

Shurdington Parish Council

Minutes of the meeting held on Monday 10th October August 2022 at 7pm in the Century Room at Community Centre, Shurdington

IN ATTENDANCE

- Cllr George Porter (Chair)
- Cllr Derwen Hinds (Vice-Chair)
- Cllr Clare Stewart
- Cllr Graham Allen
- John Kay, Parish Clerk
- Cllr Phil Surman
- Cllr Richard Allen
- Cllr Sandra Sowerbutts
- GCC Cllr Robert Vines
- 12 members of the public including 5 volunteers from the Speedwatch group.

160/22 APOLOGIES

Councillors Phil Hunt and Chloe Gunn provided their apologies for absence.

161/22 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

162/22 PUBLIC QUESTIONS

The Chair invited the volunteers from the Speedwatch group to step forward and receive a voucher to thank them for their efforts over the last 12 months. The volunteers received a round of applause.

A member of the public asked if there would be a follow up now the Speedwatch monitoring has been completed. Cllr Allen replied that the Parish Council have applied for a camera from the Commissioners Fund and a full report/summary would be presented to the various organisations including Gloucestershire County Council Police Crime Commissioner and Tewkesbury Borough Council.

It was noted that two highway consultations are currently being hosted by Gloucestershire County Council: Moving Traffic Enforcement and Road Safety Policy (<https://haveyoursaygloucestershire.uk.engagementhq.com/>)

The applicant for the Planning Application (22/00269/FUL - Chargoave Paddock, Main Road, Shurdington) provided a summary of the proposals, highlighting why it was different to previous application which had been refused. This included information on the buildings, drainage, layout of the garden and offered any interested Councillors to visit the property.

A member of the public highlighted ongoing antisocial behaviour of a landowner who is restricting access on a public right of way. Members of the public who experience this type of behaviour are encouraged to contact the police immediately and inform the Parish Council of any incidents. The Chair is attending the next Gloucestershire County Council with regard to the poor service being provided by the Public Rights of Way team who have been aware of this ongoing matter for some time but have not made any purposeful action. It was acknowledged that access was also hindered by the height of the stiles.

A member of the public referred to a written response to the Planning Application (22/00937/FUL - South Park Farm, Chargrove Lane) that he had submitted. It was noted that this had been received by the Parish Council and the Parish Council had submitted an objection to the application.

163/22 MINUTES

The Minutes of the Meeting of Council held on the 30th August 2022 were confirmed as a true record and were signed by the Chair.

164/22 MATTERS ARISING

The Clerk provided a written summary of the update of matters arising issued with the agenda. **IT WAS AGREED** to revisit the problem with Stagecoach buses.

165/22 REPORTS FROM PARISH, BOROUGH AND COUNTY CLLRS

Cllr Vines reported that Stagecoach have handed back several bus license due to the driver shortage, which is impacting rural areas, the County Council have no legal powers to prevent this. **IT WAS AGREED** to contact both Stagecoach and Gloucestershire County Council about the ongoing impact on the bus service to the village.

Cllr Vines reported that GCC are continuing to provide support for Ukrainian refugees and he had received a complaint about road safety at Farm Lane due to the ongoing Redrow development but there are no planned improvements.

Cllr G Allen highlighted a request from a member of the public for a defibrillator at the Community Centre. The Councillor agreed the venue would be a suitable and accessible location for a defibrillator. The matter would be considered by the Community Centre Committee.

Cllr G Allen updated Council on plans for a "Warm Monday" club at the Community Centre to aid those who will struggle to afford to heat their homes over the winter period. **IT WAS AGREED** to fund the estimated electricity/gas costs for the first five weeks which are estimated to be approximately £60. Further contributions could be reviewed at the next Council meeting.

Cllr Hinds agreed to include potential gateway signs at the next meeting with the Local Highway Manager and the Clerk would request further information from Badgeworth Parish Council.

Cllr Stewart reported that she would be inspecting some hedges which are obstructing pedestrians in the village and the current issues with the taxi voucher scheme. The Clerk was asked to add the Taxi Voucher Scheme to the next agenda.

IT WAS AGREED to fund the wreath for Remembrance Day service for £20.

Cllr Surman highlighted the Tewkesbury Borough Council has implemented a new Public Space Protection Order (PSPO) to address the problem of dog fouling in public areas within the borough, aiming to ensure that everyone in charge of a dog acts responsibly by cleaning up its waste. The question was raised whether this can be extended to include other forms of anti-social behaviour.

Cllr Hinds reported some feedback on his meeting with the drainage engineer, who was now leaving his position and referred the matter to another officer.

166/22 HIGHWAY & FOOTPATH MATTERS

Cllr Hinds asked Councillors for any highway matters in advance of his next meeting with the Local Highway Manager.

IT WAS AGREED due to the PROW team not responding to repeated requests, to purchase the new gate required for the alleyway leading to the King George V playing field for a cost of £284 + VAT. There was one vote against.

167/22 FINANCIAL MATTERS

i) The bank reconciliation up to 4th October 2022 was noted.
IT WAS AGREED to transfer £10k to the PSDF.

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

HMRC (PAYE)	£ 148.72
John Kay (salary)	£ 594.88
Smart Alex Windows	£ 20.00
Countrywide Grounds Maint	£ 311.76

168/22 PLANNING MATTERS: APPLICATIONS

22/00862/FUL - 6 Cowslip Close Shurdington: Single story rear extension. **SPC neither supported or objected but left comments.**

22/00937/FUL - South Park Farm, Chargrove Lane :Construction of a single dwelling and associated infrastructure. **SPC objected to this application.**

22/00269/FUL - Chargrove Paddock, Main Road, Shurdington: Construction of a single dwelling and associated infrastructure. It was noted the application had been re-advertised, the Council will submit their comments prior to the new deadline of the 28th October 2022.

It was noted that the Council had received a full apology from Tewkesbury Borough Council in relation to missing submissions and communications at the recent planning applications: Chy Roscoe, Land North of Leckhampton Lane and Chargrove Paddock.

169/22 PLANNING MATTERS: DECISIONS

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

170/22 ENFORCEMENT INVESTIGATION

There was no update on enforcement issues.

171/22 ALLOTMENTS

The Clerk provided an update on the enforcement notices issued to Plots 20A and 24. A skip would be arranged by Cllr Hunt for asbestos removal.

172/22 KING GEORGE V PLAYING FIELD

The Council considered the request to resubmit the S106 application, however concerns were raised about the impact this would have on the Council's resources and the capacity to manage the project.

It was proposed and seconded for the Council to resubmit the S106 application. There were no votes for, 3 against and 4 abstentions. **IT WAS RESOLVED** that Shurdington Parish Council would not be willing to resubmit a S106 application. This final decision to be provided to the King George V trustees at the meeting on the 11th October 2022.

173/22 ENVIRONMENTAL MATTERS

The Council considered the written update from Cllr Gunn. **IT WAS AGREED** that the Clerk would contact Cllr Gunn to confirm the options and choice of trees.

It was noted that Gloucestershire Wildlife Trust are advertising the use of rain gardens. They are designed to capture rain water flowing off roofs and slow the flow of the water back into drains and eventually watercourses.

174/22 SPEEDWATCH

Cllr R Allen confirmed that the group had completed their monitoring and a report would soon be available for the 12-month project. The speedwatch equipment could be made available to other groups to buy or purchase. Over 3,300 vehicles, approximately 17% were recorded at speeds over 36mph (in a 30-mph limit)

The application to the Police Crime Commissioners Community Speedwatch fund has not yet been decided on. A second round of funding is imminent, but there are no details available at the moment.

Cllr R Allen was thanked for his contribution to the Speedwatch initiative.

175/22 EMERGENCY PLAN

Cllr Porter agreed to review the documentation and provide a draft. It was noted that Shurdington Parish Council's role in an emergency situation would be to signpost persons to other organisations.

176/22 NEXT COUNCIL MEETING

The next meeting of Council is scheduled for 7pm on Monday 14th November 2022 at the Community Centre, Shurdington.

There being no further business, the Chair closed the meeting at 8:52pm.

Signed:

Dated: