

Shurdington Parish Council

Minutes of the meeting held on Monday 13th June 2022 at 7pm in the Century Hall, Shurdington Community Centre.

IN ATTENDANCE

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| ▪ Cllr George Porter (Chair) | ▪ Cllr Phil Hunt |
| ▪ Cllr Derwen Hinds (Vice-Chair) | ▪ Cllr Richard Allen |
| ▪ Cllr Clare Stewart | ▪ Cllr Sandra Sowerbutts |
| ▪ Cllr Phil Surman | ▪ GCC Cllr Robert Vines |
| ▪ John Kay, Parish Clerk | ▪ 2 members of the public. |

Absent: Cllr Chloe Gunn

092/22 APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Cllr Graham Allen (personal).

093/22 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr Stewart declared a pecuniary interest as a member of the Greenway Gifts organisation (Agenda Item 9.3, Minute 100/22)

094/22 PUBLIC QUESTIONS

A member of the public reported his concerns with the poor bus service being provided by Stagecoach. The example provided included consecutive buses (No. 10) being cancelled and other buses running not to time. **IT WAS AGREED** to highlight the concerns to Stagecoach.

095/22 MINUTES

The Minutes of the Annual Meeting of Council held on the 9th May 2022 were confirmed as a true record and were signed by Cllr Porter.

096/22 MATTERS ARISING

The Clerk provided an update of matters arising, Cllr Sowerbutts to provide details of a local contractor to the Clerk.

097/22 REPORTS FROM PARISH, BOROUGH AND COUNTY CLLRS

Councillor Vines had attended the recent jubilee event and provided an update on the proposed kissing gate near the church with the PROW team looking at the legalities of what can be done without permission from the landowner. Cllr Vines noted the response by the Local Highway Manager in reference to the requested pedestrian crossing on the A46 and highlighted that the nearby housing site could be a source of funds if approved.

IT WAS AGREED to publicise the response received and to encourage parishioners to write to the Local Highway Manager/Cllr Vines with their concerns.

Cllr Surman reported that the Clerk would be contacted by an officer for Tewkesbury Borough Council regarding the recent consultation on Public Space Protection Orders. The new Chief Executive for the Borough Council had started today. The Local Plan has been passed at the recent Council meeting and the planning application for Badgeworth Lane/A46 site would be considered next week.

IT WAS AGREED to request permission from Gloucestershire County Council for a new grit bin on Meadowsweet Road.

Cllr Stewart reported that Church Lane is near impassable along the pavement opposite the Social Centre and the Brambles are growing over the fence of 2 Bishop Road onto the pavement of Cowlsmead. An elderly couple have been the subject of anti-social behaviour with eggs being repeatedly thrown at their property.

Cllr Hunt reported that surveyors were working recently on Greenway Lane and the vegetation had been cut back at the Devonia property on the A46.

Cllr Porter reported that the Jubilee event had been successful, with positive feedback received.

098/22 TREE MATTERS

There were no matters to discuss.

099/22 HIGHWAY & FOOTPATH MATTERS

The recent site visit with the PROW officer was very disappointing, they are unable to progress the proposed kissing gate near the church as the landowner has refused permission. The muck heap on ASH4/5 continues to seep into the watercourse and the PROW team have not carried out any spraying of the hogweed and no action has been taken against the landowner who continue to obstruct users of ASH 5. The PROW officer states that they are not responsible for the repairs required to protect Betty Roberts Lane from the adjacent watercourse and advise contacting the GCC flood team.

IT WAS AGREED to contact the flood team regarding Betty Roberts Lane and to request an update from Tewkesbury Council on the ASH 4/5 seepage.

A meeting with the Local Highway Manager is to be scheduled for July.

100/22 FINANCIAL MATTERS

i) The Council **APPROVED** the following payments:

HMRC (PAYE)	£ 148.72
John Kay (salary)	£ 594.88
John Kay (expenses)	£ 50.28
EES	£ 115.20

Shurdington Community Centre	£200.00
Information Commissioner	£ 35.00
Iain Selkirk	£110.00
Countrywide Grounds Maint.	£207.84
The Flower Bowl	£245.61
Smart Alex Windows	£ 20.00
Cllr Phil Hunt (Expenses)	£576.00
Jack Taylor	£225.00
Glevum Big Band	£120.00
GAPTC	£286.90
Beauty & Teacup	£575.00

- ii) The bank reconciliation up to 7th June 2022 was noted.
- iii) **IT WAS AGREED** for the Clerk to request that Greenway Gifts submit an actual amount for their grant application.

101/22 2021/22 ANNUAL ACCOUNTS

- i) **IT WAS RESOLVED** to sign and approve the final income & expenditure account.
- ii) The internal auditor comments were noted.
- iii) **IT WAS RESOLVED** to sign and approve the Annual Governance Statement (Section 1)
- iv) **IT WAS RESOLVED** to sign and approve the Accounting Statements (Section 2)
- v) It was noted that the public inspection period for the accounts will be between Monday 20th June and Friday 29th July 2022.

102/22 PLANNING MATTERS: APPLICATIONS

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

21/01287/FUL - Devonian, Main Road, Shurdington: Demolition of existing dwelling and erection of 2no. 4 bed dwelling and 3no. 3 bed dwellings. **Objection Maintained**

22/00469/FUL - 6 Sinclair Road, Shurdington: Erection of a single storey rear and side extension. **Neither Support or Object.**

22/00166/FUL - 54 Meadowsweet Road, Shurdington: Change of use from open space to residential garden land and erection of 1.8m high close boarded timber fence (retrospective). **Support**

21/01286/OUT - Land South Of Badgeworth Lane And West Of Shurdington Road: Residential development comprising up to 50 dwellings. **Objection Maintained**

103/22 PLANNING MATTERS: DECISIONS

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

104/22 ENFORCEMENT INVESTIGATION

There was no update on enforcement issues.

105/22 ALLOTMENTS

Cllr Hunt reported there were currently three vacant plots, one plot has been reallocated and one rental fee remains outstanding. A complaint had been received relating to noise and access, but this was considered last year, and the Allotment Committee and Parish Council did not feel it appropriate to restrict access to the site.

Cllr Hunt looking into alternative options to remove the asbestos from the allotments.

106/22 KING GEORGE V PLAYING FIELD

It was noted that the next committee meeting was scheduled for 14th June 2022. Councillors once again expressed their concerns at the lack of progress and planning of the S106 funded projects. There appeared to be no progress on the installation of the shed or the planning application for the other works.

The clearance of weeds, brambles from the path to be raised at the committee meeting.

107/22 ENVIRONMENTAL MATTERS

Cllr Gunn to be requested to provide an update on tree planting on the village green. Cllr Sowerbutts to raise the matter at the upcoming Shurdington Community Centre meeting.

108/22 SPEEDWATCH

Sessions are continuing including some evenings, it will be 12 months in September since regular monitoring began.

There had been a limited response from the various organisations in relation to our letter regarding speeding concerns in the parish. Cllr Vines highlighted the new Community Speedwatch Safety Fund funded by the Police Crime Commissioner and Gloucestershire County Council. The Police Crime Commissioner had agreed to attend a Speedwatch session in the village. There had been no response from the GCC Cabinet member for Highways (Cllr Vernon Smith) or Lawrence Robertson MP.

Community Speedwatch Safety Fund

It was noted that fund did not include the option of installing traffic calming measures, considered by the Parish Council to be the only way to permanently reduce speeding in the parish.

Queries were raised by the effectiveness of further signage or cameras and what would happen to the information originating from a fixed or moveable camera. Would the police be able to cope with the expected number of speeding vehicles from a more permanent camera?

IT WAS AGREED to delay a decision on an application until the Police Crime Commissioner had attended the Speedwatch session if dates allowed this.

109/22 NEXT COUNCIL MEETING

The next meeting of Council is scheduled for 7pm on Monday 11th July 2022 at the Community Centre, Shurdington.

IT WAS RESOLVED to bring forward the September meeting of Council to Tuesday 30th August due to the Clerk being on leave on the original date.

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

Signed:

Dated: