

Shurdington Parish Council

Minutes of the meeting held on Monday 11th July 2022 at 7pm in the Century Hall, Shurdington Community Centre.

IN ATTENDANCE

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

Absent: Cllr G Porter (Chair)

In the absence of the Chair, Cllr Hinds assumed the role of the chair for the meeting.

110/22 APOLOGIES

There were no apologies for absence.

111/22 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr Stewart declared a pecuniary interest as a member of the Greenway Gifts organisation (Agenda Item 9.3, Minute 118/22 iii)

112/22 PUBLIC QUESTIONS

A member of the public provided comments on the planning application 22/00676/FUL: | Retention of treehouse (retrospective application) at Chy Roscoe, Leckhampton Lane, Shurdington which would overlook his property and provided photographic evidence.

A member of the public highlighted the importance of planning applications being discussed in the public domain and provided his comments on the proposed planning application of 25 homes on Land to the North of Leckhampton Lane known as the "Pye" development. The comments included an increase of houses from previous, parking allocation, use of air heat pumps over ground source pumps, traffic figures quoted, boundary and landscaping matters.

A second member of the public strongly disputed the traffic figures quoted within the planning application and has statistics to highlight discrepancies. He will make this available to the Parish Council along with his own objection to the application.

The Clerk replied that Shurdington Parish Council had not received the usual email notification of this planning application from Tewkesbury Borough Council and that an extension to allow the application to be discussed at our scheduled meeting on Monday 8th August had been submitted.

113/22 MINUTES

The Minutes of the Meeting of Council held on the 13th June 2022 were confirmed as a true record and were signed by Cllr Hinds.

114/22 MATTERS ARISING

The Clerk provided a summary of the update of matters arising issued with the agenda.

115/22 REPORTS FROM PARISH, BOROUGH AND COUNTY CLLRS

District Councillor Surman reported that at a recent meeting of Badgeworth Parish Council he had met with a local Cotswold Warden. Cllr Hinds replied that similar links had been made with the warden for the Shurdington area, it was very beneficial given the lack of response/action from the PROW team.

Councillor Vines reported that the response to the request for a new pedestrian crossing was not his responsibility, but he noted there was an existing pedestrian crossing on the A46 very close to the requested location.

Councillor Vines could not confirm who would be liable should an incident occur on the existing stile on the PROW network but has requested further investigation from the PROW team. It was noted that Shurdington Parish Council took exception to the comments about the safety of the stile in a recent email by the PROW officer, which has now been acknowledged as mis-leading.

Cllr Stewart reported that the trees on Leckhampton Lane near the A46 are overhanging the pavement and road and that she had received complaints about bonfires in the village. **IT WAS AGREED** to report the overhanging trees to Gloucestershire County Council.

Cllr G Allen reported that volunteers were urgently required to help out at the Community Centre in a number of roles. **IT WAS AGREED** to advertise this on the Council's website and Facebook page.

Cllr Hinds has not yet been able to meet with Tewkesbury Borough Council's Drainage Engineer and has delayed meeting with the Local Highways Manager until after the summer.

The area at the edge of the King George V Playing Field to the water course looks to be "abandoned". **IT WAS AGREED** that this should be raised at the next King George V Playing Field trustees meeting.

116/22 TREE MATTERS

It was noted that Gloucestershire County Council are seeking locations for replacement ash dieback tree planting and the PROW officer has appointed a contractor to assess the very large tree – probably ash which is on the edge of the footpath on the playing fields where it goes into Betty Roberts Lane.

IT WAS AGREED to request the alleyway leading from Blenheim Orchard to the Playing Fields being adopted by the PROW team which would be an extension of ASH 3.

117/22 HIGHWAY & FOOTPATH MATTERS

In the absence of any response from the PROW team the Cotswold Wardens have been asked to survey the gate on the access road to the King George V Playing Field. Shurdington Parish Council would like to thank the volunteers of the Sports Club who carried out temporary repairs to the gate.

It remains the opinion of the Parish Council the stile on ASH 4 (near Church) remains unsafe but accept an impasse has been reached with senior PROW officer stating a kissing gate cannot be installed without landowner's permission.

IT WAS AGREED to thank GCC Highways for the recent footpath repairs in Lambert Close.

It was reported that an incident occurred on Sunday 10th July where a walker was bitten by a horse whilst walking along ASH8 footpath (Greenway Lane/Farm Lane). The details have been passed to the PROW and Cotswold Warden teams.

118/22 FINANCIAL MATTERS

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

HMRC (PAYE)	£ 148.72
John Kay (salary)	£ 594.88
GAPTC	£ 585.50
Countrywide Grounds Maint.	£ 207.84
Smart Alex Windows	£ 20.00
Cllr George Porter	£ 15.00
Town & Parish Websites	£ 300.00
Cotswold Van Centre	£ 60.00
Shurdington News	£ 250.00

ii) The bank reconciliation up to 4th July 2022 was noted.

iii) **IT WAS RESOLVED** to award a grant of £400 to Greenway Gifts. There were 6 votes for, 1 against and Cllr Stewart abstained.

119/22 PLANNING MATTERS: APPLICATIONS

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

22/00731/FUL - 19 Lambert Gardens Shurdington: Erection of a single storey side and rear extension. Installation of solar panels on roof at rear. **Support**

22/00676/FUL - Chy Roscoe , Leckhampton Lane, Shurdington: Retention of treehouse (retrospective application) Support 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).

IT WAS RESOLVED to submit a second response to this application, withdrawing our previous support for the application and to formerly object to the structure. It has since been brought to the attention of the Council that the structure is visually intrusive and overlooks a number of neighbouring properties. The structure does not seem to be a children treehouse as described in the design statement and the location of the structure was unclear in the submitted application. Cllr Surman abstained.

120/22 PLANNING MATTERS: DECISIONS

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

121/22 ENFORCEMENT INVESTIGATION

There was no update on enforcement issues.

122/22 ALLOTMENTS

Cllr Hunt reported there were currently three vacant plots which he is actively seeking new tenants from the list of those who have expressed an interest.

The Clerk summarised a number of emails received relating to the access and bonfires at the allotment site, which resulted in the Council being asked (again) to consider:

- a) Allow vehicle access for allotment holders from 7.00 a.m. until 10.00 pm.
- b) Require that bonfires are fully extinguished – with soil not water – at least one hour before sunset (indeed as early as possible)

IT WAS RESOLVED that Shurdington Parish Council do not accept the request relating to access between 7am and 10pm and that it was unanimously decided against introducing any vehicular restriction to the allotment site.

IT WAS RESOLVED that all allotment tenants would receive a reminder about being considerate with the lighting of bonfires during this current spell of warm weather.

The Clerk will respond to the member of the public with the final decision.

123/22 KING GEORGE V PLAYING FIELD

Cllr Sowerbutts summarised the minutes of the last meeting of the trustees with a tentative agreement for a Project Manager to be appointed at the next scheduled meeting.

Cllr G Allen to forward information of the possibly expiry date of S106 funds committed to the project.

124/22 ENVIRONMENTAL MATTERS

Cllr Gunn reported that she has been in contact with a member of SPJARA - a local group who have planted successfully in the Leckhampton area and is actively contacting other local contractors.

Cheltenham Tree group are a charity supplying native British trees for local planting. They supply trees bare rooted in planting season for a donation. Membership subscription £5 per year - and any donations received are given to tree related charities in developing world. Cllr Gunn is awaiting to hear of they can support us as part of Tewkesbury Borough Council.

It is anticipated having quotes which will include ongoing maintenance of the trees to consider at one of the upcoming Council meetings.

125/22 SPEEDWATCH

Sessions are continuing including a 6am session with a number of volunteers attending. A session supported by the local police included 51 enforcement notices being issued within an hour. There has been recent vandalism of speed signage in the area.

It will be 12 months in September since regular monitoring began and Cllr R Allen will provide a 12-month report. The report will be made available to the public and any interested organisations including Sustrans who carried our recent cycling seminars in the County.

The Police Crime Commissioner for Gloucestershire attended a recent session, and the local MP is scheduled to attend soon.

Cllr R Allen attend a meeting of the Leckhampton with Warding Hill Parish Council and agreed that Shurdington Parish Council would be agreeable to attending a multi-agency meeting regarding A46 highway concerns.

126/22 NEXT COUNCIL MEETING

The next meeting of Council is scheduled for 7pm on Monday 8th August 2022 at the Community Centre, Shurdington.

There being no further business, the Vice-Chair closed the meeting at 20:35.

Signed:

Dated: