

Shireoaks Parish Council

Minutes of the Annual Parish Council Meeting held 14th May 2024

Present: Cllr R Hauxwell (chair)

Councillors: B Ayton, G Robinson, S Fielding, P Blagg, C Dixon

District Cllr: D Pressley.

Clerk: Susan MacDonald

There were 2 members of the public present.

52/24 Apologies

Apologies had been received from Cllr Hewson

53/24 Election of Chairman

Cllr Hauxwell was proposed by Cllr Robinson and seconded by Cllr Ayton.

This was carried unanimously. The Chair signed the acceptance of office form.

54/24 Election of Vice Chairman

Cllr Ayton was proposed by Cllr Hauxwell and seconded by Cllr Robinson.

This was carried unanimously.

55/24 Chairman's Report

Many thanks to Susan our clerk and all the parish councillors who have served this year. Thanks to David and Sybil for all the work they do at District and County level and for the time you give outside of these duties.

We have several flood wardens and a big thank you to them all. This has been a challenging year for flood events, flood wardens have given up lots of time during the events, in meetings but I cannot stress how many hours are spent checking flood levels. We are now able to shut the railway bridge at Rhodesia and our neighbouring parish have also got some flood wardens coming through so this will allow us to be more effective.

One of the big purchasers this year has been the new flood cabinet which is coated internally with a special coating to preserve the items we keep in there. The village hall has kindly allowed us more space for this and some electric and shelter for drinks.

Sadly, the large warehousing won at appeal, and we must be prepared to listen to parish members and ensure the development stays within the laid down parameters set by planning.

CIL money has been spent on the car park resurfacing at the Village Hall and this is a lot safer for people who use the area, we have also helped with the electricity upgrade as the Village Hall found additional funding for the EV points. The clock has been restored and is working more reliably. The planters for the corner have been received and will tidy up that area. We have also purchased a couple of benches for the village garden area, one to commemorate the coronation of King Charles III and another memorial one. We have also updated the public through the Shireoaks Newsletter of the CIL spending and welcomed any ideas they may have for future spending.

Christmas lights are still being considered with a recent inspection having taken place.

Facebook continues to be a useful tool for communicating with some members of the parish. Regular articles in the Shireoaks Newsletter have helped reach out to everyone and thanks to the volunteers who keep this running volunteering their time. It is one item we support that we guarantee covers the whole village.

The fireworks display happened despite the weather putting the event at risk and the challenge going forward in the next year is to get more volunteers to help towards fireworks.

The village continues to look better with the new litter picking and plant watering services. We have also had the signs cleaned throughout the village and the winding wheels have also been cleaned. We have also joined the lengthmans scheme to give us more flexibility to improve areas of the village.

56/24 Reports from Community Groups

The Carnival Committee reported that events over the last year had gone well, and they were on track for the July Carnival. Meetings are ongoing monthly for this.

The Fireworks Committee reported that last year's fireworks went OK, and they were working with the club on this year's event. The club now have an entertainment committee to help.

57/24 Clerk's Financial Overview

The Clerk reported that the year had flown by. The accounts had come back with no anomalies from the internal auditor. VAT had been claimed for the year 2022/2023 and all Cil money requested had been received. More spend was in the pipeline for this year around the village.

58/24 To agree the delegation of authority.

It was agreed that this was granted to RFO/Clerk and Chairman to a limit of £500 and was proposed by Cllr Fielding and seconded by Cllr Blagg

Meeting closed 19:15pm

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59/24 Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Cllr Hewson

60/24 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.

Cllr Fielding declared an interest in any planning matters.

61/24 To approve the minutes of the meetings held on 9th April 2024

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

Proposed by Cllr Dixon, seconded by Cllr Robinson, and signed by the Chair.

62/24 Matters Arising

- a) CIL – Christmas Lights, Church clock

The church clock is now striking incorrectly, and we are awaiting a visit from Smith Derby at 9am Friday 17th May 2024.

Smith Derby have advised that annual servicing would be best, and a quote had been received for this.

It was accepted and proposed by Cllr Robinson and seconded by Cllr Ayton.

The lampposts have been stressed tested and a report circulated. The next step is to contact the xmas light people for advice/suggestions.

- b) Church corner planter replacement

These have now been received back and a quote has been received from SWH Ltd for placing them and planting them up. This was accepted and proposed by Cllr Hauxwell and seconded by Cllr Potts. The list of suggested plants will be sent out and vetted before confirmation with SWH Ltd.

- c) Events – Fireworks/Carnival

Carnival is set for 6th July 2024 and meetings are ongoing.

Fireworks – It was agreed to go ahead with the help of the club this year. The form to Jubilee

Fireworks will be sent for confirmation after this meeting. Meetings with club need to progress the event.

- d) To discuss any Village Maintenance/Lengthsman Scheme concerns

Signal box – Paul Coffell explained it was not his department and could not help at all.

Micheal Tagg however was more forthcoming saying that he had offered funding as its in a prominent place in the cons area. He keeps pushing and updating the CRP meeting. It is now up to Network Rail. The next meeting of the CRP is June.

Both the Cherry Tree and the Willow have now been pruned. It was agreed to leave them now till next year.

The work on the winding wheels is now finished.

e) New Container

The new container is ready and a date for delivery is set for 29th May 2024 Flood wardens will be there to oversee the siting and to close the car park for its arrival. They will also liaise with the worm man to let him know when and what is happening so that he can move his van from the car park.

f) D Day 6.6.24 80th Anniversary

Cllr Hauxwell has placed an order for the gifts for St Lukes school children and Little Acorns pupils. These will be given out before the event. The H&S form will be sent to the clerk to forward on to the Insurance company. The first aid form is in process with Cllr Hauxwell. Cllr Blagg also said that 2 x 5kg orange propane gas cylinders will be required. Cllr Blagg will speak to the coffee van man in Shireoaks and see if he would like to attend.

63/24 New Business

g) Insurance Renewal

The Insurance renewal has now been sent for £537.48 for the year after raising the amount we are insured for with regards to outside property in the village.

64/24 Planning

a) New applications

There were no new applications.

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.

23/01536/FUL – Erect Agricultural Storage Building - Field East of Bottom Farm, Thorpe Lane – **GRANTED**

24.4.24

23/01514/RES – Land to the North of Gateford Tollbar – Res matters 70-bedroom, 2 storey residential care home. – sent to BDC

23/01530/RES – Land to the North of Gateford Tollbar – Res matters of 10 dwellings – sent to BDC

24/00265/CAT – works to Willow Tree – junction Thorpe Lane and Shireoaks Road – **GRANTED 18.4.24**

65/24 Reports from County/District Councillors

Cllr Pressley advised that the application for the Ground mounted photovoltaic Farm was being looked over as there were concerns with reference to traffic coming through the village. This concern was expressed by many villagers. He advised that we now had a new East midlands mayor, Claire Ward and a new Nottinghamshire PCC Gary Godden. He also explained that the Boundary commission will change some wards in an attempt to make them all a similar size in population. County Councils have made their suggestions, but the implementation is not until 2027.

Cllr Fielding said that County Council had received plans for a plastic recycling centre, and it is being processed. Shireoaks PC may not be an official consultee. This does not stop a response though if deemed necessary. There is also a weight restriction sign planned from the new industrial estate towards Aveling Way to avoid any heavy traffic going through there after the distribution centre is built.

66/24 Finance

h) Balance/Payments and Receipts

See report attached.

i) To approve Audited Accounts

The accounts have been received back from the auditor with no comments showing anything wrong. These now need to be sent to PKF Littlejohn and a notice placed in the noticeboard and on the website allowing members of the public the right to inspect.

67/24 Emergency Measures

a) Flooding

The new flood cabin is in process and due soon.

68/24 Correspondence

All correspondence had been circulated prior to the meeting except:

An email had been received from Nottinghamshire WI asking if in honour Of Mrs Nancy Howe, they could plant a rose bush and put a plaque with it in the village garden.

A thankyou card had been received from Bassetlaw Foodbank for the donation given by the Parish Council.

69/24 Police report

There was no police report or police presence.

70/24 Members reports and exchange of information on matters of concern.

A reminder was given that Register of Interests had to be updated if necessary and a link would be sent by the clerk after the meeting.

Meeting ended at 20:35pm

Date of next meeting 11th June 2024

14.5.24

Remaining Parish Council funds