

# Shireoaks Parish Council

## Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 8<sup>th</sup> October 2024

Present:

Councillors: R Hewson, C Dixon, T Wilkes, G Robinson J Potts and P Blagg (who left the meeting at 19.40)

Clerk: Minutes were taken by Cllr Hauxwell in the absence of the clerk.

There were 0 member of the public present.

### 100/24 Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from S MacDonald (Clerk), Cllr Ayton, Cllr Pressley and Cllr Fielding.

### 101/24 Declaration of Interest and to identify any agenda items from which the press and public should be excluded due to the confidential nature of the business.

There were no declarations of interest.

### 102/24 To approve the minutes of the meetings held on 10<sup>th</sup> September 2024

The Minutes of the Meeting held on the above date, copies of which had been circulated previously to members, were confirmed as a true record.

**Proposed** by Cllr P Blagg, seconded by Cllr R Hewson, and signed by the Chair.

### 103/24 Matters Arising

- a) Church Clock  
Smith Derby have an appointment to bring back a part which was not working.
- b) Events – Fireworks  
Tracey will do H&S and email it by the end of the week.  
Cllr Blagg said volunteers were needed for Saturday morning and Sunday Morning, on Saturday night people who would be willing to step up if there was an incident were needed. Cllr Potts and Cllr Robinson volunteered for Sunday am at 8.30.
- c) To discuss any Village Maintenance/Lengthsman Scheme concerns  
A quote is needed for maintenance of trees in the playing field off York Place.
- d) Communal Noticeboard in the village  
Discussion took place around if we need a noticeboard, as it is only one person representing a business that has asked for it. Cllr Potts thought a good idea would be to put in the Parish Newsletter “that we looked into a noticeboard and it would cost over a £1000, if any businesses were interested in renting an A4 advert size for the year it would be £250”, if no one comes forward it’s not viable, we have our board, the village hall and school have a board and businesses are community minded and put adverts up.
- e) V E Day Anniversary 8<sup>th</sup> May 2025  
This event is a while away yet and beacon lighting is the only thing considered so far. Will be considered more at future meetings.
- f) VJ Day Anniversary 15<sup>th</sup> August 2025  
This will be considered at future meetings.
- g) Village Tidy Up
  - I) Playing Field Trees - A quote is needed for maintenance of trees in the playing field off York Place.
  - II) Corner of Sorrell Drive – Awaiting a date for work to be done by Trees Away

III) Hedge at Francis Field – this is part of SWH Ltd contract and so will be done soon when the weather allows

IV) Hedge at front of allotments - this is part of SWH Ltd contract and so will be done soon when the weather allows. We can only trim the top and the outside road edge.

V) Public Footpath Noticeboard to York Place – This will be strimmed by SWH Ltd this week,

VI) Repainting of Road markings at Church corner – Cllr Fielding spoke with Cllr Hauxwell to say she had contacted Notts County Council and was not happy with the work being carried out on bad surface, and not all the work has been done, for e.g. on the Row and some bus stops. Also, at the last meeting we asked to see if they would consider lines on Glenthorne and Cartwright Street as increased traffic at PO has made this more dangerous, these would be in line with the pavements and not on the private road bits. Cllr Blagg was of the opinions that we will never get those lines, and they were right to paint the road surface as any repairs they will have to reinstate the lines.

VII) Village Garden – fence/bench/sleepers – Cllr Blagg was not happy to ask for broken down quotes, as a businessperson he does not see the value in it. Some discussion took place, and councillors were reminded that what we asked for was another like for like quote to see we are getting value for money, Paul agreed this was fair but not broken-down quotes. Still need to see if we can get another quote for the work.

VIII) Any other areas to be considered – None at present

IX) Winding Wheels – awaiting quote for the work

X) Canal Bridge at Sports & Social Club – Cllr Blagg said he would ask a contact about it, Cllr Hauxwell asked for Cllr Fielding to get an update also as she had had knowledge of the work needed to be done for a while, it was worth waiting for this work to take place before Parish Council sees what needs to be done.

XI) Overhanging trees at Village Garden - Shrubs to be included in the quote mentioned above for village garden, Cllr Robinson would speak with Mark and the additional quote needs to have this work included in it to be like for like.

XII) Phone Box – A quote was received for a complete and painted door of £968 plus VAT, or for the wood part (outside) only £280 plus VAT, the door apparently is a wood surround and metal insert. Discussion took place about it being stronger to get a whole new door particularly as this would mean we did not need more paint. It was asked that CIL be used. This was proposed by Cllr Potts and seconded by Cllr Wilkes.

Cllr Hauxwell updated that someone had contacted her about there being mice and a notice that told everyone to disinfect books. Cllr Hauxwell made a professional laminated notice that asked people to not put books on the floor, she removed the red box and said she would check all the books and remove some to take to Aurora that were more worn and this would help prevent people from putting books on floor, also a good argument for a new full door to help prevent the mice.

XIII) Corner of Coach Road – Cllr Hewson said the grass had been cut but the biggest problem was that borders had been lost over the years the grass has been creeping over the edging (this has happened on Shireoaks Common and could do with sorting too). Cllr Hewson is happy to meet with Mark to discuss however he is away 28th October until 16 November. Cllr Robinson or (Cllr Potts on a weekend) is happy to meet with Mark if more convenient.

XIV) Shireoaks Common – Cllr Potts spoke about the condition of the road and said he thought the answer lay in getting parishioners to complain via the app, this could go in the newsletter and a step-by-step guide on Facebook. Notts County Council may listen to public complaining and if we can direct them from Facebook to their app it may give Cllr Fielding some back up with her conversations with highways. Cllr Hewson reminded councillors that Notts County Council had received more money to improve roads and Shireoaks was still dire. Councillors asked that highways be contacted with Cllr Fielding being copied in on the state of Shireoaks Common, that it is a danger to cyclists, cars, and pedestrians when you consider all the loose tarmac. If things do not improve, we would have to consider contacting local MP. Happy for that to go in communication to Notts County Council.

#### 104/24 New Business

- a) Winter Planting of Tubs – A quote for Tubs, removal of plants, replenish compost, new plants including a few in the big ones was £1368.54. In comparison Summer 24 was £1500, Winter 23 was £1100, and Summer 23 was £1200. Clarification needed of who the quote was from for £1368 one, if it is different to the SWH one can we be reminded of that price and happy to take this decision to email with the timeline needs.
- b) Newsletter – Content was discussed as follows - New PC that came via Cllr Pressley can go in, volunteer for clock checks, who to contact in the event of a flood, where to check online, emergency Facebook group etc. Bit about the community noticeboard and they can contact Parish Council if interested in renting A4 space for £250 per year contact parish email otherwise it is not viable. Fireworks will probably be mentioned. An extra bit with screenshots etc for the Notts App Rachael will speak with editor to see if he can find room as it will be useful information for all residents.
- c) Donation to Poppy Appeal - An Email will be sent to Cllr Blagg to ask him if we need more. Cllr Potts suggested to increase the donation for the poppy appeal by 10% than last year.
- d) Shireoaks Newsletter Grant - Last year we made the decision to cover the cost of one whole newsletter, an email will be sent to Cllr Ayton to see how much current costs to print are.
- e) Woodlands Memorial – Cllr Hauxwell suggested in line with how we went about the memorial to Nora that the family should be contacted to check if/how they would like a memorial to be for John considering his work in the village and particularly with the first Parish Council. This was proposed by Cllr Wilkes and seconded by Cllr Dixon. Cllr Ayton has worked closely with the family since the passing so may want to approach the family.

#### 105/24 Planning

- a) New applications  
24/00826/HSE retain a wooden gazebo – 11 Blackstone Drive  
24/00918/HSE Erect two storey side extension – 8 Robey Way  
No objection letters are to be sent for both of the above.
- b) Decisions and Awaiting Decisions  
23/01399/FUL – proposed construction of a ground mounted solar photovoltaic Farm – Land N and NE of Steetley  
23/01465/COU - Change of Use from Agricultural Field to Dog Walking Area with Secure Fencing - Field to The East of Bottom Farm Thorpe Lane - **GRANTED**  
23/01514/RES – Land to the North of Gateford Tollbar – Res matters 70-bedroom, two storey residential care home. – **GRANTED**  
23/01530/RES – Land to the North of Gateford Tollbar – Res matters of 10 dwellings – sent to BDC - **GRANTED**  
24/00661/FUL New agricultural storage building – Barn, Thorpe Lane, Shireoaks - **GRANTED**  
24/00360/FUL construction of circa 3650sqm of Estate Road inc. roundabout and ass drainage to serve future development – Vesuvius Way - **GRANTED**

24/00646/CDM County Matter Application for the Proposed Development of a Plastic Chemical Recycling Facility and Energy Recovery Facility with Integrated Materials Recovery Area, along with Associated Development Including Car Parking, Boundary Treatment and Fencing, hard and Soft Landscaping and Ecological Enhancement – Former Notts Recycling centre, Shireoaks Road S80 3HA-  
**Bassetlaw District Council raised objections**

#### **106/24 Reports from County/District Councillors**

Cllr Pressley was not at the meeting but sent this report:

We have an additional Police Constable as part of the North Team this is P.C. Kerry Eames contact.

Kerry.Eames@notts.police.uk

We still have P.C. Lee Ryan and PCSO Chris Barlow

Regarding the Fly Tipping on Spring Lane Environment are looking to put up a camera on this site in the future I will update the Parish Council as soon as possible on this problem.

The Government have agreed to extend the Household Support Fund (Phase 6) the criteria is to be established but, in the past, it has been used to provide funds for those in need. I will send the details when we receive them.

The Dog Control Orders were adopted at the Full Council in August they are now on the District Council Web Site.

Cllr Fielding was not present at the meeting.

#### **107/24 Finance**

- a) Balance/Payments and Receipts  
See report attached.

#### **108/24 Emergency Measures**

##### **a) Flooding**

Flood wardens were on standby last Monday, but nothing occurred. Cllr Robinson raised concern over Spring Lane, Cllr Hauxwell said the residents on the corner mentioned the puddle that was there but that it was not as bad as when we deploy barriers, none of the waterways reached the point where we had to deploy. Cllr Robinson did contact Cllr Fielding about the draining and she was going to report it so we can keep an eye on that area.

#### **109/24 Correspondence**

All correspondence had been circulated prior to the meeting.

#### **110/24 Police report**

There was no police report or police presence this month.

#### **111/24 Members reports and exchange of information on matters of concern.**

It was raised about the problem of parking on the old toll bar road in Shireoaks (near Stancliffe and field) parking of vehicles from the new industrial development, query should they be using this area? A large four-by-four was blocking the top end near the path and churning up mud. This was the same area that was reported to Parish Council a couple of years ago people use this area to get onto the paths near the bypass. There is no information of who is doing the work to contact a site manager in the absence of this could planning be contacted over this matter, as no way of finding out the site manager. Is it possible to check on land registry who owns the actual old road part?

It was also mentioned that overgrown plants at the bottom of Monk's Way, not sure if its adopted or not, she is going to take photos of the area and send it to Cllr Pressley who has in the past had success with finding out who is responsible. Cllr Wilkes is of the opinion that is RMG not Vestry??

Also, it was again reported that the bypass was a racetrack on Saturday audible from Middle Meadow.

**Meeting ended at 22:00pm**

**Date of next meeting 12<sup>th</sup> November 2024**



**Balanced to statements as at**

**24/09/2024**

Nat West Current		24,450.50
Nat West Reserve		5,869.35
		<u>30,319.85</u>
Payments received since last meeting (inc in above)		
bank interest		6.99
brads food truck		45.00
Precept		15,700.00
		<u>15,751.99</u>
The following Cheques are still unrepresented		
2249 PKF Littlejohn		378.00
		<u>378.00</u>
The following are to pay this meeting		
HMRC		79.60
S MacDonald - wages	318.80	
S MacDonald - expenses	38.08	356.88
SWH Ltd - contract aug	530.00	
SWH Ltd - litter august	320.00	850.00
smith derv=by		210.00
This months cheques		<u>1,496.48</u>
Total of all outstanding cheques		<u>1,874.48</u>
After the above movements the balances will be:		
Nat West Current		22,954.02
Nat West Reserve		5,869.35
TOTAL FUNDS HELD		<u>28,823.37</u>
of which the Firework balance is		1,692.64
Remaining Parish Council funds		<u>27,130.73</u>