

Shurdington Parish Council

Minutes of the meeting held on Monday 8th August 2022 at 7pm in the Century Hall, Shurdington Community Centre.

IN ATTENDANCE

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| ▪ Cllr G Porter (Chair) | ▪ Cllr Phil Hunt |
| ▪ Cllr Derwen Hinds (Vice-Chair) | ▪ Cllr Richard Allen |
| ▪ Cllr Clare Stewart | ▪ Cllr Sandra Sowerbutts |
| ▪ Cllr Graham Allen | ▪ GCC Cllr Robert Vines |
| ▪ John Kay, Parish Clerk | ▪ 4 members of the public. |

127/22 APOLOGIES

There were apologies received from Cllr Phil Surman (business) and Cllr Chloe Gunn (personal).

128/22 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

129/22 PUBLIC QUESTIONS

A member of the public was upset at the planning application 22/00676/FUL: | Retention of treehouse (retrospective application) at Chy Roscoe, Leckhampton Lane, Shurdington being permitted. The Clerk confirmed that following last month's meeting a second comment had been uploaded onto the planning portal confirming the Parish Council's objection and rescinding of previous comment. The Clerk agreed to investigate this had indeed been received/considered by the planning authority.

The "Pye" housing development had not been officially sent to Shurdington Parish Council nor had we received any response to the requested extension. The application will be considered at the next Council meeting.

A member of the public requested if the Parish Council had an emergency plan. The Clerk agreed to check if any version of the plan was still valid. This was a matter raised at the recent flood warden meeting.

A member of the public highlighted the reasons for the change to Planning Application 22/00402/FUL Variation of condition 2 (approved plans) for planning application 20/00121/FUL at Arlington, Main Road, Shurdington and asked for clarification on why the Parish Council had previously objected. The Chair explained it was due to a loss of privacy on the neighbouring property, but the matter would be fully discussed under the planning agenda item later in the meeting.

A member of the Sport Committee provided an update on the project including the installation of the new shed and that he had been upset by the comments on the previous minutes relating to the delay of the project which he believed was partly due to the Parish Council's view on ownership and VAT reclaim.

IT WAS RESOLVED that the Parish Council agreed that the shed could be installed on the King George V Playing Field without the requirement of seeing planning approval.

IT WAS AGREED that a definitive position would be obtained from a VAT expert in relation to the ongoing dispute over whether or not the Council can re-claim VAT on the project.

130/22 PLANNING

IT WAS AGREED to bring the planning agenda item forward to discuss the 22/00402/FUL Variation of condition 2 (approved plans) for planning application 20/00121/FUL. At Arlington Main Road Shurdington. The Chair invited the property owners to update the Council fully on the amended plans and the reasons for the changes.

IT WAS RESOLVED that the Council no longer wished to object to the amendments and not to withhold the previous view on the loss of privacy on the neighbouring property. There were 5 votes for and 2 against (Cllrs R Allen & D Hinds)

131/22 MINUTES

The Minutes of the Meeting of Council held on the 11th July 2022 were not confirmed as a true record as an omission had been made on the public element and would be reconsidered at the next meeting of Council.

132/22 MATTERS ARISING

The Clerk provided a summary of the update of matters arising issued with the agenda. Cllr G Allen would obtain the necessary information on the S106 funds and share this with fellow Councillors.

IT WAS AGREED that Cllr Stewart would obtain a quote to replace the bench on the A46 rather than removal due to its usage.

133/22 REPORTS FROM PARISH, BOROUGH AND COUNTY CLLRS

Councillor Vines advised the Parish Council to raise the matter of the irregularity of buses at the next full Gloucestershire County Council meeting as we had no response to our direct enquiry to Stagecoach via their website. The Clerk advised that representatives of Stagecoach were meeting local Councillors in Dursley at the weekend, and he would share any relevant information.

Cllr Vines could think of no reason why the lack of contact/progress on PROW matters could not also be raised at Council by the Parish Council.

Cllr Vines had received an enquiry from a member of the press (The Echo) relating to Speedwatch in Shurdington and had advised them to contact the Parish Council direct. Cllr Vines agreed he would support any application by the Parish Council to the Community Speedwatch Safety Fund.

Cllr R Allen has reported the fallen fence at the Up Hatherley Way end of Chargrove Lane to Gloucestershire Highways.

Cllr Stewart reported that the size of the extension being constructed at Lambert Avenue was surprisingly large and the plans had been difficult to understand the true extent of the extension.

Cllr Stewart noted the condition of the hedges at The Crippetts, but no action was necessary.

Cllr Hinds referred to the parking of a lorry and building materials which had appeared to have been “dumped” in Sinclair Road but some of which had now been removed and the lorry was no longer present. It was unclear if a resident was using this area as opposed to fly tipping. **IT WAS AGREED** to write to the nearby resident to enquire.

134/22 TREE MATTERS

There was no update, and it was agreed to remove this agenda item.

135/22 HIGHWAY & FOOTPATH MATTERS

IT WAS AGREED to contact GCC Highways in relation to outstanding drain and pothole repairs on School Lane , following a blown-out tyre caused by the rough edges which is not an isolated incident and to report that several drains on the A46 had vegetation growing out of them.

Cllr Hinds had met with Flood Team representative to discuss several issues relating to the Ham Brook, PROW's and Betty Roberts Lane and is awaiting a report.

The Cotswold Wardens have advised to replace the gate on the alleyway at King George V Playing Field with another wooden gate, disappointingly there had been no support from the PROW team to our request.

Cllr Hinds had received the paperwork regarding the request to the alleyway leading from Blenheim Orchard to the Playing Fields being adopted by the PROW team which would be an extension of ASH 3. The Clerk was asked to contact Leckhampton with Warden Hill PC as they had previously been through the process.

136/22 FINANCIAL MATTERS

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

HMRC (PAYE)	£ 148.72
John Kay (salary)	£ 594.88
John Kay (expenses)	£ 88.20
GAPTC	£ 35.00
Countrywide Grounds Maint.	£ 103.92
Smart Alex Windows	£ 20.00

ii) The bank reconciliation up to 2nd August 2022 was noted.

137/22 PLANNING MATTERS: DECISIONS

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

138/22 ENFORCEMENT INVESTIGATION

It was noted there was a new investigation for an alleged erection of a 4-foot fence at 4 Lawn Crescent, Shurdington.

139/22 ALLOTMENTS

Cllr Hunt reported the new annual competitions were about to be judged. A breach letter has been sent to Plot 24 over the condition, no payment has been received from the new tenant on Plot 18, or the annual renewal fee from Plot 20a. Plot 2a has now been given to a new tenant. The removal of the asbestos hasn't taken place yet as a shed is about to be taken down.

The committee are to consider closing the waiting list to non-residents of Shurdington parish due to the current demand from parish residents.

As yet there is no indication of a hosepipe ban in this area, but the Committee will keep an eye on usage throughout this warm period of weather and compliance with any potential restrictions.

140/22 KING GEORGE V PLAYING FIELD

The matters had been discussed fully during the public part of the meeting. It was noted that a complaint was being investigated by the Licensing Authority into an event which was ongoing well beyond the licensed hours.

141/22 ENVIRONMENTAL MATTERS

The Clerk was asked to contact Cllr Gunn for an update.

142/22 SPEEDWATCH

Cllr R Allen provided an update on recent sessions including the response to abusive drivers by the police. Two fake speed cameras were erected in the village, but this is not linked with speedwatch volunteers. Social media engagement has been quite positive, although as expected some people are not supportive of speedwatch. Sessions with the local MP and the Deputy Police Crime Commissioner for Gloucestershire to be arranged.

IT WAS AGREED to apply to the Community Speedway Safety Fund for a fixed community speedwatch camera.

143/22 NEXT COUNCIL MEETING

The next meeting of Council is scheduled for 7pm on Tuesday 30th August 2022 at the Community Centre, Shurdington.

There being no further business, the Chair closed the meeting at 20:50.

Signed:

Dated: