

# Shurdington Parish Council

Minutes of the meeting held on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> December 2022 at 7pm in the Century Room at Community Centre, Shurdington.

## IN ATTENDANCE

- Cllr Derwen Hinds (Vice-Chair)
- Cllr Phil Hunt
- Cllr Chloe Gunn
- Cllr Richard Allen
- John Kay, Parish Clerk

Absent: Cllr Phil Surman

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

## 194/22 APOLOGIES

Councillors George Porter (Chair), Sandra Sowerbutts, Clare Stewart, Graham Allen provided their apologies for absence (all personal).

## 195/22 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

## 196/22 PUBLIC QUESTIONS

There were no members of the public present.

## 197/22 MINUTES

The Minutes of the Meeting of Council held on the 14<sup>th</sup> November 2022 were confirmed as a true record and were signed by the Vice-Chair.

## 198/22 MATTERS ARISING

The Clerk summarised the updates included in the agenda papers.

## 199/22 REPORTS FROM PARISH, BOROUGH AND COUNTY CLLRS

In the absence of Cllr Vines and Cllr Surman there were no Gloucestershire County Council or Tewkesbury Borough Council reports.

It was noted that there had been disruption caused by a failure of the National Grid traffic signals on Shurdington Road at the weekend and that a temporary power supply had been setup for the hotel on Greenway Lane.

## 200/22 HIGHWAY & FOOTPATH MATTERS

There were no new highway matters to discuss. The new gate had been installed on the alleyway leading to the King George V playing field, although the closing mechanism was not working correctly when the gate was fully opened.

With regard to potential adoption of alleyway leading from Blenheim Orchard to the Playing Fields being adopted by the PROW team which would be an extension of ASH 3 – the Council would need to demonstrate the existing access between the churchyard and playing field.

Cllr Hinds had shared a link to a media story relating to a dispute on PROW that had been reported by the Evesham Journal as an example of steps taken over continued obstruction of the public footpath.

## 201/22 FINANCIAL MATTERS

i) The bank reconciliation up to 29<sup>th</sup> November 2022 was noted.

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

HMRC (PAYE)	£ 159.12
John Kay (salary & expenses)	£ 690.37
Smart Alex Windows	£ 20.00

iii) Council Budget 2023/24

**IT WAS RESOLVED** to award the Clerk an incremental increase on salary from April 2023. The new scale would be SCP 23.

iv) To consider grant application from the Shurdington Parochial Church Council

The Councillors consider the application, the Clerk advised the Council that the current NALC guidance included that “whilst there is no consensus on this issue (churchyard maintenance costs), a council that considers making a payment in these circumstances needs to consider whether it is prudent to take a course of action that it cannot be certain is legally valid.”

**IT WAS RESOLVED** to award the grant of £550 due to the benefit to local parishioners.

## 202/22 PLANNING MATTERS: APPLICATIONS

22/01107/OUT - Land West Of Cheltenham: Outline planning application for residential development.

**IT WAS AGREED** to respond to this application although it was located outside of the parish boundary to highlight the concerns with the increased volumes of traffic on the highway network, with specific reference to Badgeworth Lane.

Planning Consultation - 22/01137/OUT - Land At Badgeworth Lane Badgeworth Lane Badgeworth Cheltenham

The Clerk confirmed that he had requested an extension to allow the application to be considered at the January meeting of Council.

**203/22 PLANNING MATTERS: DECISIONS**

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

**204/22 ENFORCEMENT INVESTIGATION**

There was no update on enforcement issues.

**205/22 ALLOTMENTS**

All vacant plots were now re-allocated. A skip is required to remove materials from Plot 19.

**IT WAS AGREED** to contact the tenant of Plot No.16 with regard to the structure and fencing erected on the plot.

**206/22 KING GEORGE V PLAYING FIELD**

The Clerk delivered a written update provided prior to the meeting by Cllr Sowerbutts.

Some rather large cracks have appeared in the clubhouse, they have become worse over the summer, which is alarming. It was not thought the buildings insurance would cover the problem. It is likely to be either the large tree roots or subsidence / settlement. The committee decided not to meet December 2022 but in the new year.

**207/22 ENVIRONMENTAL MATTERS**

Cllr Gunn was continuing to liaise with the contractor over the planned tree planting.

**208/22 TAXI VOUCHER SCHEME**

The Clerk confirmed there had been no response to the call-out for local taxi firms to join the scheme. It was agreed to delay any further discussion until Cllrs Porter and Stewart were present.

**209/22 EMERGENCY PLAN (CONTACTS)**

**IT WAS RESOLVED** to publish the draft list of contacts on the Council's website. The volunteer Flood/Snow Warden to confirm if they were willing to have a contact number included.

**210/22 SPEEDWATCH**

**IT WAS RESOLVED** to not sign the Community Speedwatch Service Level Agreement proposed by the Gloucestershire Constabulary. The Parish Council will continue to lobby Gloucestershire County Council on road safety matters.

The local MP is scheduled to attend a speedwatch session in the new year.

## **211/22      NEXT COUNCIL MEETING**

The next meeting of Council is scheduled for 7pm on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> January 2023 at the Community Centre, Shurdington. The Clerk confirmed the agenda for this meeting would be issued early.

There being no further business, the Vice-Chair closed the meeting at 8pm.

**Signed:**

**Dated:**