

SHELFORD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of the Parish Council held in the Village Hall, Shelford, on Wednesday January 27, 2016 at 6.30pm

Couns. Brian Squires (A)
Kevin Brooks (in the chair) Stephen Fisher
Bev Bingham (A) Heather Miller

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

- 1] APOLOGIES Couns. Brian Squires, Bev Bingham.
- 2] DECLARATION OF INTERESTS There were none
- 3] MINUTES FROM THE PREVIOUS MEETING HELD ON NOVEMBER 25, 2015, were accepted as circulated and signed by the chairman.
- 4] CLERK'S REPORT
Dog fouling, Church Street and West Street. It seemed there had been an improvement but now there were similar problems on Burden Lane.
The clerk said the Insurers will accept the bird spikes that are 8ft from the ground. A meeting planned with the hall caretaker was still to be arranged. Two previous dates had proved not to be convenient. There had been no word from the Crown as to assisting with roof work costs at the hall.
- 5] PUBLIC SESSION LIMITED TO 15 MINUTES
A fly tipping incident on Oatfield Lane had been reported to Rushcliffe Borough Council streetwise team.
The question of the local bus services offered by Trent Barton was still a concern. Local resident Mr Anthony Stevenson said he was still in contact with them and was thanked by the council for his continuing efforts to have an improvement to the service being offered.
- 6] CORRESPONDENCE
Carter Jonas provided the village hall lease for signing and the chairman said this was completed. Public Sector audit appointments wrote to say Grant Thornton were the external auditors for the next two years.
Queen's 90th Birthday Beacon event April 21. It was agreed to hold an event in the village hall to mark the special birthday, with a 'street party' type event with residents taking their own food. The council had agreed to stage a Litter Pick on March 5 as part of the Keep Britain Tidy Group event 'Clean for the "Queen"' and said it would be necessary to distribute a leaflet giving details.
Rushcliffe Borough Council had issued a Community Asset notice for the Earl of Chesterfield public house in the village. Miles King of Midlands Rural Housing suggested a survey be taken on the needs of an affordable housing scheme for the village and this was supported.
- 7] PLAYING FIELD
Coun. Fisher said he was arranging for a lock to be provided for the gate. The clerk said there had been no locally held training sessions for play equipment purposes but understood there was one to take place at Market Harborough. He would investigate the date and availability of places.
- 8] VILLAGE HALL
A suitable date for a meeting with the caretaker was still to be arranged.

9] PLANNING INCLUDING GRAVEL EXTRACTION

There were no applications or decisions from Rushcliffe Borough Council.

The chairman reported on the gravel extraction proposals and said he had been interviewed by BBC Radio Nottingham on the situation. He said plans for the formal consultation on the County Council proposals would start soon when opportunity would be available to Shelford and all other local villages who would be affected to make known their views.

10] CHAIRMAN'S MATTERS

The clerk was to forward council information to the Shelford village website. The meeting agreed the village should enter the annual Notts Best Kept Village competition for 2016. The village Feast Event is taking place over the weekend of July 2 and 3 and volunteers to assist in its organisation are being sought.

11] FINANCE INCLUDING

PAYMENT OF CHEQUES were approved as per the circulated list.

BUDGET AND PRECEPT FOR 2016. Members considered a report circulated by the clerk and after discussion and hearing the estimated opening balance was £9200 agreed that the precept for 2016-7 should remain at a parish band D rate of 71.25, giving an income of £7,970.

The next meeting was confirmed as March 23.