

SHELFORD PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of a meeting of the Parish Council held in the Village Hall, Shelford, on Wednesday
January 24, 2018 at 6.30pm

Couns. Kevin Brooks (Chairman)
Brian Squires (A) Bev Bingham
Heather Miller John Beynon

In attendance: Clerk Mike Elliott, and Rushcliffe Borough Council member Nigel Lawrence

- 1] APOLOGIES Coun. Brian Squires

- 2] DECLARATION OF INTERESTS There were none

- 3] MINUTES FROM THE PREVIOUS MEETING HELD ON NOVEMBER 30, 2017 were accepted as circulated and signed by the chairman.

- 4] CLERK'S REPORT
 In the latest issue of electors for Shelford issued for January this year the number of electors is 217, just one more than at the same time last year.
 Mr Stephen Fisher's contribution towards tree cutting costs was to be dealt with by Coun. Beynon.
 Shelford Hill seat: Coun. Bingham said progress was being made on the refurbishment.
 Currently there are discussions ongoing with NALC and the Clerk's Society in regard to the need for the council to appoint a Data Protection Officer to meet the requirements of Law by May 25. There are differing views being expressed by various bodies but it seems the Clerk cannot be appointed to the post and neither should a councillor. We are told the suggested fee for someone to take on the work would be a minimum £150. They have to be 'qualified' but in what no one seems to know.

- 5] REPORT FROM THE DISTRICT AND COUNTY COUNCIL MEMBER
 Coun. Lawrence spoke of the plans for 3000 new homes on land between Clifton and Barton in Fabis and said the application for them was due to go before the planning committee the following day. He said the Borough were aware of a reluctance on behalf of many builders to progress with schemes even though they had planning permission.
 He also advised the meeting that the Borough council were to operate a scheme to offer trees to the parishes.

- 6] PUBLIC SESSION LIMITED TO 15 MINUTES
 No members of the public were present.

- 7] CORRESPONDENCE
 East Leake parish council wrote to express their concerns that their new neighbourhood plan was not being given attention by Rushcliffe Borough Council. The Keep Britain Tidy group advised of their 2018 national litter pick. The council agreed to stage an event over the weekend of March 22, 23 and 24 with Coun. Miller offering to organise the village WI to be involved.
 A request from Lydia Rose for the erection of horse signs in the village was to be put to Notts County Council but members were not hopeful because an existing request for Beware Deer signs was not being supported by them. The clerk was asked to write to County Highways to suggest that although both Notts County Council and Rushcliffe Borough Council were saying there was no evidence of deer causing a problem, it was to be pointed out to them it was known that at times a deer killed on the top road at Shelford was collected by local residents to be used for meat.

8] PLAYING FIELD

An approach was to be made to a local resident who had offered to meet some of the cost undertaken by the council to trim trees in the playing field to see if the offer still existed.

9] VILLAGE HALL

The meeting was told the gas engineer had carried out an inspection of the gas supply and hobs and issued a landlords certificate. Other work that had been carried out included obtaining a replacement key for the heating system guards and an actual guard as well. Two energy saving bulbs had been purchased.

The clerk said a hall hirer was owing the council £135 in fees and the chairman was to discuss the matter with the person concerned.

10] PLANNING

There were no matters raised.

11] WW1 COMMEMORATION AND WAR MEMORIAL REFURBISHMENT

Coun. Bingham updated the council in regard to the proposed repair work to the War Memorial site in the village and said it was suggested some of the fencing be taken away for repair.

12] ENVIRONMENT –

Coun. Bingham said she had the matter of the seat refurbishment on the Top Road in hand.

13] FINANCIAL --

a] PAYMENT OF CHEQUES were approved as per the circulated list

b] BUDGET AND PRECEPT 2018-9. Members considered a report prepared by the clerk in which cover was made for the payment of a Data Protection Officer which the council had to appoint to meet regulation new laws. It was agreed the council set aside a sum of £1000 for meeting village hall repairs expenditure. The council agreed a precept of £8,790 for 2018-19

14] CHAIRMAN'S MATTERS

The chairman said it was suggested Super Fast broadband would be available for residents to purchase by the end of March following the introduction of a fibre band service.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 7-35pm.