

SHIREOAKS PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of 13th January 2015 held at 7.15pm At Shireoaks Village Hall

Present

Cllr P Blagg (chair)

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

5000 Open Forum for discussion of any topic raised by residents

Concern was brought to the meeting by a resident with regard to the new interactive speed sign being erected on the approach from the A57 into the village. A sign previously erected had an unsmiling face when you came into the village and was before the 30 mile an hour sign. It was explained that the new sign will be after the 30 mile an hour sign almost at the junction of Woodside Road. This is because of the bend in the road and the approach to the sign has to be a straight line of sight. The actual design of the sign was not known fully at this time.

Some members queried the positioning of the sign, particularly as a new junction is to be created for access into the proposed new development.

Since alterations to the Shireoaks Common road in the mid-eighties, ongoing problems have been experienced with vehicles speeding into the village. The sharp curve in the road encourages speeding. Members considered that it would be sensible to improve the current situation and suggested that a roundabout could be created at the junction with the old road which would deter speeding improve road safety and be a better option for access into the new development.

It was Resolved that representations should be made to the NCC Highways when the Parish Council consider and respond to 'Reserved Matters' in respect of the proposed new development planning application.

2 members of the public asked why Shireoaks does not have a fireworks party as some of the surrounding parishes do, e.g. Woodsetts etc. One of these villagers used to organise such fireworks to music at Chalfont St Giles where he previously lived. Members explained that there was a lot of organisation and cost attached to organising such an event. Things like insurance, health & safety etc. are big considerations. The budget for Shireoaks Parish Council is not as large as some of the surrounding parishes as they do not have any streams of income other than the precept on the Council Tax bills. There was also the matter of a venue for this type of event. Suggestions were

The Sports & Social club

The Hewitt arms

The cricket ground or

The viewpoint.

It was also urged that the event should not clash with others in order to maximise footfall. E.g. Rugby club and Woodsetts, North Anston etc. Enquiries are to be made at these venues to get an indication which ones would be viable. The matter of the cost must also be addressed at future meetings. An estimate of £1500 - £2000 would get around 10/15 minutes of fireworks to music. Money could be raised by selling food but it was felt that a charge could not be administered for entry. **ACTION: Clerk**

5001 Apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Cllr Fielding and Cllr Pressley via Cllr Ayton. Cllr Fielding had a last minute emergency which could not be foreseen. However all apologies should be sent to

the clerk either via email or via phone before the meeting and not sent with other councillors.

An email had also been received from Cllr Rhodes who stated that unfortunately our meeting clashed with that of Carlton-in-Lindrick, which he attended regularly.

5002 Declaration of Interest

None were declared

5003 To approve the minutes of the meeting held 9th December 2014

The minutes were approved by Cllr Robinson and seconded by Cllr Gosling and they were declared a true record and then signed by Cllr Blagg as chair.

5004 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 4980 with regards to village garden issues. It was stated that the plinths although shorter could be reinstated onto the edge. Also a fence around the garden was not practicable.

Min 4982 it was asked again that contact be made with 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. Also maybe Cllr Fielding could help us with this contact. **ACTION: Clerk**

Min 4998 An email was received with regards to the bus stops on Shireoaks Common. It stated that they would re inspect the verges behind them to make sure that it was re grassed at a more appropriate time of year.

Min 4998 An email had been received after the query with regards to the reduction in height of the boundary wall for increased visibility at Newton House. The email stated that this would now not be reduced as requested by Notts highways as Bassetlaw District Council wanted to preserve the character of the Shireoaks conservation area and thought this should take priority.

Min 4998 An email had been received from Peter Stanley about the problem with the horses stating that a new fence would be in place very shortly.

5005 Planning

a) Correspondence:

14/00223/OUT – land off Shireoaks Common

A letter was now received from D Armiger answering the queries of the Parish Council.

A letter was also received from D Armiger with regards to the site allocations consultation process. The letter stated that the Bassetlaw District Council were to withdraw the current Site allocations document and commence with the preparation of a new Local Plan in line with the approach being taken elsewhere. His letter stated that more details would follow.

14/01094/14 104 Shireoaks Common

A letter was to be sent asking why there was still no response to the queries sent to the planning department. **ACTION: Clerk**

b) Applications:

14/01532/HSE - 26 Elmtree Close, Shireoaks

A letter of no objection was to be sent to the planning department. **ACTION: Clerk**

c) Decision Notices:

5006 To receive reports/information from County & District Councillors

No District Councillors attended the meeting.

5007 To receive Flooding report feedback for E Haykin

The Flood alleviation and management plan was discussed as presented to the last meeting by Mr E Haykin in conjunction with Bassetlaw District Council. One of the recommendations was to have a steel storage container housing sand and bags and equipment for use in case of flooding. It had been suggested that this be placed near the allotments backing onto the church wall. It was resolved that unfortunately this is private land and therefore this unit cannot be placed there. **ACTION: Clerk**

5008 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 and the pointing. The grant from BDC will not be paid until all work is finished. An email was received from Simon Britt stating that the money was ring fenced for us still as per our application. **ACTION: Clerk**

5009 Village Memorial Clock

An estimate has been received from Time Assured with regards to mending the clock. The Automatic Winding Motor has to be removed, repaired and then refitted. It was resolved to let Time Assured do this work ASAP.

It was also resolved to ask the church for a donation towards these repairs. **ACTION: Clerk**

5010 Grass Cutting Contracts

The map and the instructions were presented. A few amendments were recommended. This will be updated and re circulated before being sent out to ask for quotes from contractors. **ACTION: Clerk**

When the quote is asked for there will also be a list of the following jobs attached. This will make 1 contractor solely responsible for the maintenance of the village.

- a) Hedge Trimming across from Shireoaks Row – twice a year
- b) Hedge Trimming in front of Francis Field – twice a year
- c) Trimming of Shrubs opposite Francis Field near gate entrance – twice a year
- d) Weeding of 2 x flowerbeds at the end of Woodside Lane – monthly
- e) Weeding and trimming of flowerbed at the end of Brancliffe Lane – monthly
- f) Weeding of flowerbed at Coffee Shop – monthly
- g) Weeding of Village Garden – monthly
- h) Strimming and maintenance of flowerbed behind the Parish noticeboard.

When quotes are received and confirmed the contractor will be invited to a meeting to explain fully what is expected. The members will then also inspect the work and report complaints back to the contractor via the clerk. **ACTION: Clerk**

A concern was raised about the Bovis estate and their maintenance. A management company is responsible for mowing grass, playground maintenance and litter picking at the moment. It was resolved to find out when Bassetlaw District Council will adopt this as the Parish Council will then need to increase its contract to cover this area. **ACTION: Clerk**

5013 Correspondence

A letter had been received from Bassetlaw District Council with regards to the Spring Clean 2 March – 14 March 2015. It was resolved to advertise this in the Shireoaks Newsletter to ask for volunteers to spring clean around the village. Also letters to the local school and brownies would yield some more help. **ACTION: Clerk**

5014 Members reports and exchange of information on matters of concern

There was concern as the handyman had found some household waste in a public bin on the canal bridge. A note was to be put into the Shireoaks Newsletter highlighting this problem.

ACTION: Clerk

It was also discussed that the cricket ground had now been sold and that cricket can only now be played on a Saturday. It was thought that when permission was given to make the pavilion into a house, it was on the proviso that cricket could still be played. This was to be checked with Bassetlaw district council. Also an email is to be sent to Woodsetts cricket club confirming when and where they are playing now. **ACTION: Clerk**

There is a gate into what will be site 195 off Shireoaks Common which is constantly being opened and left open by persons unknown. There is to be a lock fitted to this gate and a key left with the Parish Clerk if anyone needs to gain access. **ACTION: Cllr Blagg**

The signs at each of the village entrances were mentioned again, as they are looking a little tired. These were mentioned last year but we had missed the deadline for the grant. It was asked that we contact Notts County Council to see if funds are still available. **ACTION: Clerk**

5015 Proposed date of next meeting – Tuesday 10th February 2015

The meeting closed at 9.55pm.

Signed.....



Date 10th February 2015