

Shurdington Parish Council

Minutes of the meeting held on Monday 3rd April 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
- Cllr Phil Hunt
- Cllr Richard Allen
- Cllr Sandra Sowerbutts
- Cllr Graham Allen.
- John Kay, Parish Clerk

In the absence of the Chair, Cllr Hinds assumed the role of Chair and opened the meeting.

054/23 APOLOGIES

There were no apologies for absence.

055/23 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

056/23 PUBLIC QUESTIONS

There were no members of the public in attendance.

057/23 MINUTES

The Minutes of the Meeting of Council held on the 13th March 2023 were not confirmed as a true record and they would be reconsidered at the next meeting of Council.

058/23 MATTERS ARISING

There was no further update on the matters arising from the Clerk. Cllr Porter joined the meeting and assumed the role of chair.

Cllr Hinds reported that the cancelled site meeting had not been rearranged by the drainage engineer. It was noted that following the heavy rain there had been flooding at many locations within the village. Flood levels at the rear of Blenheim Orchard had reached levels of the flood in 2007 and that the Ham Brook exacerbated the issue.

059/23 REPORTS FROM PARISH, BOROUGH AND COUNTY CLLRS

Cllr Stewart reported that the footpaths in Lambert Drive were poor and in particular a blind couple struggling with access. The hedge at the corner Harrison

Road/Sinclair Road was restricting access, the Clerk would write to the owner (No. 9)

It was noted that potential fly tipped materials was present at the rear of the gardens on Bishops Road.

Cllr G Allen had brought a copy of plans for the improvements works at the Community Centre should anyone like to view them.

Cllr R Allen commented on the recently installed gateway features on Leckhampton Lane, the Council although pleased to see them, were unaware of these and the Clerk was asked to find out from GCC Highways why they had been installed.

It was noted there would be briefing on the effectiveness of Speedwatch hosted by Gloucestershire Police on 6th June 2023.

Cllr R Allen provided a copy of the Maltby report from 1965, the Clerk agreed to scan and send to all Councillors.

Cllr Hunt requested the Clerk to find out from GCC Highways if they would support a new grit bin in Greenway Close. It was noted the grit bin at the church was broken. Cllr Hunt highlighted that tyres could no longer be disposed of at the recycling centres in Gloucestershire.

The Clerk confirmed that we received a request from potential developers of Greenway Nursery for a meeting with Councillors after the election. Councillors expressed an opportunity to review our policies in relation to planning matters.

Cllr Hinds reported large ash tree branches had fallen, but subsequently been removed by a volunteer on Betty Roberts Lane, this had showed the tree to be in a very unsafe condition due to rot. The Clerk was asked to write to the PROW team as the web function "report it" had received no response.

060/23 HIGHWAY & FOOTPATH MATTERS

Cllr Hinds provided feedback from the Cotswold Warden on the recent surveys of the PROW network which included many long standing issues which the parish have reported to the PROW team. Issues include partial closure of AHS 29, unsafe stile and restrictions to permissible path on ASH 4, high stile, gates and antisocial behaviour on ASH 5 and two large unsafe oak trees on ASH 52. Councillors expressed their disappointment and concerns over these issues and the lack of any positive responses from the PROW team.

Cllr Hinds requested any areas of concern on the highway network to be passed to him and a meeting would be arranged with the Local Highway Manager.

061/23 FINANCIAL MATTERS

- i) The bank reconciliation up to 28th March 2023 was noted.

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

HMRC (PAYE)	£ 162.97
John Kay (salary/expenses)	£ 748.17
Smart Alex Windows	£ 25.00
GAPTC	£ 599.19
GPFA	£ 50.00

iii) To consider quote for tree works on Village Green

IT WAS RESOLVED to accept the quote to remove the tree for £200 from Chris Arnold.

062/23 PLANNING MATTERS: APPLICATIONS

There were no further planning applications to consider.

063/23 PLANNING MATTERS: DECISIONS

The Council noted the decisions made by Tewkesbury Borough Council since the last meeting but remained concerned that certain application amendments seemed to be passed without the opportunity for the public (and parish council) to comment.

064/23 ENFORCEMENT INVESTIGATION

The Council noted the new planning enforcement notice for an alleged erection of an unauthorised outbuilding: 38 Yarnolds Shurdington Cheltenham Gloucestershire GL51 4SJ

065/23 ALLOTMENTS

It was confirmed that the 2023/24 allotment rent letters had been sent out to tenants. Currently there is one vacant plot which has been offered to a person from the waiting list, another plot is about to become vacant.

The lane leading to the allotment is in poor condition. Cllr Hunt will check that the fly tipped material has been removed on 4th April.

066/23 KING GEORGE V PLAYING FIELD

To receive an update

There was no update on planned improvements, but the committee were meeting on the 4th April 2023.

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

The Clerk confirmed that a volunteer working with hand tools only would be covered by the Parish Council insurance policy.

067/23 ENVIRONMENTAL MATTERS

Cllr Gunn has been progressing the planting scheme with an approximate cost of £300 per area (3 areas) on the village green plus some cultivation costs. The Council indicated they were happy for Cllr Gunn to progress within this estimated budget. Cllr Sowerbutts offered to donate some plants to the scheme.

Cllr Gunn would remind the contractor about the tree to be planted at Blenheim Orchard.

Cllr Hinds was invited to attend the meeting with Cllrs Porter and G Allen in relation to an agreement between the Parish Council and the Community Centre for electric charging points at 7:30pm on 18th April 2023.

068/23 TAXI VOUCHER SCHEME

Cllr Gunn left the meeting.

The Clerk provided an update from Community Connexions on community transport scheme options available to the residents of Shurdington.

IT WAS RESOLVED to offer residents in Shurdington who meet the previous taxi voucher scheme criteria a sum of £26 towards the subscription to the Community Connexions system. This would be reviewed over a 12-month period for effectiveness and in relation to available budget.

069/23 KING CHARLES III CORONATION

£500 has been estimated for the food/drinks element of the celebration. No charges would be made from the tabletop sales including ice creams. The Clerk would supply a risk assessment template.

Cllr Gunn to discuss the best place on village green for a tree to commemorate the coronation, with possibly a winner of the children's competition being involved.

IT WAS RESOLVED to hire a samba band for (up to) £250 for the event. There were three abstentions (Cllrs Hinds, R Allen and Stewart)

The event requires more publicity to increase awareness within the parish.

070/23 ANNUAL ASSEMBLY 2023

To be held at 7pm on 17th April 2023 at the Community Centre.

071/23 DEFIBRILLATOR LOCATION

IT WAS RESOLVED the preferred location were at the church hall in School Road and the Cheese Rollers. Cllr Sowerbutts to discuss with the current proprietor.

072/23 NEXT COUNCIL MEETING

The next meeting of Council is scheduled for 7pm on Monday 15th May 2023 at the Community Centre, Shurdington.

There being no further business, the Chair closed the meeting at 8:55pm.

Signed:

Dated: