

SHELFORD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of the Parish Council held in the Village Hall, Shelford, on Wednesday January 23, 2019 at 6.30pm

Couns. Bev Bingham (Chairman)

Heather Miller Lee Smith Lesley Duffin Simon McLoughlan

Also present the clerk Mike Elliott, Notts County Council member Coun. Kay Cutts, Rushcliffe Borough Council member Coun. Nigel Lawrence and two members of the public.

1] APOLOGIES

There were none

2] DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

There were none

- 3] MINUTES FROM THE PREVIOUS MEETING HELD ON NOVEMBER 28, 2018 were accepted as circulated and signed by the chairman after it was agreed to add that during Councillor Lawrence's report at that meeting, a brief discussion took place about the volume of traffic in the village and possible traffic calming measures. It was commented that if Manor Lane had the same restricted use, as proposed for Trent Lane in East Bridgford, this would reduce the amount of traffic coming through the village.

CASUAL VACANCY

The council had a casual vacancy which it agreed to fill but because it is now less than six months to the next due election it did not have to. A proposal that Simon McLoughlan of 4 Bosworth Close be co-opted was unanimously approved. He signed the necessary acceptance paper and took part in the remainder of the meeting.

4] CLERK'S REPORT

Notts County Council have for the time being at least withdrawn plans for the formation of a Unitary Authority for the county.

This year is election year for the parish council, to take place on May 2. Nomination packs will be available from the Clerk from the first week in March and have to be returned to the Borough by April 4.

The meeting discussed the Operation London Bridge report which discusses the responsibility of councils in the instance of an important State death such as Her Majesty The Queen.

It was agreed the council should purchase a loose leaved In Memoriam book and to ask the parish church to join in with them on this and to allow it to be placed in the church at the appropriate time. It would be deposited in the County Archives and Buckingham Palace advised of this. Following the official announcement of the passing of the Queen, there will be ten days of state mourning, between the day of the death and the funeral in Westminster Abbey.

All councils were asked to prepare themselves and be mindful that any meeting organised during the State Mourning would need to be cancelled. Flags would be flown at half mast through the ten day of mourning except for Day 2, when the new King will be Proclaimed and when they should be flown at full mast and then the next day returned to half mast. All flags to be returned to normal by 9am the day after the funeral.

The clerk would compose suitable words for displaying on the website and it agreed the home page of the website should display a picture of the Queen with a black border around it. The council agreed that if flowers were to be laid the suitable area would be at the foot of the flagpost in the church yard.. All flowers should be removed on the morning after the State Funeral.

The clerk would liaise with the parish church over a suggestion to hold a special service on the eve of the funeral day. The day of the funeral will be a public holiday unless it falls on a Saturday.

5] REPORT FROM THE DISTRICT AND COUNTY COUNCIL MEMBER

Coun. Cutts commented on the position in regard to a proposed Unitary Authority in Nottinghamshire, the latest information on the HS2 and the Mayflower 400 projects and the situation involving the possible purchase of the Laxton estate near Newark and believed to be the only remaining English village to have retained the medieval strip farming system. The Estate tenants operate 'in common', using a three year crop rotation including winter wheat, a second cereal and fallow over three open fields across the Estate. The area covers 1,845 acres.

Coun. Lawrence commented on progress in regard to proposed housing development at Newton, an increase in flytipping incidents and of the success of the Borough council in tracing culprits, the Local Plan which had been the subject of an Inquiry prior to the end of the year and the result of which was awaited, the forthcoming budget and a national report which indicated is the best provided for in the whole country for GPs.

6] PUBLIC SESSION LIMITED TO 15 MINUTES

A resident pointed out the council website needed to be brought up to date. The retirement of the ladies who had organised the Coffee Pot morning for the last 11 years was commented on, with praise being given to them.

7] CORRESPONDENCE

Streetwise had carried out the annual play equipment check. The clerk was to circulate this to members so that the required work could be considered. He was asked to implement the request in the report to remove the netball stand.

8] PLAYING FIELD

The clerk said the council still awaited another quote for the removal or replacing of part of the fencing alongside the edge of the grassed area. The chairman spoke of the suggestions for improved provision of equipment on the field. It was suggested a circular be prepared in which residents were asked what they felt was needed to be supplied.

9] VILLAGE HALL

Reference was made of the retirement of the Coffee Pot ladies. The chairman said she was been handed £190 by them with a request it be spent on improvements in the kitchen.

A discussion took place on the heating in the hall, with a comment that the WI members had reported it being cold for their recent meeting. The clerk was asked to call in the regular contractor to look at the system and also to replace the battery in the smoke alarm.

The new group now organising the coffee pot had requested consideration of a book case being provided in the hall. Coun. Miller said she might be able to provide one.

The Christmas fair held in December had raised £496 60p for the parish church. On March 17 a Water Station for a Road Race would be provided.

10] PLANNING

There were no applications or decisions.

11] ENVIRONMENT

On March 17 a Water Station for a Road Race would be provided at the village hall

12] FINANCIAL --

a) accounts to pay were approved as per the circulated list

b) budget and precept figures for 2019-2020 were presented by the clerk and these were to be further discussed at another meeting within the next ten days.

14] CHAIRMAN'S MATTERS

Yellow Ribbon re-enactment. The chairman was to meet with Vanessa Ball in February, so that she can look at the facilities provided in the Village Hall and at the Playing Field. Following this she will confirm a mutually agreeable date for the event to take place at a cost of £300 as agreed at previous meetings.

Nik Emmonds, from Perfect Motion. This event which is a 20 mile running race is to take place on Sunday 17th March 2019. It will entail road closures between approximately 9.30 - 11.30 am. The route was suggested last year. He had asked whether any volunteers would man a water station in the village, to this end. Three residents Sue Whitehead, Neil Harris and Louise Read who have agreed to take this on. The organiser will liaise directly with them. The question of a possible donation being available to a cause within the village will be raised with the organiser, which with a view to help towards the playing field refurbishment.

15] AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING MARCH 27 2019. Proposals for the playing field.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8-05pm.