

Shurdington Parish Council

Minutes of the meeting held on Monday 9th May 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 Graham Allen
- Cllr Chloe Gunn
- Cllr Phil Hunt
- Cllr Richard Allen
- Cllr Sandra Sowerbutts
- John Kay, Shurdington Parish Clerk
- 2 members of the public.

072/22 TO ELECT A CHAIR FOR 2022/23

IT WAS RESOLVED to re-elect Cllr George Porter as Chair (Cllr R Allen proposed, Cllr Sowerbutts seconded, all in favour). Cllr Porter signed the declaration of acceptance and resumed the meeting.

073/22 TO ELECT A VICE-CHAIR FOR 2022/23

IT WAS RESOLVED to elect Cllr Derwen Hinds as Vice-Chair (Cllr Hunt proposed, Cllr G Allen seconded, all in favour).

074/22 APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Cllr Phil Surman (business).

075/22 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

076/22 PUBLIC QUESTIONS

A member of the public reported his concerns with the condition of the surface and speed of traffic on Leckhampton Lane. He had reported the matter to Gloucestershire Highways but had received no response and had been advised by Cllr Vines to address the Parish Council. The residents of Leckhampton Lane suffer from noise and vibrations in their properties because of the poor surface and several drains, manholes etc which rattle. Any repairs have been of poor quality and do not last.

IT WAS RESOLVED that the Clerk would write to Gloucestershire Highways and Cllr Vines on behalf of the resident.

Further comments were noted on the speed of traffic, currently being recorded by the Speedwatch volunteers and the need for traffic calming measures on this route, the Council anticipate such measures will be included in any future planning permissions.

The Clerk was requested to confirm with Gloucestershire Highways if there was any weight restriction on Leckhampton Lane and if the results of recent traffic monitoring were available.

077/22 MINUTES

The Minutes of the Meeting of Council held on the 11th April 2022 were confirmed as a true record and were signed by Cllr Porter.

078/22 MATTERS ARISING

The Clerk provided an update of matters arising, it was noted the PROW officer had returned to work following a period of sick leave and it was hoped that a meeting could take place soon.

The Clerk had received no contact from the Monitoring Officer at Tewkesbury Borough Council in relation to the enquiry from the Parish Council about an additional Councillor due to the increase in parishioners due to various housing developments over the last few years.

079/22 REPORTS FROM PARISH, BOROUGH AND COUNTY CLLRS

Councillor Vines had provided a written report which had been shared with Councillors prior to the meeting. There was no District Council report available from Councillor Surman.

Cllr Hinds reminded Councillors that there remained some missing information on the website, the Clerk will email out a list of required topics to Councillors. GAPTC are offering an information session on making the most of a Council Facebook page.

Cllr Stewart joined the meeting. The quote for the replacement gate at King George V Playing Field did not include installation, the Clerk was requested to contact the Cotswold Warden for advice.

IT WAS AGREED to obtain a quote to remove the bench and concrete support at Church Lane.

Cllr Stewart requested that the new taxi vouchers be printed.

080/22 TREE MATTERS

The cherry tree to replace the one recently removed from Blenheim Orchard would be planted in the autumn.

Cllr G Allen reported that the representatives of the Community Centre are happy with the proposed future planting by Shurdington Parish Council.

081/22 HIGHWAY & FOOTPATH MATTERS

Cllr Hinds met with the GCC Local Highway Manager on 28th April. Several pavement tripping issues were noted, including School Lane, Church Lane and Yarnolds. The encroachment of the demolition fencing at Devonia, Main Street, Shurdington is not a highways matter, the Clerk was requested to contact Tewkesbury Borough Council's Planning Enforcement team. The next site meeting would take place in June and Leckhampton Lane would be included.

Permissive path markers have appeared on ASH 4. There is a lot of hogweed on ASH 4, ASH 5 and Betty Roberts Lane, Cllr Hunt was willing to clear Betty Roberts Lane.

The Cotswold Warden is happy to liaise with the Parish Council on footpath matters following his positive appearance at the Annual Assembly.

Cllr Stewart has enquired about the stile at the church with the PROW team.

082/22 FINANCIAL MATTERS

The Council **APPROVED** the following payments:

HMRC (PAYE)	£ 148.72
John Kay (salary)	£ 594.88
John Kay (expenses)	£ 50.28
Smart Alex Windows	£ 20.00
Cllr Stewart (expenses)	£ 5.00
Shurdington Post Office	£ 250.00
Countrywide Grounds Maint.	£ 207.84
EES	£ 80.00
Shurdington PCC	£ 22.00
Gifts2Impress Ltd	£1444.32

The bank reconciliation up to 29th April 2022 was noted.

IT WAS RESOLVED for the Clerk to arrange for up to £30k to be invested with the Public Sector Deposit Fund.

083/22 PLANNING MATTERS: APPLICATIONS

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

22/00402/FUL - Arlington, Main Road, Shurdington: Variation of condition 2 (approved plans) for planning application 20/00121/FUL. **Objected**

IT WAS AGREED that the date for the planning training should be arranged for 20th June 2022.

084/22 PLANNING MATTERS: DECISIONS

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

085/22 ENFORCEMENT INVESTIGATION

There was no update on enforcement issues.

086/22 ALLOTMENTS

Cllr Hunt reported that the first audit inspection had been completed with the second scheduled for August. There remain three plots available, with those on the waiting list being contacted but two need quite a lot of work.

Complaints had been received about an allotment tenant “hogging” the water tap and not allowing everybody fair usage. **IT WAS AGREED** the Clerk would write to the allotment tenant. One plot owner had requested if help was available to help manage the plot, Cllr Hunt had forwarded the contact details of one of the people on the waiting list.

087/22 KING GEORGE V PLAYING FIELD

It was note that the next committee meeting was scheduled for 10th May 2022. Councillors expressed their concerns at the lack of progress and planning of the S106 funded projects.

088/22 ENVIRONMENTAL MATTERS

There was no update from the Parish Council projects, Cllr G Allen reported that he was in discussion with three companies about an electric vehicle charge point at the Community Centre.

089/22 SPEEDWATCH

Sessions are continuing including some evenings with over 1600 vehicles recorded to be speeding in approximately 80 sessions to date including Leckhampton Lane where approximately 75% of vehicles speed through the 30mph section.

The Speedwatch group was set up to raise awareness and collate data for the police, but the volunteers alone cannot permanently reduce speeding traffic.

IT WAS AGREED to write to the Police Crime Commissioner, Gloucestershire County Council (Highways), Lawrence Robertson MP, Cllr Vine and Cllr Surman to report our findings from the Speedwatch Group, to invite them to attend a Speedwatch session and to enquire what they can do to help us reduce speeds permanently in the parish.

090/22 QUEEN’S PLATINUM JUBILEE

Cllr Porter provided an update that he has been delivering event leaflets, installed posters and created a Facebook event. It was noted that not all residents had received a leaflet and the local shop has requested a poster.

091/22 NEXT COUNCIL MEETING

The next meeting of Council is scheduled for 7pm on 13th June 2022 at the Community Centre, Shurdington.

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

Signed:

Dated: