

# Shurdington Parish Council

Minutes of the meeting held on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> April 2024 at 7pm in the Century Room at Community Centre, Shurdington.

## IN ATTENDANCE

- Cllr Derwen Hinds (Chair)
- Cllr Richard Allen
- Cllr Sandra Sowerbutts
- Cllr Jan Warne
- John Kay, Parish Clerk
- Cllr Chloe Gunn (Vice Chair)
- Cllr Phil Hunt
- Cllr Clare Stewart
- GCC Cllr Vines
- TBC Cllr Porter
- One member of the public

## 051/24 APOLOGIES

Cllr Graham Allen provided his apologies (personal).

## 052/24 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

## 053/24 REGARDING COUNCILLOR VACANCY

There were no expressions of interest to join the Council.

## 054/24 PUBLIC QUESTIONS

A member of the public queried why street name plates display both Bishops Road and Bishop Road. **IT WAS AGREED** to query this with Tewkesbury Borough Council, the correct term is Bishop.

A member of the public complained about the hedge overgrowing onto the pavement on Harrison Road, **IT WAS AGREED** the Clerk would again write to the owner.

## 055/24 MINUTES

The Minutes of the Meeting of Council held on the 5<sup>th</sup> March 2024 were confirmed as a true record and were signed by the Chair.

## 056/24 MATTERS ARISING & OUTSTANDING ACTIONS

The matters arising and actions were reviewed. Litter picking had taken place over the easter holiday but no response had been received from the Primary School's Parent Teacher Association. The investigations were continuing at Lulworth on Main Road by the Planning Enforcement team. Works on the local PROW network had been delayed by the wet weather.

## **057/24        REPORTS FROM PARISH, BOROUGH AND COUNTY CLLRS**

Cllr Vines reported the Build Back Better funding of £5k for the King George V Playground was due to be paid to the Parish Council. A separate youth fund of £3k was available.

Cllr Porter reported that Tewkesbury Borough Council were celebrating 50 years. New planning officers had been recruited to help with the backlog of applications. The consultation for the Strategic Local Plan was closed and the responses were being reviewed. The election for the Gloucestershire Police Crime Commissioner would take place on 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2024.

Cllr Hinds reported that the Garden Communities Parish Group were concerned with the lack of holistic approach to planning by the Borough Council and the impact on transport routes with the planned developments in and around the Cheltenham area. Cllr Porter agreed to feed this back to the consultation.

Cllr Stewart reported that there were much fewer taxis parking on School Lane. It was noted one remained and hadn't moved for several weeks. **IT WAS AGREED** the Clerk would contact the Borough Council.

Cllr Stewart reported that on the week prior to bank holiday Mondays, those using the foodbank could have extra food.

A parking issue was reported in Lambert Drive, but little action could be taken and over running of the wet verges was continuing at various locations including Yarnolds.

Cllr Gunn would report a fallen tree on the path leading up Shurdington Hill.

Cllr Warne reported flooding on School Lane, Farm Lane and that access for dogs was being restricted by the landowner on ASH 4 & 5. **IT WAS AGREED** the Clerk would report these matters.

The Clerk agreed to enquire what had happened to the request for a new waste bin on the King George V playing field and the fly tipping in Yarnolds which had been raised last month.

Cllr Hunt would supply the full address of the bungalow near the cricket pitch to the Clerk.

Cllr Hunt reported that the grass area in Blenheim Orchard had been churned up, by contractors, but the homeowner had accepted responsibility.

## **058/24        HIGHWAY & FOOTPATH MATTERS**

No matters to be discussed.

## **059/24 FINANCIAL MATTERS**

i) The bank reconciliation up to 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2024 was noted.

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

HMRC (PAYE)	£ 178.46
John Kay (salary/expenses)	£ 719.86
Shurdington Community Centre	£ 90.00
Smart Alex Windows	£ 25.00
Cllr Phil Hunt (expenses)	£ 306.00
GAPTC	£ 628.47

**IT WAS AGREED** to have an agenda item at the next meeting to discuss allocation of CIL funding received by the Parish Council.

## **060/24 PLANNING MATTERS: APPLICATIONS**

The Council noted the responses made by the Parish Council since the last meeting.

## **061/24 PLANNING MATTERS: DECISIONS**

The Council noted the decisions made by Tewkesbury Borough Council since the last meeting. The Parish Council fear a precedent has been set with the approval of 5 house as an “infill development” within the AONB (23/00964/FUL)

## **062/24 ENFORCEMENT INVESTIGATION**

The Council noted that there were three ongoing enforcement investigation at Oak Farm, Chargrove Lane; Lulworth, Main Road, Shurdington and Greatfield Tyres, Shurdington Road.

## **063/24 ALLOTMENTS**

Cllr Hunt reported that there had been no complaints raised about the rent increase, the Clerk had issued rent letters. There are two plots which are about to be available for new tenants (Plots 13 and 18).

## **064/24 KING GEORGE V PLAYING FIELD**

To receive an update

The Charity have decided to continue with their plans for the improvements funded by S106 funds and as such the Parish Council will not re-apply to the Borough Council. The fund-raising events to date have been modestly attended. The committee meets tomorrow evening (9<sup>th</sup> April).

## **065/24 ENVIRONMENTAL MATTERS**

Cllr Gunn reported that GCC Highways have responded to where trees can be planted within highway land and she will continue to progress the matter. The Parish Council will be responsible for maintaining the trees, especially if watering is required after planting.

In Cllr G Allen's absence, it was agreed to postpone any decision on the electric vehicle charging proposal until next month and allow Cllr Allen some time to respond to some of the written comments/queries.

**066/24 NEIGHBOURHOOD DEVELOPMENT PLAN**

The Councillors considered the information provided at the recent briefing but are awaiting a list of the "pros and cons" of developing an NDP. **IT WAS AGREED** the matter would be raised at the Annual Assembly to gauge community support for such a project.

**067/24 ANNUAL ASSEMBLY 2024**

The annual assembly is being held on Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> April at 7pm and will be hosted at the Community Centre. The Clerk to issue the agenda.

**068/24 NEXT COUNCIL MEETING**

The date for next Meeting of Council is scheduled at 7pm on 13<sup>th</sup> May 2024 at the Community Centre, Bishops Road, Shurdington.

There being no further business, the Chair closed the meeting at 20:10.

**Signed:**

**Dated:**

## Action List

### Agenda Item Action to be Undertaken by Responsible Person

054/24	Query Street name sign	Clerk
054/24	Write Hedge Letter	Clerk
057/24	Report taxi to TBC	Clerk
057/24	Report fallen tree	Cllr Gunn
057/24	Report to PROW	Clerk
057/24	Enquire about bin (KG5)	Clerk
057/24	Enquire about fly tipping	Clerk
057/24	Inspect bungalow	Cllr Hunt
059/24	Process Payments	Clerk
059/24	Agenda Item (CIL)	Clerk
065/24	Respond to queries	Cllr G Allen
066/24	Annual Assembly – NDP	Cllr R Allen