

SHIREOAKS PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of 11th November 2014 held at 7.15pm At Shireoaks Village Hall

Present

Cllr P Blagg (chair)

Cllrs: I Jones, S Fielding, B Ayton, C Atkinson, K Gosling, G Robinson and T Hunt and Clerk S MacDonald.

4970 Public forum for discussion of any topic raised by residents.

No public attended

4971 To receive Apologies for Absence:

Cllr Pressley

4972 Declaration of Interest:

None declared

4973 Planning

a) Correspondence

b) Applications

14/01215/COU Unit 8 Shireoaks Business Centre, Coach Road Shireoaks.

A letter of no objection is to be sent to Bassetlaw planning, with a note to ask for keeping the refreshment van area clean and tidy. **ACTION: Clerk**

c) Decision Notices

14/00223/OUT Land off Shireoaks Common

It was reported that outline planning permission had been granted by BDC Planning Committee on 22 October, 2014.

Members expressed disappointment that permission had been approved. A copy of the BDC Planning Committee report was circulated. It was felt that the strong views and written representations put forward by both the Parish Council and residents had not adequately been borne out in the report to give a more balanced overview of the situation. The report was written in such a way to favour development. Consultations have been going on for 2-3 years regarding this site which have not yet been completed.

Notwithstanding the strong representations registered, the Parish Council believe that this application should have been refused on grounds alone that:-

- 1) The application site lies outside the development boundary as defined in the BDC's own Core Strategy
- 2) The site is still in the process of a consultation exercise on preferred options for the site allocations for housing which has not yet been completed
- 3) The final proposals are to be considered by a planning inspector at a public inquiry at a date to be fixed in the future.

It was felt that the Parish Council have been unfairly denied participating further in this process in respect of Site 195 and have badly been let down. The Shireoaks Neighbourhood Plan document which is nearing completion could also have been taken into account.

Furthermore, Members expressed grave concerns over the proposed access road into the residential development claiming that it was totally unsuitable, at a blind spot on a very busy and dangerous stretch of road on Shireoaks Common.

It was Resolved that

- 1) The Parish Council write to the District Council expressing our disappointment that this application has been approved.
- 2) The Parish Council give reasons as set out above, as well as our ongoing concerns with flooding and highway issues
- 3) The Parish Council ask the District Council to respond to our concerns. **ACTION: Clerk**

14/00632/FUL – Newton House - Approved

This was discussed and the members were not happy with the planning application being granted by the PGC instead of going before the full committee. Some of the reports about the application were received after the PGC had made its decision. The head of Planning was not present nor anyone senior in planning from Bassetlaw District Council. Neither the chair nor the vice-chair were at this meeting. It was felt that given the Parish Council and villager concerns the matter should have been referred up to the full planning committee.

It was resolved to send a letter to Eric Pickles MP asking where the localism was in this decision, and asking him to look into the matter in his position as Secretary of State. **ACTION: Clerk/ Cllr Jones**

14/01094/HSE 104 Shireoaks Common, Shireoaks, Worksop

It was noted that this application had been granted but none of the members had seen this application. A letter is to be sent to the District Council asking how or why this had not been received. **ACTION: Clerk**

4974 To receive reports/information from County & District Councillors

Cllr Pressley was not at the meeting.

Cllr S Fielding:

The bus stop at the A57 end of the village is nearly finished now. Notts County Council had also cut down hedges whilst constructing this bus stop to give clearer views to the buses pulling out.

The interactive speed sign at the A57 end of the village is still on track for this year. A map of its position was shown to members. Cllr Robinson questioned why the sign was positioned where it was. He suggested that it should be nearer to the present speed signs coming into the village. It was explained that because of the bend in the road the sign had to have a clear line of sight and so this position was the first place it could be effectively erected.

The 30 minute waiting zone at the shops in the village is now undergoing consultation and letters have been sent to those who would be affected.

Rev Alvey has requested a meeting with Cllr Fielding and Cllr Blagg to try to improve communications between the church and the members. They will organise this and bring his comments back to the members. **ACTION: Cllr Fielding/Cllr Blagg**

4975 To approve the minutes of the meetings held on 14th October 2014

The minutes were proposed by Cllr Jones and seconded by Cllr Fielding as a true record and then signed by Cllr Blagg as chair.

4976 Matters arising from the previous minutes

Min 4946 Cllr Fielding is still having ongoing discussions about the road surfacing between Rhodesia and Shireoaks. The chair of highways is coming out to inspect the work and the issues to be resolved. **ACTION: Cllr Fielding**

Min 4947 It was asked if the wording could be checked and changed when approving the minutes of the last meeting. It was also requested that the approval of the minutes be put higher on the agenda in future meetings. **ACTION: Clerk**

Min 4950 It was felt that the village was well represented at the War Memorial service on 9.11.14 and that it was a good service by Rev Alvey.

Min 4955 There is nothing in the current standing orders prohibiting a councillor having 6 months off if authorised. However upon discussion Cllr Atkinson said that she felt it was right to resign whilst she is away as she cannot represent the villagers in her absence.

4977 War Memorial Renovation Update.

Plinth – After much discussion the decision was made to turn over the current stones instead of installing new ones. This was done before the service on 9.11.14. There is however 1 broken one which still needs replacement, but it was thought that Lidsters were able to get a new one to match. They also will need cleaning too to match the other cleaned stonework.

A letter is to be sent to Cowleys to thank them for their kind offer of stones which had to be rejected due to constraints by the church architect. **ACTION: Clerk**

4978 Co-option of new members.

There is still 1 person interested in the casual vacancy. It was resolved to invite Mr Mark Long to the next meeting for further discussion. **ACTION: Clerk**

4979 Public Footpath off Shireoaks Road.

It was reported that fencing had been erected at the rear of the properties on Shireoaks Road to create a paddock for grazing. This had resulted in obstructing the right of way. Although there are gates for access, animals are grazing on the land which could intimidate walkers. It was resolved to check with Notts County Council if this was permissible. **ACTION: Clerk**

4980 Village Garden Issues

It was reported that the pathways in the village garden were not finished off properly and require attention. There are weeds growing through.

It was suggested that hard standing was needed at the four seating areas.

The riverbank needs tidying up. Bulbs had been planted in this area.

It was resolved to look at this area in spring next year with a view to planting more flowering shrubs.

It was also reported that some of the upright plinths are broken. And need replacing or the existing ones need re-fixing. There is a piece that could be re fixed into position.

The dog fouling sign has broken in the garden so it was resolved to ask Bassetlaw District Council for a new one. **ACTION: Clerk**

4982 Member's reports and exchange of information on matters of concern.

It was reported that overhanging trees and branches on Spring Lane are a danger to vehicles and pedestrians. During recent strong winds a large branch had fallen and obstructed the roadway. A letter is to be sent to Notts County Council. There are also overhanging branches near the canal bridge on Shireoaks Road and at The Ford. **ACTION: Clerk**

There is also litter at the Ford and near the Village name sign on Spring Lane. Litter busters are to be contacted. **ACTION: Clerk**

A complaint had been made that a letter sent to the editor of the newsletter had been refused print. A letter is to be sent to the editor asking what their policy is towards readers' letters being printed. **ACTION: Clerk**

A query had been received as to why the Parish Council had so much money in the bank. It was explained that most of it actually belonged to other projects like the Woodlands and the Neighbourhood plan. The new way of reporting makes this clearer hopefully. **ACTION: Clerk**

It was reported that since the road had been resurfaced between Shireoaks and Rhodesia, traffic was moving faster along this stretch.

There is a triangular piece of pavement, across from the church where the tubs are which is crumbling. This is to be reported to Notts County Council. **ACTION: Clerk**

It was suggested that the railings on the church corner near the War Memorial could do with re-painting. It was suggested that we ask the vicar for permission at the meeting with Rev Alvey. Cllr Hunt offered to do this if permission was granted. **ACTION: Cllr Blagg/ Cllr Hunt**

It was also reported that there were some foreign drivers arriving at Thorpe Lane looking for Steetley Works. They then have to turn round in either Shireoaks Hall or Thorpe Lane. A letter is to be sent to Steetley asking them to check the postcode given to suppliers in order to minimise this happening. It appears to be 1 certain supplier. **ACTION: Clerk**

9 December

4983 Proposed date of next meeting – Tuesday 13th January at 7.15pm.

The meeting closed at 9.35 pm.

Signed 

Date: 9th December 2014