

# Shurdington Parish Council

Minutes of the meeting held on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> February 2023 at 7pm in the Century Room at Community Centre, Shurdington.

## IN ATTENDANCE

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| ▪ Cllr Derwen Hinds (Vice-Chair) | ▪ Cllr Phil Hunt          |
| ▪ Cllr Clare Stewart             | ▪ Cllr Richard Allen      |
| ▪ Cllr Chloe Gunn                | ▪ Cllr Sandra Sowerbutts  |
| ▪ Cllr Phil Surman               | ▪ GCC Cllr Robert Vines   |
| ▪ John Kay, Parish Clerk         | ▪ 3 members of the public |

Absent: Cllrs G Porter and G Allen.

In the absence of the Chair, Cllr Hinds chaired the meeting.

## 018/23 APOLOGIES

There were no apologies for absence.

## 019/23 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

## 020/23 PUBLIC QUESTIONS

There were no comments from the members of the public present.

## 021/23 MINUTES

The Minutes of the Meeting of Council held on the 16<sup>th</sup> January 2023 were confirmed as a true record and were signed by the Vice-Chair.

## 022/23 MATTERS ARISING

The Clerk provided an update on matters arising and agreed to resend the drainage correspondence to Cllrs Surman and Vines.

It was noted that a manhole, possibly BT, was requiring repair on the A46 near the Farm Lane junction.

## 023/23 REPORTS FROM PARISH, BOROUGH AND COUNTY CLLRS

Cllr Surman reported that the Tewkesbury Borough Council tax increase was likely to be £5 per annum on a Band D property. Cllr Surman asked the Parish Clerk to publicise that photographic ID will be required by voters at the upcoming elections in May.

Cllr Vines reported that the Gloucestershire County Council tax increase was likely to be 4.99%, this includes a 2% increase for Adult Social Care.

Cllr Stewart joined the meeting.

Cllr Hinds highlighted a recent article from The Echo which reported on a lack of activity from the PROW team. Cllr Vines replied that additional funding was going to be made available to the PROW team although it would take time for it to improve the service.

Cllr R Allen reported that Laurence Robertson, MP for Tewkesbury attended a speedwatch session. A recent fire on Betty Roberts Lane was attended to by the fire brigade and that a “parked” car on the A46 had broken down and now been removed by the owner.

Cllr Hinds reported that Severn Trent had highlighted to Blenheim Orchard residents a surface water drain was blocked and was causing a flooding risk. The drain has now been cleared by Gloucestershire Highways and has been added onto their routine maintenance programme.

#### Councillor Area of Responsibilities

The Councillors consider it to be appropriate to review the Parish Councillor operational boundaries due to the number of additional new properties within the parish. The Clerk recalled there being a map and would seek this for a review and the Council recently received the updated Electoral Roll which would give an accurate number of properties in the village.

#### **024/23          HIGHWAY & FOOTPATH MATTERS**

It was noted that a pothole in Yarnold’s had been marked for repair but others had not.

Cllr Hinds had responded to the West Cotswolds Access Project regarding potential access and connectivity improvements on the PROW network including the path between the village and Morrisons, footpaths on the escarpment and Greenway Lane. It was suggested that ASH 4 & 5 were not suitable for this project due to land ownership issues.

The Cotswold Warden has recently completed audits of ASH 1,2,3, 4 & 5 and would provide information.

#### **025/23          FINANCIAL MATTERS**

i)            The bank reconciliation up to 6<sup>th</sup> February 2023 was noted.

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

HMRC (PAYE)	£ 159.12
John Kay (salary)	£ 636.48
Smart Alex Windows	£ 25.00
Cllr Phil Hunt (expenses)	£ 297.60

WRT Services	£1,309.96
Shurdington Community Centre	£ 135.00

iii) Donation Request from Greenway Community Choir

**IT WAS RESOLVED** to approve a donation of £500 to the Greenway Community Choir. Cllrs Hunt, R Allen, Surman and Hinds abstained.

iv) To consider the purchase of a two Community Defibrillators

**IT WAS RESOLVED** to purchase two Fully Automatic Heartsine 360P with Polycarbonate heated, locked cabinet and FOC 'Prep Kit' for £2,550 + vat.

The locations to be confirmed at the next meeting of Council.

## 026/23 PLANNING MATTERS: APPLICATIONS

The Clerk provided a summary of comments made to planning applications since the last meeting.

23/00015/FUL - Chargrove Paddock , Main Road, Shurdington: Resubmission of planning application 22/00269/FUL for the construction of a single dwelling and associated infrastructure

**IT WAS RESOLVED** to maintain our objection to proposal on the basis that the site is located on the North West side of Shurdington Road (A46), within the Green Belt and is therefore outside of the Shurdington village development boundary.

22/01375/FUL - South Park, Chargrove Lane, Up Hatherley: Agricultural access and construction of cattle handling pen

**IT WAS RESOLVED** to object this application as the development is located within the Greenbelt. The Councillors acknowledged the objections submitted to this application.

## 027/23 PLANNING MATTERS: DECISIONS

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

## 028/23 ENFORCEMENT INVESTIGATION

There was no update on enforcement issues.

## 029/23 ALLOTMENTS

**IT WAS RESOLVED** to write to the owner of Plot 16 and confirm that the tenancy will not be renewed in April 2023 should the sides remain on the structure.

Cllr Hunt informed that the allotment inspections had been delayed due to bad weather and that many of the new plot holders had been making a positive impact on their allotments.

**030/23      KING GEORGE V PLAYING FIELD**

An update was provided by the Council representatives but there were no matters for the Council to consider. The subsidence problem was to be inspected by structural engineers but was visibly getting worse. The shed has now been ordered; the construction date was not yet known.

**031/23      ENVIRONMENTAL MATTERS**

The tress had been planted on the village green by WRT Services. One remaining tree at Blenheim Orchard remains to be planted. Watering will take place with regular invoicing. The next phase of planting will include the planting of shrubs in designated areas of the village.

**032/23      TAXI VOUCHER SCHEME**

The Clerk was requested to contact Community Connexions to enquire what support they could offer Shurdington residents.

**033/23      KING CHARLES III CORONATION**

Cllrs Hinds, Sowerbutts and Stewart volunteered to form a sub-committee with local volunteers and Cllr Porter representing the Shurdington Community Centre.

**034/23      NEXT COUNCIL MEETING**

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

**IT WAS RESOLVED** to reschedule the April meeting to 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2023.

There being no further business, the Chair closed the meeting at 8:30pm.

**Signed:**

**Dated:**