

SHIREOAKS PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of 9th December 2014 held at 7.15pm At Shireoaks Village Hall

Present

Cllr P Blagg (chair)

Cllrs I Jones, B Ayton, K Gosling, G Robinson and T Hunt and clerk S MacDonald

4984 Open Forum for discussion of any topic raised by residents

Eric Haykin spoke on behalf of the Neighbourhood Plan. -He stated that In relation to neighbourhood plan, 1 project is the flood alleviation plan. And he is working with BDC. He brought a flood alleviation plan for the members to look through and asked for feedback. He suggested an item on January agenda for discussion so that it can be taken forward or amended. He asked for any comments be sent to him. The plan will be scanned and sent to the members after the meeting.

ACTION: Clerk

John Rogers spoke on behalf of the Friends of Woodlands and Coachwood Green. – He presented a report having surveyed people around the village. He would like an item on the agenda in February to give updates regularly. He will contact the clerk to let the members know when he will attend. He stated that 700 people went through the footfall survey of which 65% support the project. They have applied for a grant and got HCA to prepare planning permission documents, with initial plans drawn up using survey results they plan to put in pre planning application to BDC. A meeting in Jan to get plans put forward, therefore he cannot update the members until at least the February meeting. The survey will be scanned and sent to the members after the meeting. **ACTION: Clerk**

It was also mentioned that the path from Rhodesia is now completed and Cllr Jones proposed that we check if we can claim the VAT back from this project before we do this with HMRC. Cllr Hunt seconded this.

Mike Wild spoke about the incinerator campaign. – He expected the application to arrive in July but nothing has happened. He asked that the incinerator group come to present their report to the Parish Council. They will contact clerk to ask nearer the meeting when an application appears. He asked if the Parish Council could help in promoting recycling in Shireoaks with perhaps some composting garden waste scheme. He stated that 95% of villagers are against the incinerator.

4985 Apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Cllr Fielding and Cllr Pressley

4986 Declaration of Interest

None were declared

4987 To approve the minutes of the meeting held 11th November 2014

The minutes were approved by Cllr Robinson and seconded by Cllr Jones and after the following 2 amendments they were declared a true record and then signed by Cllr Blagg as chair.



Min 4971 was to be taken off the minutes as the apology from Cllr Pressley arrived too late to be presented to the members at the last meeting.
Min 4983 was to be amended as the date was incorrect it should have read "Proposed date of next meeting – Tuesday 9th December at 7.15pm

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Matters arising from previous minutes

Min 4973 it was advised that the letter sent to the Chief Executive had been passed to D Armiger for answer. It was said that having written to various people within BDC without response on several occasions it was felt that the Parish Council does not have a voice.

Min 4974 a meeting had not been fixed with the vicar yet.

Min 4977 it was asked if a letter had been sent to Cowleys, which it had.

Min 4979 A response was gained with regards to the Public Footpath stating that no breach had been committed.

Min 4980 with regards to village garden issues. It was stated that the path got wet during installation which may have caused the problems, SWHL to have a look at work quality. The existing stones which were to be put back at the edge of the garden cannot be reused. It was asked if Cllr Fielding could get a grant to get a fence round the garden.

Min 4982 an answer to the letter sent to Shireoaks Newsletter with regards to readers' letters being printed had been received.

Min 4982 it was asked that another note be sent to Notts Highways about overhanging trees from River Bridge back towards the mill entrance. The hedge is overgrown could it be suggested to them, that Cllr Jones meets them to discuss the problems. **ACTION: Clerk**

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Planning

a) Correspondence:

14/00223/OUT Reserved matters for site 195

There was no information to report at this stage on reserved matters. Awaiting Decision Notice from BDC. Although outline planning permission has now been granted, residents still have concerns regarding flooding and highway issues. A number of letters from residents expressing concerns have recently appeared in the local newspaper.

Members referred to letters the PC have sent to the Environment Agency and Local Authorities on these issues which remain unanswered.

Resolved to take up these matters again when reserved matters are given consideration.

14/01094/14 104 Shireoaks Common

An answer had not been forthcoming with regards to this application so a reminder was to be sent

ACTION: Clerk

b) Applications:

None were received

c) Decision Notices:

It was noted that decision notices were not sent to the Parish Council by BDC. It was asked that a letter be sent asking them if they changed that policy. **ACTION: Clerk**

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To receive reports/information from County & District Councillors

No District Councillors attended the meeting. It was asked that a letter be sent to Cllr Pressley and Cllr Rhodes asking if they intended to come to the Parish Council meetings at some point in the future. **ACTION: Clerk**

An email had been sent by Cllr Pressley asking if the Parish Council had any projects for 2015 to let him know so that he could enquire if any funding was available. He was also holding a roving surgery on the 20th December around the Leeds Road area and if there were any specific problems could the members let him know. He stated that the site allocations process had been called in by the councils' cabinet and subject to call in of the decision they agreed to cease the current consultation and start a new consultation in 2015. This was because of a change in Government policy on planning issues. Finally he asked if the Parish Council would consider putting on a Christmas do for the pensioners in the village in 2015 and that he would be willing to assist with this if agreed.

An email was sent by Cllr Fielding stating that consultation was taking place as regards the speed limit prior to the village on Shireoaks Road. It is proposed to reduce the speed limit to 40. She asked that if there were any issues, that the members let her know.

4991 Co-option of new members

Mark Long attended the meeting with a view to being co-opted as a new member of the Parish Councillor. This was proposed as accepted by Cllr Blagg and seconded by Cllr Jones. Notification is to be sent to BDC. **ACTION: Clerk**

4992 War Memorial Renovation Update

It was reported that Mr Grundy is going to get a piece of stone to replace the broken piece around the memorial. Lidsters will then come and finish the cleaning process. The grant from BDC will not be paid until all work is finished. But an email is to be sent to Simon Britt to ask that the money is still available and set aside for this purpose as proposed. **ACTION: Clerk**

4993 Village Memorial Clock

The church clock has stopped chiming the hourly repeats. Time assured have been asked to come to look at the problem. Hopefully it is repairable. They also suggested that perhaps the yearly service should co-incide with one of the time changes. It seems that the changing back by 1 hour is causing the most problems. **ACTION: Clerk**

4994 Grass Cutting Contracts

This is still in the process of being typed up for next years' tender process. A list of other jobs is to be brought to the next meeting. A list will be sent out of all the ad hoc jobs that have been commissioned this year. **ACTION: Clerk**

4995 Future Projects – precept

At the January meeting the 2015-2016 precept will be discussed. It was asked if any projects should be accounted for in this discussion. Some of the suggestions were

- a) hard standing under benches in the village garden
- b) riverbank planting
- c) anew seat on middle of Shireoaks row
- d) Xmas lights. A letter to Carlton and Langold asking about their lights and how much and where they came from. Also send letters to ask our District councillors who has financed them. **ACTION: Clerk**

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Finance

Balanced to statements as at 30.10.14

Nat West Current

£25,260.49

Nat West Reserve

£8,439.36

Nationwide Clock Fund

£887.30

£34,587.15

The following Cheques are still unpresented

Shireoaks Newsletter

1465

300.00

Royal British Legion

1469

20.00320.00Payments received since last meeting
interest on clock fund account0.870.87

The following are to pay this meeting

HMRC

1471

54.20

D Gower wages

1472

355.95

Robert Grundy for war memorial

1473

350.00

Mellors Plant & Earthworks Ltd

1474

15052.80

15812.95

After the above movements the balances in the bank accounts will be:

Nat West Current

£9,127.54

Nat West Reserve

£8,439.36

Nationwide Clock Fund

£888.17

TOTAL FUNDS HELD£18,455.07Of which Woodlands balance is
of which N Plan balance is

£2,947.20

£6,000.00

Remaining Parish Council
funds£9,507.87

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Correspondence

A thankyou letter had been received from Shireoaks Newsletter for our donation.

4998

Members reports and exchange of information on matters of concern

There was litter at the village name sign, the village litter picker should do small stuff within village boundaries. **ACTION: Clerk**

An article from the leader of the councils stated that any problems in the village with dog owners, could be sent via twitter and Facebook or emailing in. The Parish Council would be interested to know how this will be policed. A note will be put in the next newsletter informing residents. **ACTION: Clerk**

In the Newton House planning decision, one of the conditions is to remove wall for increased visibility for access. It was agreed to write Notts CC highways to say that this wall is within the curtilage of a listed building, this being the Parish Hall. **ACTION Clerk**

Rubbish was reported being on the Marina. **ACTION: Clerk**

There is an issue with parking near school on Monks Way outside the car park. It is hoped that this problem will be solved with new entry to school but until then it was agreed to write a letter to the school, and also a letter to Notts police asking for investigation.±

Building rubbish was reported as being dumped near Marina Drive. **ACTION: Clerk**

A problem was reported due to moles round winding wheels, but this was agreed to be left until the spring now.

It was agreed to send a letter to Notts highways about reinstating the grass verge and collecting the remnants of the pruned trees after installing the bus stops at the end of Coach Road. **ACTION: Clerk**

It was reported that 2 cars are parking on Shireoaks Common near the solid white lines approaching the level crossing. They are causing larger vehicles to cross these lines and at busy times when the crossing is down a problem is occurring with oncoming traffic. They are parked here all day, presumably using the train. It was agreed to inform Notts police. **ACTION: Clerk**

A complaint had been received with regards to horses escaping from the field next to the church and pooping in the graveyard and in the allotments. They were causing damage and bad feeling amongst villagers whose relatives were buried in the churchyard, and amongst the allotment owners. A letter is to be sent to the church. **ACTION: Clerk**

The meeting closed at 9.25pm

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Proposed date of next meeting – Tuesday 13th January 2015


Cllr Blagg
Chairman