

Shurdington Parish Annual Assembly 2022

Minutes of the Annual Assembly meeting held at 7pm on Wednesday 13th April 2022 in the Church Meeting Room, School Lane, Shurdington.

ATTENDANCE

Shurdington Parish Councillors: Cllr G Porter (Chair), Cllrs C Stewart, D Hinds, C Gunn, R Allen and S Sowerbutts; Mr John Kay, Parish Clerk; Mr Oliver Pointer (Cotswold Warden); Mr David Holland (Gloucestershire Police) and three members of the public.

WELCOME

The meeting was chaired by the Shurdington Parish Council Chair Cllr George Porter who welcomed those in attendance.

APOLOGIES

Gloucestershire County Cllr Robert Vines; Tewkesbury Borough/Shurdington Parish Councillor Phil Surman; Shurdington Parish Councillors Phil Hunt and Graham Allen provided their apologies.

MINUTES

The Minutes of the 2021 Annual Assembly Meeting held on the 28th April 2021, having been circulated, were confirmed as a true record and signed by the Chair.

MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

There were no matters arising.

TO RECEIVE A PRESENTATION FROM MR OLIVER POINTER, COTSWOLD WARDEN

Mr Pointer introduced himself as a Cotswold Warden for the Cotswold Wardens, a group of volunteers who help maintain and inspect the National Landscape (formerly Cotswold AONB). The area stretches from north-east of Cheltenham/Stroud/Cirencester/Northleach/Fairford/Lechlade. Mr Pointer is the Parish Warden for Leckhampton & Shurdington, the role includes inspection, ensuring accessibility, vegetation clearance and minor works. Sometimes as part of a works party for larger jobs such as stile replacement or bridge repairs.

Mr Pointer is a member of the Friends of Leckhampton and Charlton Kings Common – again walking footpaths and checking/maintaining accessibility.

Recent achievements have included resurfacing of sections of the Cotswold Way and installation of a metal kissing gate behind Lambert Avenue. Mr Pinter recently completed a walked inspection on behalf of the Public Rights of Way team which included a full survey of paths in Shurdington Parish including maintenance and accessibility matters. Cotswold Wardens do not get involved with any issues with landowners relating to accessibility.

Mr Pointer was thanked for his contribution and there was some discussion over local landowners and some minor issues.

TO RECEIVE AN UPDATE FROM COMMUNITY ORGANISATIONS

Mr Dave Holland provided an update on his role as Road Safety Traffic Manager, a civilian position within Gloucestershire Police. Mr Holland co-ordinates the Speedwatch groups in the area, including the active Shurdington volunteers. The data gathered by Speedwatch groups aid the local speed van and handheld cameras by targeting when/where to enforce. This is very beneficial as there are only 4 vans and 5 operators within Gloucestershire.

In 2021 Shurdington parish was visited 58 times, locations included Badgeworth Lane, A46 Shurdington Road and Leckhampton Lane; a total of 889 drivers were prosecuted for speeding and other offences e.g. seatbelts, using a mobile phone, incorrect numberplates. In 2022, there has been 18 visits to the same locations.

Mr Holland received questions on vehicle activated signs, ANPR cameras, static cameras and other initiatives within the county.

Mr Holland was thanked for his contribution and left the meeting.

SHURDINGTON PARISH COUNCIL – CHAIR’S REPORT

Cllr Porter provide his fourth Chair’s Report with the last one being delivered on zoom. The report included an update on the celebrations planned on the village green on the 4th June to celebrate the Queen’s Platinum Jubilee and the Councils planned environmental initiatives including installing electric vehicle charge points at the Community Centre.

Cllr Porter congratulated Cllr Richard Allen and the Speedwatch volunteers on their successful campaign and regular monitoring sessions.

COUNTY & BOROUGH COUNCILLORS REPORT

In the absence of Cllrs Vines and Surman there were no reports.

PARISH COUNCIL FINANCIAL REPORT

The Parish Clerk provided an update on the draft 2021/22 accounts which had been passed to the internal auditor. The draft accounts would be presented to Council on the 9th May for approval. The total receipts were £28,732 with the majority being received from the annual precept £27,610.

The total payments amounted too £19,975 including £1,520 for a new Community Defibrillator. The Council had a total of £60,680 in the bank at the 31st March 2022.

TO CONSIDER THE PROPOSAL TO PLANT TREES ON THE VILLAGE GREEN

Cllr Richard Allen presented on behalf of Shurdington Parish Council the proposal to plant trees and wild flowers in the village, with the village green being identified as a priority area in a phased approach. The King George V playing field (phase 2) and other areas in the village (phase 3) would be investigated in the future.

A vote was taken on the Council’s proposal (see appendix 1) and **IT WAS RESOLVED** that the proposal was approved, and that Shurdington Parish Council should take the matter forward with planting to take place in the autumn of 2022.

ANY OTHER MATTERS OF INTEREST

There were no matters raised.

There being no further business, the Chair closed the meeting at 20:25

Date Signed