

Shurdington Parish Council

Minutes of the meeting held on Monday 13th March 2023 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 Chloe Gunn
- Cllr Phil Surman
- John Kay, Parish Clerk
- Cllr Phil Hunt
- Cllr Richard Allen
- Cllr Sandra Sowerbutts
- Cllr Graham Allen.
- GCC Cllr Robert Vines
- 2 members of the public

036/23 APOLOGIES

There were no apologies for absence.

037/23 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillors Porter and G Allen declared non-pecuniary interests as Chair and Treasurer of the Shurdington Community Centre.

038/23 PUBLIC QUESTIONS

A member of the public thanked the Council for planting trees on the village green, it was noted that watering had been carried out during February due to the dry weather. Concern was raised over a tree on the village green is leaning over and has mistletoe on it. **IT WAS AGREED** to check the previous inspection information and arrange a new inspection.

It was noted the hedge on the Harrison Road/Sinclair Road junction was overhanging and there had been a noise report during the recent event at the Community Centre. The music had been turned down following the complaint.

It was noted that the planning application for 25 new homes on Leckhampton Lane had been approved, although the Parish Council had not received notification of this decision.

039/23 MINUTES

The Minutes of the Meeting of Council held on the 13th February 2023 were confirmed as a true record and were signed by the Chair.

040/23 MATTERS ARISING

There was no further update on the matters arising.

041/23 REPORTS FROM PARISH, BOROUGH AND COUNTY CLLRS

Cllr Vines reported that the County Council budget had been agreed as previously indicated – 4.99% increase with 2% towards adult social care. The GCC budget for 2023/24 is £566m.

Cllr Surman reported that Tewkesbury Borough Council had increased the budget by an average of £5 per Band D property per year. Cllr Surman confirmed there was approximately 360 new homes in the Brizen estate.

Cllr Stewart reported the bin areas at John Lambe and John Welch flats have been kept tidy. Some shrubs/plants in the alley between Wilson Road and John Lambe House have been removed. The village green was confirmed available on the 9th July for the Church fete. A risk assessment would be required, the church insurance covers this event. It was noted that dogs had killed some new-born lambs.

Cllr Gunn reported that some of the bins had been tipped over in the village.

Cllr G Allen updated the Council on two quotes for electric vehicle points at the Community Centre. **IT WAS AGREED** that Cllr Porter and G Allen would draft an agreement for consideration between the Parish Council and Community Centre for the installation and management of the electric charger points.

Cllr Hunt reported that the entrance to Lambert Gardens had been resurfaced and he had found the new recycling leaflet very useful. Councillors expressed an interest in attending a site visit of the recycling centre.

Cllr R Allen requested that the Council progress adding an additional Councillors due to the increase in homes and residents and to update the 2014 parish plan. The patron of the Cheese Rollers would be happy to host a defibrillator. It was noted that many pothole repairs had only lasted a few days recently.

042/23 HIGHWAY & FOOTPATH MATTERS

Cllr Hinds had been contacted by the new Flood Engineer and held an online session to discuss ongoing drainage concerns. A site meting is to be carried out including reviewing suggestions for the Ham Brook.

It was noted that Severn Trent had been carrying out works on the A46 near Shire Cars.

0/43 FINANCIAL MATTERS

i) The bank reconciliation up to 7th March 2023 was noted.

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

HMRC (PAYE)	£ 159.12
John Kay (salary/expenses)	£ 812.77

Smart Alex Windows	£ 25.00
CPRE	£ 36.00
Partridge Peartree	£1,926.00
WRT Services	£ 150.00

Grant Request from Shurdington Community Centre

IT WAS RESOLVED to award a grant of £5k to Shurdington Community Centre. Cllrs Porter and G Allen abstained. Cllr Hinds requested that the Parish Council confirm what they consider to be a “community event” that would result in fees being waived by the Community Centre.

iii) Grass Cutting 2023/24

IT WAS RESOLVED to accept the quote of £95 for 2023/24. It was noted that Council will obtain quotations for the 2024/25 grass cutting.

044/23 PLANNING MATTERS: APPLICATIONS

There were no further planning applications to consider, the Clerk advised Councillors an amendment for the Shire Car application had been received today.

045/23 PLANNING MATTERS: DECISIONS

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

046/23 ENFORCEMENT INVESTIGATION

There was no update on enforcement issues.

047/23 ALLOTMENTS

The Allotment Committee had agreed to no increase in rental fees for 2023/24 but it was intended to raise the fees for 2024/25 by the CPI percentage for January 2024.

The Clerk was asked to remind the owner of Plot 16 to comply with the notice (15th March) and remove the sides of the structure. A new WhatsApp group has been set up to provide information quickly to allotment holders.

048/23 KING GEORGE V PLAYING FIELD

To receive an update

There was no update on planned improvements.

To consider funding future maintenance of the alley from Blenheim Orchard to the Playing Field

The Council would consider funding a volunteer, but the costs were not known, and the Clerk would seek advice from our current insurers.

049/23 ENVIRONMENTAL MATTERS

The tree has not yet been planted at Blenheim Orchard, but Cllr Gunn would be progressing phase 2 – mostly planting in the village green area with shrubs etc.

050/23 TAXI VOUCHER SCHEME

The Clerk was requested to contact Community Connexions to enquire what support they could offer Shurdington residents. Cllr Porter informed that there may be a local taxi driver who would be willing to contribute to the scheme.

051/23 KING CHARLES III CORONATION

The update for the coronation event included a summary of plans including BBQ lunch, tea/coffee & cake stall, ice cream van. There would be stalls, animals, arts & crafts and marquees. Any surplus of food would be donated to Greenway Food project. The event insurance would be covered by the existing Parish Council insurance agreement. Entertainment costs were not yet known. A sum of £500 would be required to cover the cost of food and drinks for the event. The committee would meet soon to progress arrangements. The event would require the use of the Village Green in addition to the Community Centre.

Cllr Porter had authorised the ordering of 500 coins to commemorate the coronation, the deadline to order the coins had been 8th March to obtain them in time.

Cllr Porter to draft a loyal greeting to the King.

052/23 ANNUAL ASSEMBLY 2023

A member from the civil engineering firm “Keir” will be in attendance, they will provide an update on the A417 Missing Link project. Disappointingly we had had no response from the local Neighbourhood Police team on attending. The Cotswold Warden would be in attendance.

053/23 NEXT COUNCIL MEETING

The next meeting of Council is scheduled for 7pm on Monday 3rd April 2023 at the Community Centre, Shurdington.

There being no further business, the Chair closed the meeting at 8:45pm.

Signed:

Dated: