

Shurdington Parish Council

Minutes of the meeting held on Monday 11th April 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 Hunt
- Cllr Richard Allen
- Cllr Sandra Sowerbutts
- John Kay, Shurdington Parish Clerk
- 4 members of the public.

054/22 APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Cllrs Graham Allen & Phil Surman (all personal).

055/22 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

056/22 PUBLIC QUESTIONS

A member of the public reported that Ash 11 was passable but narrow in certain locations.

The Flood Warden reported that he had been to a recent meeting, but needed to be informed of any flood events to be able to perform his duties etc. **IT WAS AGREED** that the Flood Wardens contact information could be added to the Council's website.

Comments were made on the housing proposal by Pye Homes at "land north of Leckhampton Lane" by members of the public relating to the size of the development, traffic issues, historic path and associated signage.

A member of the public commented on the Parish Council's plans to plant more trees in the village that these need to be maintained afterwards and not just left. It was noted this would form part of the discussion at the Annual Assembly on Wednesday 13th April and a vote would be taken by those in attendance.

057/22 MINUTES

The Minutes of the Meeting of Council held on the 14th March 2022 were confirmed as a true record and were signed by Cllr Porter.

058/22 MATTERS ARISING

There were no updates from matters arising, not already included within the minutes.

The Clerk was asked to contact the Monitoring Officer at Tewkesbury Borough Council to enquire if the Parish Council needed to add an additional Councillor due

to the increase in parishioners due to various housing developments over the last few years.

059/22 REPORTS FROM PARISH, BOROUGH AND COUNTY CLLRS

There were no County or Borough Council updates in the absence of Cllr Vine and Cllr Surman. **IT WAS AGREED** to pose any questions to Cllrs Vines & Surman in advance of future meetings.

Cllr Stewart reported that an elderly member of the public continues to have difficulties walking in Lambert Gardens due to the unevenness of the footway.

Cllr Hunt requested that the Council agree to requesting a new waste bin at the bus stop in Badgeworth Lane. **IT WAS AGREED** to request this new bin to Tewkesbury Borough Council.

IT WAS AGREED to progress the quote received Secure a Field for a new metal gate at the King George V Playing Field.

Cllr Sowerbutts highlighted an email relating to access issues on the footpath on East side of A46 between Gwinnett Court and the substation at Powells Farm. The Clerk agreed to draft a letter to the owner/occupiers.

060/22 TREE MATTERS

Cllr R Allen offered a cherry tree to replace the one recently removed from Blenheim Orchard.

The Clerk reported that the TPO for the horse chestnut at Brickfield Farm had still not been confirmed by Tewkesbury Borough Council. **IT WAS AGREED** that Cllrs Surman/Vines be requested to enquire why it has taken so long for this matter to be completed.

Cllr R Allen to present the tree planting proposal at the Annual Assembly, with initial planting to be at the Village Green but other locations to be considered in the future.

061/22 HIGHWAY & FOOTPATH MATTERS

Cllr Hinds to meet with GCC Local Highway Manager in late-April. Any highway related matters to be passed to Cllr Hinds. It was noted repairs had been completed at Church Lane and Farm Lane, but other works remain outstanding. It was reported that the carriageway surface was poor in Lawn Crescent and Lawrence Close.

A further meeting with the PROW officer to be arranged when she returns to work. It was noted the agreed replacement gate at the church had still not been replaced.

062/22 FINANCIAL MATTERS

The Council **APPROVED** the following payments:

HMRC (PAYE)	£ 148.72
John Kay (salary)	£ 594.88
Smart Alex Windows	£ 20.00
Gloucestershire County Council	£ 377.50

IT WAS RESOLVED to accept the quotation from Zurich Municipal of £257.60 for the 2021/22 insurance renewal.

The bank reconciliation up to 5th April 2022 was noted.

IT WAS RESOLVED to award a grant of £1,056 towards rent of the Community Centre to the 15th Cheltenham (Shurdington) Scout Group.

IT WAS RESOLVED to award a grant of £500 towards two scouts attending the Scout Jamboree in Korea to the 15th Cheltenham (Shurdington) Scout Group.

063/22 PLANNING MATTERS: APPLICATIONS

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

22/00346/FUL - Rosemead , Leckhampton Hill: Erection of replacement double garage **(Support)**

22/00327/FUL - 10 Cowlsmead, Shurdington: Installation of a dropped kerb. **(Support)**

IT WAS AGREED for the Clerk to enquire if planning training could be hosted by the Parish Council.

064/22 PLANNING MATTERS: DECISIONS

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

065/22 ENFORCEMENT INVESTIGATION

The Council noted the decisions made by Tewkesbury Borough Council since the last meeting and expressed their disappointment that many had been classed as “enforcement not expedient”, particularly the lit sign at Shire Cars on the A46.

066/22 ALLOTMENTS

Cllr Hunt reported that the track leading to the allotment site was in poor condition. **IT WAS AGREED** that the matter would be discussed with the Cotswold Warden at the Annual Assembly meeting.

The annual renewal letter had been issued and all plot holders had received a copy of the updated tenancy agreement, plot inspection and site plan. A number of payments have been made including the first allotment condition deposit.

Four plots currently being reallocated, a skip (possibly two) will be required after the Easter holidays.

IT WAS RESOLVED that it was not possible to allocate a disabled parking space at the allotments due to the very limited parking availability.

067/22 KING GEORGE V PLAYING FIELD

Councillors noted all Council representatives' positions will be reviewed at the next Council meeting and that it would be beneficial to have four Council appointed trustees.

It was noted that the trustees agree with the NALC guidance over the ownership of the asset but accept the Councils position on VAT reclaim not being permitted.

068/22 ENVIRONMENTAL MATTERS

There was no update.

069/22 SPEEDWATCH

Sessions are continuing including some evenings. One car was recorded at 63mph on Leckhampton Lane. The police have now got an improved process for dealing with anyone who abuses the volunteers. The PCSO for Shurdington is leaving the area, in the short term one of the Brockworth PCSO's is deputising.

070/22 QUEEN'S PLATINUM JUBILEE

Cllr Porter provided an update that he had not been successful for the Arts Council grant but is continuing to look at alternatives. The school have been contacted about a craft activity and the school choir has expressed an interest in attending the event.

Cllr Porter to send information leaflets to the Clerk to arrange printing.

071/22 NEXT COUNCIL MEETING

The Annual meeting of Council is scheduled for 7pm on 9th May 2022 at the Community Centre, Shurdington.

The Annual Assembly meeting is scheduled for 7pm on Wednesday 13th April 2022 at the Church Meeting Room, Shurdington.

There being no further business, the Chair closed the meeting at 20:25.

Signed:

Dated: