

Shurdington Parish Council

Minutes of the meeting held on Monday 10th January 2022 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
- Cllr Phil Hunt
- Cllr Richard Allen
- Cllr Sandra Sowerbutts
- John Kay, Shurdington Parish Clerk
- Three members of the public representing the King George V Charity.

001/22 APOLOGIES

Cllrs Chloe Gunn and Graham Allen (both personal) provided their apologies.

002/22 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

003/22 PUBLIC QUESTIONS

There were no members of the public who wished to raise a matter under the public agenda item.

IT WAS RESOLVED to bring forward agenda item 11 King George V Playing Field and allow the representatives of the charity to take part in the discussion.

004/22 KING GEORGE V PLAYING FIELD

Cllr Surman joined the meeting.

The Chair confirmed that Shurdington Parish Council were the custodian trustee of the land and would enact any instruction given by the charity for the project e.g. planning permissions etc. A recently obtained "official copy of register of title" stated the title absolute was held by "The Parish Council of Shurdington."

The Charity representatives concerned about losing time for the project with preferred build time being the summer months with project builds combined for efficiency.

IT WAS AGREED that professional legal advice was required to confirm a final definition of ownership and responsibilities. Advice on a suitable legal advisor to be sought from GAPTC, it was suggested the Borough Solicitor at Tewkesbury Borough Council could perhaps assist. Mr Simon Joslyn would be the main point of contact for the Parish Clerk to liaise with prior to the next Council meetings. More informal contact was to be encouraged to improve communications between meetings of Council and/or the Charity.

It was noted that some dog fouling signs had been erected on the playing fields and that the alleyway was a Public Right of Way maintained by Gloucestershire County Council.

005/22 MINUTES

The Minutes of the Meeting of Council held on the 13th December 2021 were confirmed as a true record with a minor amendment (Minute 198/21) and were signed by Cllr Porter.

006/22 MATTERS ARISING

IT WAS AGREED to close the matters at Bickfield Farm and Greenfield Farm.

Cllr Stewart had met representatives from Bromford and the Parish Council had been requested to provide a new litter bin on the land near Downfield House. Permission would be required from Tewkesbury Borough Council. A caretaker is now present for 2-3 visits per week. Overhanging branches had been cut back and one property had been limited to one caravan being situated.

It was reported that ASH4/ASH5 paths continue to have access restricted with locks or heavy chains making free access impossible. **IT WAS AGREED** to request an update from Cllr Vines on this long term issue.

The Clerk was requested to add an agenda item for future meetings: Highways & Footpath matters.

007/22 REPORTS FROM PARISH, BOROUGH AND COUNTY CLLRS

Cllr Vines had provided a written report highlighting Gloucestershire County Council's budget consultation.

Cllr Surman had no Tewkesbury Borough Council matters to report.

It was noted that dog fouling and litter had increased recently in the village and that no taxi vouchers had been used in December. Cllr Sowerbutts confirmed that she had recommenced litter picking.

It was noted that there had been recent burglaries in Blenheim Orchard.

Cllr Hinds reminded the Parish Councillors to provide any areas of footpaths where the condition could be described as poor to allow him to collate a list to GCC Highways.

Cllr Porter suggested that a committee be introduced to arrange an event to celebrate the Queens Platinum Jubilee in June. Cllr Sowerbutts and Cllr Porter volunteered to form a committee. The Clerk was requested to add an agenda item for future meetings: Queens Platinum Jubilee.

008/22 TREE MATTERS

There were no matters to report, but the Clerk had not received an update on the requested Tree Protection Order.

009/22 FINANCIAL MATTERS

The Council **APPROVED** the following payments:

HMRC (PAYE)	£ 145.80
John Kay (salary)	£ 583.24
Gareth Hodges (Handyman)	£ 40.00
Smart Alex Windows	£ 20.00

The bank reconciliation up to 4th January 2022 was noted.

To confirm the budget for 2022/23

IT WAS RESOLVED to accept the proposed budget and to have no increase in the 2022/23 precept due to the level of the predicted general reserve funds.

010/22 PLANNING MATTERS: APPLICATIONS

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

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

21/01411/FUL - Rivenell, Farm Lane, Shurdington: Erection of a loft extension and terrace. **Neither Support or Object, commented on parking.**

21/01397/FUL & 21/01398/LBC - Brickhouse Farm, Chargrove Lane: Demolition of sunroom and erection of a single storey rear extension. **No observations**

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. **Objected**

21/01501/FUL - 4 Lawn Crescent Shurdington: Erection of a single storey side extension **Support**

011/22 PLANNING MATTERS: DECISIONS

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

012/22 ENFORCEMENT INVESTIGATION

There had been no update since the last Council meeting.

013/22 ALLOTMENTS

The allotment committee had confirmed their support of the Parish Council's recent decision to introduce a deposit for new allotment tenants from April 2022. There were some potholes on the access road and the committee were trying to secure some suitable fill, if none could be obtained than some stone would be required to be purchased to maintain safe access.

The Allotment Committee are scheduled to revise the tenancy terms and conditions prior to the annual renewal process in April.

IT WAS AGREED that the allotment tenant for Plot No. 16 should be contacted to advise on the timescale of removing the banned structure.

014/22 ENVIRONMENTAL MATTERS

Cllr Porter provided an update on the possibility of the provision of an electric vehicle charge point at the Community Centre. Expected costs would be in the region of £2-4k and it is estimated that the charge point would pay for its self within 3-6 years.

IT WAS AGREED that a professional be invited to discuss the planting of trees in the village green with Cllrs Porter and R Allen.

Cllr Gunn to attend a virtual meeting of Leckhampton with Warden Hill Parish Council's environmental group and report back to Council.

015/22 SPEEDWATCH

Cllr R Allen provided an update on the ongoing Speedwatch sessions; including writing to the Police Crime Commissioner to present the results of monitoring to date. The group have continued to receive good support from local police and the community speedwatch officials although they may have to return the equipment that is currently being borrowed. Cllr Allen to investigate options for purchasing a higher specification of speed measuring device than previously considered.

Although interest has been shown, there have been no new volunteers in the last month.

016/22 NEXT COUNCIL MEETING

The Clerk withdrew his request to bring forward the meeting therefore the next meeting of Council was scheduled for 7pm on Monday 14th February 2022 and would be held in the Century Hall, Shurdington Community Centre.

There being no further business, the Chair closed the meeting at 20:15.

Signed:

Dated: