

Shurdington Parish Council

Minutes of the meeting held on Monday 16th January 2023 at 7pm in the Century Room at Community Centre, Shurdington.

IN ATTENDANCE

- Cllr Derwen Hinds (Vice-Chair)
- Cllr Sandra Sowerbutts
- Cllr Graham Allen
- Cllr Phil Hunt
- Cllr Richard Allen
- John Kay, Parish Clerk
- 1 member of the public

Absent: Cllr George Porter (Chair)

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

001/23 APOLOGIES

Councillors, Phil Surman (business), Chloe Gunn, Clare Stewart (both personal), provided their apologies for absence.

002/23 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr Graham Allen declared a non-pecuniary interest as the trustee of Shurdington Community Centre in relation to the grant applications. Minute: 008/23 (iv)

003/23 PUBLIC QUESTIONS

There were no matters raised from the public present.

004/23 MINUTES

The Minutes of the Meeting of Council held on the 12th December 2022 were confirmed as a true record and were signed by the Vice-Chair.

005/23 MATTERS ARISING

The Clerk summarised the updates included in the agenda papers. **IT WAS AGREED** to highlight the lack of response from the drainage team and to Cllrs Vines and Surman.

006/23 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 regular flooding on Shurdington Road, near the Farm Lane junctions and a depression in the carriageway was also present at this location. The Clerk would highlight these comments to the GCC Highway Manager.

The AGM of the Shurdington Community Centre would be held on Friday 20th January at 7.30pm. Volunteers are required to maintain the required number of committee members.

007/23 HIGHWAY & FOOTPATH MATTERS

There were no new highway matters to discuss. The closing mechanism of new gate on the alleyway leading to the King George V playing field has been repaired with the installation of additional springs.

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 – Cllr Hinds remains in search of evidence to demonstrate historical access between the churchyard and playing field.

Cllr Hinds reported that Shurdington is identified as part of the West Cotswolds Access Project and as such the Parish Council should identify potential access and connectivity improvements on the PROW network. Initial thoughts included the accessibility issues on ASH 4 & 5 and a better surface on path between the village and Morrisons. Cllrs Hunt and Hinds would discuss and submit suggestions.

008/23 FINANCIAL MATTERS

i) The bank reconciliation up to 22nd December 2022 was noted.

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

HMRC (PAYE)	£ 159.12
John Kay (salary & expenses)	£ 732.78
Smart Alex Windows	£ 25.00

iii) Council Budget 2023/24

IT WAS RESOLVED to accept the proposed budget and to have no increase in the 2023/24 precept due to the level of the predicted general reserve funds and the impact of the cost of living on parishioners.

iv) To consider grant applications from Shurdington Scouts & Enigma Explorer Scout Unit.

IT WAS RESOLVED to award the grant of £250 to Shurdington Scouts for their community tea party but would review the grants policy where future grants included rental costs to other community venues. Cllr G Allen abstained.

IT WAS RESOLVED to award the grant of £200 to the Enigma Explorer Scout Unit towards to help pay for insurance, uniform (neckers) and for a small stock of activity badges. Cllr G Allen abstained.

v) To confirm the internal auditor for 2022/23.

IT WAS RESOLVED to appoint Iain Selkirk as the internal auditor.

009/23 PLANNING MATTERS: APPLICATIONS

22/01137/OUT - Land At Badgeworth Lane Badgeworth Lane Badgeworth Cheltenham: A cross subsidy affordable/open market residential development comprising up to 50 dwellings (of which 50% will be affordable housing and a further 10% will be self/custom build), vehicular and pedestrian access, internal streets, drainage, landscaping and all other ancillary engineering works. All matters are reserved except for vehicular access onto Badgeworth Lane.

IT WAS AGREED to object to this application referring to the Council's previous response but to await a copy of the updated response from Badgeworth Parish Council prior to submission.

010/23 PLANNING MATTERS: DECISIONS

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

011/23 ENFORCEMENT INVESTIGATION

There was no update on enforcement issues.

012/23 ALLOTMENTS

The skip is required to remove materials from Plot 19 was in place and the request from the tenant to keep it until Monday 23rd January was agreed.

The new tenant of Plot 17 had not responded to contact by the Clerk and Cllr Hunt. The signed agreement and rental payment had not been received.

The tenant of Plot No.16 declined the opportunity to attend the Parish Council meeting with regard to the structure and fencing erected on the plot. The Allotment Committee would provide the Clerk with the matters to be raised.

013/23 KING GEORGE V PLAYING FIELD

There was no update available as no committee meetings had taken place since the last meeting of the Parish Council.

014/23 ENVIRONMENTAL MATTERS

Cllr Gunn had provided a written update that the trees would be planted on the village green by the end of January. Cllr Hinds highlighted a toolkit issued by The Tree Council which could help future tree planting projects.

015/23 TAXI VOUCHER SCHEME

A range of potential volunteer options were discussed, and it was considered a meeting of the Councillors outside of Council would be more beneficial to review options and potential operational matters.

016/23 ANNUAL ASSEMBLY 2023

IT WAS RESOLVED to hold the Annual Assembly of Shurdington Parish at 7pm on Monday 17th April 2023 in the Shurdington Community Centre.

The Clerk was provided some organisations to contact with a view to attending the meetings as speakers.

017/23 NEXT COUNCIL MEETING

The next meeting of Council is scheduled for 7pm on Monday 13th February 2023 at the Community Centre, Shurdington.

There being no further business, the Vice-Chair closed the meeting at 8.15pm.

Signed:

Dated: