Lane, Shurdington: Erection of a loft extension and terrace.

21/01397/FUL & 21/01398/LBC - Brickhouse Farm, Chargrove Lane: Demolition of sunroom and erection of a single storey rear extension.

21/01387/FUL - South Park Farm, Chargrove Lane: Restoration of existing farmhouse and conversion of existing barns to provide three new dwellings and associated landscaping and infrastructure.

### **203/21 PLANNING MATTERS: DECISIONS**

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

### **204/21 ENFORCEMENT INVESTIGATION**

There had been no update since the last Council meeting.

### **205/21 ALLOTMENTS**

Cllr Hunt provided an update on allotment matters including the postponement of the new water pipe until the spring of 2022, a burst pipe for one of the allotment taps and a tree blown down. Thanks goes to the allotment tenants who assisted in both incidents.

### **205/21 KING GEORGE V PLAYING FIELD**

It was noted that the Parish Council were not able to claim back any VAT in relation to the S106 funding but there remained uncertainty over the ownership status of the playing field.

**IT WAS AGREED** to appoint Cllr Porter as a trustee of the King George's Field Charity and to convene a meeting in January 2022 to discuss the land ownership status of the playing field.

The Clerk was requested to keep this matter as agenda item.

### **206/21 ENVIRONMENTAL MATTERS**

Cllr Gunn was complimented on her list of potential environmental initiatives and projects. Cllr Porter added the possibility of the provision of an electric vehicle charge point at the Community Centre and agreed to carry out some more investigation.

Initial projects include the planting of trees in the village, including a call out to local interested landowners and a tidy up of the area at the rear of the Community Centre.

It was noted that the planned improvements at the King George V Playing Field should include an environmental aspect.

Cllr Vines conformed he would support any walking/cycling proposals and had done so in the past although with little success.

**IT WAS AGREED** that neighbouring parish council; Badgeworth and Leckhampton with Warden Hill should be contacted to see if they would like to be included in environmental projects. A list of projects/initiatives to be prepared in advance on the annual parish meeting in 2022.

**207/21 NOTICEBOARD**

The Clerk confirmed the noticeboard has been received. **IT WAS AGREED** to appoint a contractor to fix it to the post office.

**208/21 SPEEDWATCH**

Cllr R Allen provided an update on the ongoing Speedwatch sessions; more locations used in village with some positions moved. Approximately 10% significantly speeding at every session. Police have joined with recent sessions and have been concerned with the results. A positive impact on driver behaviour has been witnessed when sessions are ongoing but no interest shown from GCC Highways regarding the A46 concerns where traffic calming would be needed to permanently reduce speeds.

The survey/feedback form on website has been mostly in favour of the initiative but its success and longevity are down to the number of volunteers. Quieter roads within the village not a priority at the moment due to the number of current volunteers.

**209/21 LOCAL COUNCIL AWARD SCHEME**

**IT WAS RESOLVED** that Shurdington Parish Council confirms by resolution that it recognises its duties in relation to bio-diversity and crime and disorder and that all documentation and information is in place for a LCAS Foundation award.

The Clerk was requested to submit the completed application to NALC.

**210/21 NEXT COUNCIL MEETING**

The next meeting of Council was scheduled for 7pm on Monday 10th January 2022 and would be held in the Century Hall, Shurdington Community Centre.

There being no further business, the Chair closed the meeting at 20:40.

**Signed:**

**Dated:**

## **Appendix 1 – Summary of Site Visit with Local Highway Manager**

Footpath at Nos 6-8 Bishops Road has been addressed, still uneven but better than it was.

Church Lane – flood damage issues temp patch, repair not done in November now scheduled for January including kerbs.

Highway boundary at School Lane at proposed Blenheim Way development is the fence line. It is within trees, advise Parish Council to take photographs prior to any development, if boundary is exceeded GCC Highways will act. Highway boundary outside Liberty Cottage not confirmed.

School Lane by Church, pothole repairs scheduled for early 2022.

Drains in village, cleaned on 22nd Nov, however they are now full of leaves, if we want them to be cleared, contact Cheltenham BC, who are clearing leaves on behalf of Tewkesbury BC.

Odd bits of hedge need cut near telephone exchange, a temp barrier opposite Greenway Lane, on pavement has reduced width of pavement due to overgrown vegetation.

Pavements – General areas of concern: Parish Council survey and submit as a list, of necessary repairs list, would them be inspected by GCC Highways.

Farm Lane (excavation) During installation of fibre, the contractor broke through culvert, put down a plastic board and laid cable in top. The board has now collapsed and Virgin Media promised repairs, but not yet done.

Betty Roberts Lane – footpath maintenance. Repairs required at bank adjacent footpath not the bank on house owner side.

Drain collapsing outside Dutch Farm has been reported.

Next meeting with Local Highway Manager scheduled for February 2022.